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To require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a Clean Cities Coalition Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCEACHIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. CLEAN CITIES COALITION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a
5 program to be known as the Clean Cities Coalition Pro-
6 gram.

7 (b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the pro-
8 gram under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

9 (1) establish criteria for designating local and
10 regional Clean Cities Coalitions;

1 (2) designate local and regional Clean Cities
2 Coalitions that the Secretary determines meet the
3 criteria established under paragraph (1);

4 (3) make awards to each designated Clean Cit-
5 ies Coalition for administrative and program ex-
6 penses of the coalition;

7 (4) make competitive awards to designated
8 Clean Cities Coalitions for projects and activities de-
9 scribed in subsection (c);

10 (5) provide technical assistance and training to
11 designated Clean Cities Coalitions;

12 (6) provide opportunities for communication
13 and sharing of best practices among designated
14 Clean Cities Coalitions; and

15 (7) maintain, and make available to the public,
16 a centralized database of information included in the
17 reports submitted under subsection (d).

18 (c) PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.—Projects and activi-
19 ties eligible for awards under subsection (b)(4) are
20 projects and activities that reduce petroleum consumption,
21 improve air quality, promote energy and economic secu-
22 rity, and encourage deployment of a diverse, domestic sup-
23 ply of alternative fuels in the transportation sector by—

1 (1) encouraging the purchase and use of alter-
2 native fuel vehicles and alternative fuels, including
3 by fleet managers;

4 (2) expediting the establishment of local, re-
5 gional, and national infrastructure to fuel alternative
6 fuel vehicles;

7 (3) advancing the use of other petroleum fuel
8 reduction technologies and strategies;

9 (4) conducting outreach and education activities
10 to advance the use of alternative fuels and alter-
11 native fuel vehicles;

12 (5) providing training and technical assistance
13 and tools to users that adopt petroleum fuel reduc-
14 tion technologies; or

15 (6) collaborating with and training officials and
16 first responders with responsibility for permitting
17 and enforcing fire, building, and other safety codes
18 related to the deployment and use of alternative
19 fuels or alternative fuel vehicles.

20 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each designated Clean Cities
21 Coalition shall submit an annual report to the Secretary
22 on the activities and accomplishments of the coalition.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ALTERNATIVE FUEL.—The term “alter-
2 native fuel” has the meaning given such term in sec-
3 tion 32901 of title 49, United States Code.

4 (2) ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE.—The term
5 “alternative fuel vehicle” means any vehicle that is
6 capable of operating, partially or exclusively, on an
7 alternative fuel.

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Energy.

10 (f) FUNDING.—

11 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
12 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this section—

14 (A) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;

15 (B) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

16 (C) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

17 (D) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

18 (E) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

19 (2) ALLOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall allo-
20 cate funds made available to carry out this section
21 in each fiscal year as follows:

22 (A) Thirty percent of such funds shall be
23 distributed as awards under subsection (b)(3).

1 (B) Fifty percent of such funds shall be
2 distributed as competitive awards under sub-
3 section (b)(4).

4 (C) Twenty percent of such funds shall be
5 used to carry out the duties of the Secretary
6 under this section.

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