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H. R. 3990

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Operation Stonegarden grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2019

Mr. GUEST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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 “Operation Stonegarden
5 Authorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XX of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 2009. OPERATION STONEGARDEN.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 Department a program to be known as ‘Operation
4 Stonegarden’, under which the Secretary, acting through
5 the Administrator, shall make grants to eligible law en-
6 forcement agencies, through the State administrative
7 agency, to enhance border security in accordance with this
8 section.

9 “(b) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—To be eligible to re-
10 ceive a grant under this section, a law enforcement agen-
11 cy—

12 “(1) shall be located in—

13 “(A) a State bordering Canada or Mexico;

14 or

15 “(B) a State or territory with a maritime
16 border; and

17 “(2) shall be involved in an active, ongoing,
18 U.S. Customs and Border Protection operation co-
19 ordinated through a U.S. Border Patrol sector of-
20 fice.

21 “(c) PERMITTED USES.—The recipient of a grant
22 under this section may use such grant for—

23 “(1) equipment, including maintenance and
24 sustainment costs;

1 “(2) personnel, including overtime and backfill,
2 in support of enhanced border law enforcement ac-
3 tivities;

4 “(3) any activity permitted for Operation
5 Stonegarden under the Department of Homeland
6 Security’s most recent Homeland Security Grant
7 Program Notice of Funding Opportunity; and

8 “(4) any other appropriate activity, as deter-
9 mined by the Administrator, in consultation with the
10 Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
11 tion.

12 “(d) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.—The Secretary
13 shall award grants under this section to grant recipients
14 for a period of not less than 36 months.

15 “(e) REPORT.—For each of the fiscal years 2020
16 through 2024, the Administrator shall submit to the Com-
17 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
18 of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security
19 of the House of Representatives a report that contains in-
20 formation on the expenditure of grants made under this
21 section by each grant recipient.

22 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 is authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for each
24 of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024 for grants under
25 this section.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of
2 section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
3 U.S.C. 603) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, through
5 the Administrator, may award grants under sections 2003,
6 2004, and 2009 to State, local, and Tribal governments,
7 as appropriate.”.

8 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
9 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
10 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
11 2008 the following new item:

“Sec. 2009. Operation Stonegarden.”.

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