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To improve response to, and preparation for, heat waves and extreme heat,
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Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. FIELDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To improve response to, and preparation for, heat waves
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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stay Cool Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

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- 1 **TITLE I—HEAT EMERGENCY**
- 2 **SEC. 101. NATIONAL INTEGRATED HEAT HEALTH INFORMA-**
- 3 **TION SYSTEM.**
- 4 (a) INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.—The Administrator
- 5 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- 6 shall maintain an interagency committee to be known as
- 7 the National Integrated Heat Health Information System
- 8 (in this section referred to as “NIHHIS”).

1 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of NIIHIS
2 shall include the following:

3 (1) The Administrator of the National Oceanic
4 and Atmospheric Administration (or a representative
5 thereof).

6 (2) The Administrator of the Environmental
7 Protection Agency (or a representative thereof).

8 (3) The Director of the Centers for Disease
9 Control and Prevention (or a representative thereof).

10 (4) The Director of the National Weather Serv-
11 ice (or a representative thereof).

12 (5) Such other Federal officials as the Adminis-
13 trator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
14 ministration determines appropriate.

15 **SEC. 102. NATIONAL RANKING SYSTEM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National
17 Weather Service shall establish a national ranking system
18 pilot program to evaluate and communicate to the public
19 the severity and risk of extreme heat based on human
20 health outcomes (mortality and morbidity).

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the estab-
22 lishment of such program, the Director of the National
23 Weather Service shall submit to Congress a report pro-
24 viding recommendations and evaluating the impact of the

1 national ranking system for extreme heat on public pre-
2 paredness and response.

3 **SEC. 103. STUDY ON NAMING HEAT WAVES.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the Director of the National Weather Service
6 shall—

7 (1) complete a study on the impact that naming
8 heat waves has on public preparedness and response;
9 and

10 (2) submit to the Congress a report containing
11 the results of such study.

12 **SEC. 104. GRANTS FOR CHECKING ON SENIORS DURING EX-**
13 **TREME HEAT EVENTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services, in coordination with area agencies on
16 aging, may award grants to eligible entities to develop and
17 implement a program under which each grant recipient—

18 (1) operates a registry of seniors who are in the
19 target population of, or who reside in the jurisdic-
20 tion of, the grant recipient;

21 (2) includes seniors in such registry only if they
22 opt into being included; and

23 (3) during periods of extreme heat, provides for
24 checks on the health and well-being of seniors in the
25 registry—

1 (A) by telephone; or

2 (B) by other means approved by the senior
3 involved.

4 (b) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under the pro-
5 gram under this section, the Secretary shall give priority
6 to eligible entities that describe how they will identify and
7 reach seniors who are vulnerable to extreme heat events
8 due to factors such as low income, limited English pro-
9 ficiency, or identity as a racial minority or member of a
10 State-recognized Indian Tribe.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “area agency on aging” has the
13 meaning given to that term by section 102(6) of the
14 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002(6)).

15 (2) The term “eligible entity” means—

16 (A) a State, Territory, or Tribal agency;

17 (B) a local governmental entity;

18 (C) an Indian Tribe; or

19 (D) a nonprofit organization, community
20 group, clinic, or other entity engaged in pro-
21 viding outreach and services to seniors.

22 (3) The term “local governmental entity”
23 means any municipal government or county govern-
24 ment with jurisdiction over local land use decisions.

1 (4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
2 of Health and Human Services.

3 (5) The term “senior” has the meaning given to
4 that term by the Secretary for purposes of this sec-
5 tion.

6 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
8 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2035.

9 **SEC. 105. STUDY FOR IMPROVED TRACKING OF DATA ON**
10 **DEATHS RELATED TO HEAT OR OTHER ENVI-**
11 **RONMENTAL FACTORS.**

12 The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
13 Prevention, acting through the National Vital Statistics
14 System of the National Center for Health Statistics, in
15 consultation with the National Integrated Heat Health In-
16 formation System, shall—

17 (1) conduct a study on the impact of extreme
18 heat exposure on all-cause mortality;

19 (2) as part of such study, develop recommenda-
20 tions for revising the United States standard certifi-
21 cate of death to collect information on deaths that
22 are related to heat or other environmental factors;
23 and

24 (3) not later than 180 days after the date of
25 enactment of this Act, complete such study and sub-

1 mit a report on the results of such study to the Con-
2 gress.

3 **TITLE II—COMMUNITY RESIL-**
4 **IENCE AND COOLING CEN-**
5 **TERS**

6 **SEC. 201. GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTERS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
8 Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
9 “Secretary”) shall carry out a program under this section
10 to make grants to eligible entities for establishing and as-
11 sisting community resilience centers.

12 (b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—Grants under the program
13 under this section may be made only to a State, an Indian
14 Tribe, a unit of general local government, or a nonprofit
15 organization.

16 (c) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—Amounts from a grant
17 under the program under this section may be used only
18 to establish new, or assist existing, community resilience
19 centers, including for—

20 (1) acquisition or improvement of facilities to
21 serve as community resilience centers;

22 (2) acquisition or repair of cooling equipment,
23 heating equipment, and generators for a community
24 resilience center;

1 (3) obtaining supplies of food, water, medical
2 supplies, and emergency supplies for users of a com-
3 munity resilience center;

4 (4) operating costs associated with a commu-
5 nity resilience center, including hiring staff for a
6 center;

7 (5) obtaining educational material on climate
8 change resilience and other related educational ma-
9 terial; and

10 (6) such other costs and activities relating to
11 community resilience centers as the Secretary may
12 provide.

13 (d) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall provide for
14 eligible entities to apply for grants under the program
15 under this section and shall require applications to include
16 an outreach plan to inform the community of the center.

17 (e) SELECTION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select el-
19 igible entities to receive grants under the program
20 under this section based on a competition, in accord-
21 ance with such criteria as the Secretary shall estab-
22 lish.

23 (2) PREFERENCE.—The criteria under para-
24 graph (1) shall provide preference for selection of el-
25 igible entities proposing to upgrade or improve exist-

1 ing spaces that are easily accessible to the commu-
2 nity for use as community resilience centers.

3 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2035.

6 **SEC. 202. GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND**
7 **COOLING CENTERS TO PURCHASE OR RE-**
8 **PAIR HVAC SYSTEMS AND PASSIVE COOLING**
9 **SYSTEMS.**

10 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Housing and
11 Urban Development shall carry out a program under this
12 section to make grants to eligible entities for the costs of
13 acquiring, for a community resilience center or a cooling
14 center—

15 (1) new heating, ventilation, and air condi-
16 tioning systems, including backup power, generators,
17 and microgrids; and

18 (2) passive cooling solutions.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall provide for
20 eligible entities to apply for grants under the program
21 under this section and shall require applications to include
22 a statement identifying the number of people to be served
23 through the grant.

24 (c) SELECTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select el-
2 igible entities to receive grants under the program
3 under this section based on a competition, in accord-
4 ance with such criteria as the Secretary shall estab-
5 lish.

6 (2) PREFERENCE.—The criteria under para-
7 graph (1) shall provide preference for selection of el-
8 igible entities proposing to use the grant for costs
9 described in subsection (a) for a community resil-
10 ience center or cooling center.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “eligible entity” means a State,
13 an Indian Tribe, a unit of general local government,
14 or a nonprofit organization.

15 (2) The term “passive cooling solutions” in-
16 cludes—

17 (A) cool or green roofs;

18 (B) cool walls;

19 (C) tree planting and maintenance; and

20 (D) cool pavements.

21 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
22 of Housing and Urban Development.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
25 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2035.

1 **SEC. 203. GRANTS FOR OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY RE-**
2 **GARDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND**
3 **COOLING CENTERS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
5 Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
6 “Secretary”) shall carry out a program under this section
7 to make grants to States, units of general local govern-
8 ment, and Indian Tribes for use to carry out outreach,
9 publicity, and education activities to inform the public re-
10 garding the location, function, and availability of commu-
11 nity resilience centers and cooling centers, including for—

12 (1) collection of data regarding the locations of
13 community resilience centers and cooling centers;
14 and

15 (2) development of platforms, websites, applica-
16 tions, and other tools and methods of communication
17 to assist the public in locating such centers.

18 (b) **SELECTION.**—The Secretary shall select eligible
19 entities to receive grants under the program under this
20 section based on a competition, in accordance with such
21 criteria as the Secretary shall establish.

22 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2035.

1 **SEC. 204. PAYROLL CREDIT FOR COOLING CENTERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3111 of the Internal Rev-
3 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
4 following new subsection:

5 “(g) CREDIT FOR COOLING CENTERS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible
7 employer, there shall be allowed as a credit against
8 the tax imposed by subsection (a) for each calendar
9 quarter an amount equal to the sum of the amounts
10 determined under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
11 paragraph (2).

12 “(2) AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—

13 “(A) EXTENDED HOURS.—The amount de-
14 termined under this subparagraph is—

15 “(i) the hourly cost of labor of the
16 taxpayer, multiplied by

17 “(ii) the number of hours such tax-
18 payer remained open to the public outside
19 of normal operating hours during a heat
20 emergency during the calendar quarter.

21 “(B) FREE ADMISSION DAYS.—The
22 amount determined under this subparagraph
23 is—

24 “(i) the average daily admission rev-
25 enue of the taxpayer, multiplied by

1 “(ii) the number of days during the
2 calendar quarter that such taxpayer waived
3 admission fees during a heat emergency.

4 “(C) HEAT EMERGENCY.—For the pur-
5 poses of this subsection, the term ‘heat emer-
6 gency’ means an extreme heat warning, extreme
7 heat watch, or heat advisory issued by the Na-
8 tional Weather Service.

9 “(3) LIMITATION.—The credit allowed by para-
10 graph (1) shall not exceed the tax imposed by sub-
11 section (a) for any calendar quarter on the wages
12 paid with respect to the employment of all individ-
13 uals in the employ of the employer.

14 “(4) CARRYOVER OF UNUSED CREDIT.—If the
15 amount of the credit allowed under paragraph (1)
16 exceeds the limitation of paragraph (3) for any cal-
17 endar quarter, such excess shall be carried to the
18 succeeding calendar quarter and allowed as a credit
19 under paragraph (1) for such quarter.

20 “(5) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—For the purposes
21 of this section, the term ‘eligible employer’ means a
22 community center, library, or museum that is de-
23 scribed in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from tax-
24 ation under section 501(a).

1 “(6) AGGREGATION RULE.—All persons treated
2 as a single employer under subsection (a) or (b) of
3 section 52, or subsection (m) or (o) of section 414,
4 shall be treated as one employer for purposes of this
5 section.

6 “(7) ELECTION NOT TO HAVE SECTION
7 APPLY.—This section shall not apply with respect to
8 any employer for any calendar quarter if such em-
9 ployer elects (at such time and in such manner as
10 the Secretary may prescribe) not to have this section
11 apply.

12 “(8) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue
13 such regulations or other guidance as may be nec-
14 essary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of
15 this section.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 (c) TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SUR-
20 VIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND.—There are hereby ap-
21 propriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insur-
22 ance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance
23 Trust Fund established under section 201 of the Social
24 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) amounts equal to the reduc-
25 tion in revenues to the Treasury by reason of the enact-

1 ment of section 3111(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of
2 1986, as added by this section (without regard to this sub-
3 section). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence
4 shall be transferred from the general fund at such times
5 and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible
6 the transfers which would have occurred to such Trust
7 Fund or Account had this section not been enacted.

8 **TITLE III—HOUSING**

9 **SEC. 301. GRANTS FOR PROVIDING COOLING SYSTEMS IN** 10 **PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS.**

11 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
12 Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
13 “Secretary”) shall carry out a program under this section
14 to make grants to public housing agencies for the installa-
15 tion of air conditioners or heat pumps for public housing
16 dwelling units.

17 (b) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—Amounts from a grant
18 under the program under this section may be used only
19 for costs of acquiring and installing air conditioners or
20 heat pumps that meet such standards as the Secretary
21 shall establish regarding cooling capacity, safety, reli-
22 ability, and energy efficiency and that serve public housing
23 dwelling units that were constructed before the date of the
24 enactment of this Act.

1 (c) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall provide for
2 public housing agencies to apply for grants under the pro-
3 gram under this section.

4 (d) SELECTION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select
6 public housing agencies to receive grants under the
7 program under this section based on a competition,
8 in accordance with such criteria as the Secretary
9 shall establish.

10 (2) PREFERENCE.—The criteria under para-
11 graph (1) shall provide preference for selection of
12 public housing agencies proposing to use the grant
13 to serve communities with limited access to cooling
14 centers.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
17 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2035.

18 **SEC. 302. GUIDANCE ON AIR CONDITIONING COSTS AND**
19 **UTILITY ALLOWANCES.**

20 The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
21 shall revise the regulations under subpart E of part 965
22 of volume 24, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to
23 resident allowances for utilities), to ensure that air condi-
24 tioning costs are included when calculating utility allow-
25 ance schedules and utility allowances for residents.

1 **SEC. 303. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON NEED FOR SAFE RESI-**
2 **DENTIAL TEMPERATURES; REGULATIONS.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing
5 and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
6 “Secretary”), in consultation with the National Integrated
7 Heat Health Information System, shall submit to the Con-
8 gress a report—

9 (1) identifying and compiling data on the avail-
10 ability of air conditioning in covered federally as-
11 sisted rental dwelling units (as such term is defined
12 in section 304);

13 (2) identifying and setting forth safe residential
14 temperature standards for such dwelling units;

15 (3) estimating the cost for bringing all covered
16 federally assisted rental dwelling units into compli-
17 ance with such safe residential temperature stand-
18 ards; and

19 (4) setting forth a plan and mechanisms for
20 bringing all covered federally assisted rental dwelling
21 units into compliance with the safe residential tem-
22 perature standards.

23 (b) SAFE RESIDENTIAL TEMPERATURE STAND-
24 ARDS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue regulations es-
26 tablishing safe residential temperature standards for cov-

1 ered federally assisted rental dwelling units based on the
2 safe temperature standards identified in the report under
3 subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 304. GRANTS FOR PROVIDING SAFE RESIDENTIAL**
5 **TEMPERATURES IN ALL FEDERALLY AS-**
6 **SISTED DWELLINGS.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
8 Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
9 “Secretary”), in consultation with the NIHHS, shall
10 carry out a program under this section to make grants
11 to public housing agencies and owners of covered federally
12 assisted rental dwelling units to enable covered federally
13 assisted rental dwelling units to comply with the safe resi-
14 dential temperature standards established pursuant to sec-
15 tion 303(b).

16 (b) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—Amounts from a grant
17 under the program under this section may be used only
18 for costs of acquiring and installing air conditioning or
19 other means or mechanisms that meet such standards as
20 the Secretary shall establish regarding cooling capacity,
21 safety, reliability, and energy efficiency, for covered feder-
22 ally assisted rental dwelling units that were constructed
23 before the date of the enactment of this Act, to enable
24 such dwelling units to comply with the safe residential
25 temperature standards established pursuant to section

1 303(b) in a manner provided for in the plan set forth in
2 the report under section 303(a).

3 (c) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall provide for
4 public housing agencies and owners of covered federally
5 assisted rental dwelling units to apply for grants under
6 the program under this section.

7 (d) SELECTION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select
9 applicant public housing agencies and owners of cov-
10 ered federally assisted rental dwelling units to re-
11 ceive grants under the program under this section
12 based on a competition, in accordance with such cri-
13 teria as the Secretary shall establish.

14 (2) PREFERENCE.—The criteria under para-
15 graph (1) shall provide preference for selection of
16 applicants proposing to use the grant for covered
17 federally assisted rental dwelling units located in
18 communities with limited access to cooling centers.

19 (e) OWNER DEFINED.—For the purposes of this sec-
20 tion the term “owner” means, with respect to a covered
21 federally assisted rental dwelling unit, any private person
22 or entity, including a cooperative, an agency of the Federal
23 Government, or a public housing agency, having the legal
24 right to lease or sublease dwelling units.

1 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 such sums as may be necessary for assistance under this
4 section sufficient for all covered federally assisted rental
5 dwelling units to meet the safe residential temperature
6 standards established pursuant to section 6(b).

7 **SEC. 305. COOLING DEVICE EXPENSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(d)(2)(A) of the Inter-
9 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “, box
10 fans, or portable or window air conditioning units” before
11 “shall be treated as paid for medical care”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred in tax-
14 able years beginning after the date of the enactment of
15 this Act.

16 **SEC. 306. REPORT ON REVISING STATE ALLOTMENT PAY-**
17 **MENTS UNDER THE LOW-INCOME HOME EN-**
18 **ERGY ASSISTANCE ACT.**

19 The Secretary of Human and Health Services, in con-
20 sultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall submit to
21 Congress a report on how the formula to allot amounts
22 to States under section 2604 of the Low-Income Home
23 Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623) could
24 be revised to account for the energy needs of all low-in-
25 come households in States, including low-income house-

1 holds that do not use, or under-use, a source of heating
2 or cooling.

3 **TITLE IV—URBAN**
4 **DEVELOPMENT**

5 **SEC. 401. GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF USABLE PUBLIC**
6 **WATER FEATURES.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
8 Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
9 “Secretary”) shall carry out a program under this section
10 to make grants to eligible entities for the construction of
11 eligible water features.

12 (b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—Grants under the program
13 under this section may be made only to a State, an Indian
14 Tribe, a unit of general local government, or a nonprofit
15 organization.

16 (c) **ELIGIBLE WATER FEATURES.**—Amounts from a
17 grant under the program under this section may be used
18 only for costs of constructing water features that—

19 (1) provide recreation or cooling for users, such
20 as splash parks, wading pools, swimming pools,
21 misting systems, and fountains;

22 (2) can be used to provide relief to users from
23 extreme heat conditions; and

24 (3) are available for use by anyone without
25 charge.

1 (d) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall provide for
2 eligible entities to apply for grants under the program
3 under this section and shall require eligible entities to in-
4 clude in an application for a grant under this section a
5 public participation plan to ensure that residents of the
6 area in which a project is to be implemented are involved
7 in the project, which plan—

8 (1) shall provide opportunities for employment
9 for minorities and low- and moderate-income resi-
10 dents in the neighborhood of the project; and

11 (2) may—

12 (A) provide opportunities for local non-
13 profit organizations to be involved in the
14 project;

15 (B) provide opportunities for public input
16 regarding the project; and

17 (C) include demonstrated support from the
18 community.

19 (e) SELECTION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select
21 applicant eligible entities to receive grants under the
22 program under this section based on a competition,
23 in accordance with such criteria as the Secretary
24 shall establish.

1 (2) PREFERENCE.—The criteria under para-
2 graph (1) shall provide preference for selection of el-
3 igible entities proposing to construct eligible water
4 features in areas without access, or with limited ac-
5 cess, to cooling centers.

6 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
8 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2035.

9 **SEC. 402. GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE**
10 **HIGH-QUALITY URBAN GREEN SPACES.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing
12 and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the
13 “Secretary”), in coordination with the Director of the Na-
14 tional Park Service, shall establish a grant program under
15 which the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities
16 under subsection (c) to improve or develop high-quality
17 urban green spaces to lower surface temperatures through
18 increased urban vegetation.

19 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS.—An eligible entity that re-
20 ceives a grant under subsection (a) shall use amounts pro-
21 vided to cover costs associated with—

22 (1) projects and activities that provide environ-
23 mental and cooling benefits, including—

24 (A) planting vegetation, including main-
25 taining and monitoring planted vegetation for a

1 period of up to 5 years to ensure successful es-
2 tablishment;

3 (B) improving stormwater management;

4 (C) increasing green infrastructure;

5 (D) employing water conservation meas-
6 ures; and

7 (E) rebuilding, remodeling, expanding, in-
8 tegrating, developing existing, or building new
9 green spaces, including improvements in park
10 landscapes, infrastructure, buildings, and sup-
11 port facilities;

12 (2) preparing the project site and conducting
13 construction, including the costs of labor and costs
14 associated with use of machinery;

15 (3) training activities associated with the con-
16 struction; and

17 (4) other relevant costs, as determined by the
18 Secretary.

19 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—A grant under this section
20 may only be made to—

21 (1) a State;

22 (2) an Indian Tribe;

23 (3) a unit of general local government; and

24 (4) a nonprofit organization.

25 (d) APPLICATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that seeks
2 to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall submit
3 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
4 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
5 retary may require.

6 (2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted
7 under paragraph (1) shall—

8 (A) describe how the projects and activities
9 to be funded with grant amounts will comply
10 with the requirement under subsection (b); and

11 (B) include a 5-year timeline and budget
12 for the development and improvement of urban
13 green space.

14 (3) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.—The Secretary
15 shall require eligible entities to include in an applica-
16 tion for a grant under this section a public partici-
17 pation plan to ensure that residents of the area in
18 which a project is to be implemented are involved in
19 the project, which plan—

20 (A) shall provide opportunities for employ-
21 ment for minorities and low- and moderate-in-
22 come residents in the neighborhood of the
23 project; and

24 (B) may—

1 (i) provide opportunities for local non-
2 profit organizations to be involved in the
3 project;

4 (ii) provide opportunities for public
5 input regarding the project; and

6 (iii) include demonstrated support
7 from the community.

8 (e) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under the pro-
9 gram under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pri-
10 ority in selection to eligible entities based on—

11 (1) the extent to which the eligible entity will
12 contribute matching funds for activities conducted
13 with amounts from a grant under this section; and

14 (2) based on the extent to which the project
15 funded with grant amounts would—

16 (A) address demonstrated deficiencies in
17 the condition of, and access to, projects and ac-
18 tivities described in subsection (b) in the project
19 neighborhood;

20 (B) build green spaces located within half
21 of a mile of public housing, or covered federally
22 assisted rental dwelling units, that are not with-
23 in half of a mile of any green space;

24 (C) use environmentally beneficial compo-
25 nents, such as sustainable landscape features,

1 upcycled and recycled materials, and materials
2 with a low-carbon footprint; and

3 (D) where applicable, contain safe trails or
4 routes, such as bikeways, and sidewalks, that
5 connect to neighborhoods and enhance access to
6 green spaces.

7 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Program
9 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2035.

10 **SEC. 403. TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing
12 and Urban Development, in coordination with the Sec-
13 retary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the For-
14 est Service, shall establish a grant program under which
15 the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to
16 plant qualifying trees for the purpose of mitigating and
17 reducing high-surface temperatures and cooling the sur-
18 rounding area.

19 (b) APPLICATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that seeks
21 to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall submit
22 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
23 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
24 retary may require.

1 (2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted
2 under paragraph (1) shall include a 5-year timeline
3 and budget for the planting and maintenance associ-
4 ated with qualifying trees.

5 (3) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.—The Secretary
6 shall require eligible entities to include in an applica-
7 tion for a grant under this section a public partici-
8 pation plan to ensure that residents of the area in
9 which a project is to be implemented are involved in
10 decision-making about the project and such public
11 participation plan may include—

12 (A) opportunities for local nonprofit orga-
13 nizations to be involved;

14 (B) opportunities for public input; and

15 (C) demonstrated support from the com-
16 munity.

17 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under the pro-
18 gram under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pri-
19 ority to applicants proposing to utilize tree species that
20 are proven to be more resilient to climate change and ex-
21 treme weather events common in the area in which a
22 project is to be implemented.

23 (d) USE OF AMOUNTS.—An eligible entity that re-
24 ceives a grant under subsection (a) shall use amounts pro-
25 vided through the grant to cover costs associated with—

1 (1) implementing the tree planting project, in-
2 cluding—

3 (A) planning and designing the planting
4 activity;

5 (B) purchasing qualifying trees; and

6 (C) preparing the site and conducting
7 planting, including the labor and cost associated
8 with the use of machinery;

9 (2) maintaining and monitoring planted trees
10 for a period of up to 5 years to ensure successful es-
11 tablishment of the qualifying trees;

12 (3) training activities associated with the
13 project; and

14 (4) other relevant costs, as determined by the
15 Secretary.

16 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Pro-
18 gram \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
19 2034.

20 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
22 ty” means—

23 (A) a State, Territory, or Tribal agency;

24 (B) a local governmental entity;

25 (C) an Indian Tribe; or

1 (D) a nonprofit organization.

2 (2) LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY HOUSE-
3 HOLD.—The term “limited English proficiency
4 household” means that a household does not have an
5 adult that speaks English “very well” as determined
6 by the United States Census Bureau.

7 (3) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The term
8 “local governmental entity” means any municipal
9 government or county government with jurisdiction
10 over local land use decisions.

11 (4) QUALIFYING TREE.—The term “qualifying
12 tree” means a tree that—

13 (A) is a species that is not an invasive spe-
14 cies in the eligible area in which such tree is to
15 be planted; and

16 (B) is not a species that is, in the eligible
17 area at the time of planting, being attacked by
18 an invasive species, unless the eligible entity has
19 a plan to limit the risk of death of the tree to
20 be planted.

21 (5) SECRETARY.—In this section, the term
22 “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and
23 Urban Development.

1 **TITLE V—DEFINITIONS**

2 **SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.**

3 In this Act:

4 (1) **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTER.**—The
5 term “community resilience center” means a facility
6 that—

7 (A) is operated by a State, an Indian
8 Tribe, a unit of general local government, or a
9 nonprofit organization;

10 (B) provides a safe, air-conditioned envi-
11 ronment meeting such standards as the Sec-
12 retary of Health and Human Services shall es-
13 tablish for residents of the community in which
14 the facility is located to take refuge during ex-
15 treme heat events;

16 (C) provides a safe, heated environment
17 meeting such standards as the Secretary of
18 Health and Human Services shall establish for
19 residents of the community in which the facility
20 is located to take refuge during extreme cold
21 events;

22 (D) is available for such use by anyone
23 without charge; and

1 (E) conducts outreach activities to
2 strengthen the relationship with the community
3 in which the facility is located.

4 (2) COOLING CENTER.—The term “cooling cen-
5 ter” shall have such meaning as the Administrator
6 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
7 tration may give to such term for purposes of this
8 Act.

9 (3) COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED RENTAL
10 DWELLING UNIT.—The term “covered federally as-
11 sisted rental dwelling unit” means a residential
12 dwelling unit that is made available for rental and
13 for which assistance is provided, or that is part of
14 a housing project for which assistance is provided,
15 under—

16 (A) the public housing program under the
17 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
18 1437 et seq.);

19 (B) a program for rental assistance under
20 section 8 of the United States Housing Act of
21 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), including—

22 (i) the program for project-based rent-
23 al assistance; and

24 (ii) the program for tenant-based
25 rental assistance;

1 (C) the AIDS Housing Opportunities pro-
2 gram under subtitle D of title VIII of the Cran-
3 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.);

5 (D) the program for supportive housing for
6 the elderly under section 202 of the Housing
7 Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q);

8 (E) the program for supportive housing for
9 persons with disabilities under section 811 of
10 the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
11 Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013); or

12 (F) a housing program under section 515,
13 514, 521, or 542 of title V of the Housing Act
14 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

15 (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
16 has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the
17 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
18 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

19 (5) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
20 “nonprofit organization” means an organization
21 that—

22 (A) is described in section 170(h)(3) of the
23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

1 (B) operates in accordance with one or
2 more of the purposes described in section
3 170(h)(4)(A) of that Code.

4 (6) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The term
5 “public housing agency” has the meaning given such
6 term in section 3(b) of the United States Housing
7 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

8 (7) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
9 ing given such term in section 102(a) of the Hous-
10 ing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42
11 U.S.C. 5302(a)).

12 (8) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—
13 The term “unit of general local government” has the
14 meaning given such term in section 102(a) of the
15 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
16 (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)).

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