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# H. R. 6768

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2025

Ms. TLAIB introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To establish a competitive grant program supporting affordable housing planning and implementation activities, and for other purposes.

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 “Housing Our Commu-  
5 nities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION AS-**  
7 **SOCIATED WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and  
9 Urban Development shall, not later than 1 year after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, establish a program to

1 award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to  
2 assist planning and implementation activities associated  
3 with affordable housing.

4 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS.—

5 (1) BY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES.—If an  
6 eligible entity that receives amounts under this Act  
7 is a regional planning agency or consortia of re-  
8 gional planning agencies, such eligible entity shall  
9 use such amounts to assist planning activities with  
10 respect to affordable housing, including—

11 (A) the development of housing plans;

12 (B) the substantial improvement of State  
13 or local housing strategies;

14 (C) the development of new regulatory re-  
15 quirements and processes;

16 (D) updating zoning codes;

17 (E) increasing the capacity to conduct  
18 housing inspections;

19 (F) increasing the capacity to reduce bar-  
20 riers to housing supply elasticity and housing  
21 affordability;

22 (G) the development of local or regional  
23 plans for community development; and

1 (H) the substantial improvement of com-  
2 munity development strategies, including strate-  
3 gies designed to—

4 (i) increase the availability of afford-  
5 able housing and access to affordable hous-  
6 ing;

7 (ii) increase access to public transpor-  
8 tation; and

9 (iii) advance sustainable or location-  
10 efficient community development goals.

11 (2) BY STATES, INSULAR AREAS, METROPOLI-  
12 TAN CITIES, AND URBAN COUNTIES.—If an eligible  
13 entity that receives amounts under this Act is a  
14 State, insular area, metropolitan city, or urban  
15 county, such eligible entity shall use such amounts  
16 to—

17 (A) implement and administer housing  
18 strategies and housing plans;

19 (B) implement and administer any plans to  
20 increase housing choice, address disparities in  
21 housing needs, and provide greater access to  
22 opportunity;

23 (C) fund any community investments that  
24 support goals identified in a housing strategy or  
25 housing plan;

1 (D) implement and administer regulatory  
2 requirements and processes with respect to re-  
3 formed zoning codes;

4 (E) increase the capacity to conduct hous-  
5 ing inspections;

6 (F) increase the capacity to reduce bar-  
7 riers to housing supply elasticity and housing  
8 affordability;

9 (G) implement and administer local or re-  
10 gional plans for community development; and

11 (H) fund any planning to increase—

12 (i) the availability of affordable hous-  
13 ing and access to affordable housing;

14 (ii) access to public transportation;

15 and

16 (iii) any location-efficient community  
17 development goals.

18 (3) USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A eligi-  
19 ble entity that receives amounts under this Act may  
20 not use more than 10-percent of such amounts for  
21 administrative costs.

22 (c) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable, the  
23 Secretary shall coordinate with the Federal Transit Ad-  
24 ministrator in carrying out this Act.

25 (d) ADDITIONAL USES OF AMOUNTS.—

1           (1) HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.—Expenditures  
2 on new construction of housing shall be an eligible  
3 expense under this Act.

4           (2) BUILDINGS FOR GENERAL CONDUCT OF  
5 GOVERNMENT.—Expenditures on building for the  
6 general conduct of government, other than the Fed-  
7 eral Government, shall be eligible under this Act  
8 when necessary and appropriate as a part of a nat-  
9 ural hazard mitigation project.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

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

13           (A) a State, insular area, metropolitan  
14 city, or urban county, as such terms are defined  
15 in section 102 of the Housing and Community  
16 Development Act of 1974; or

17           (B) a regional planning agency or con-  
18 sortia of regional planning agencies.

19           (2) HOUSING PLAN.—The term “housing plan”  
20 means a plan to, with respect to an area within the  
21 jurisdiction of an eligible entity—

22           (A) increase the amount of available hous-  
23 ing to meet the demand for such housing and  
24 any projected increase in the demand for such  
25 housing;

1 (B) increase the affordability of housing;

2 (C) increase the accessibility of housing for  
3 people with disabilities, including location-effi-  
4 cient housing;

5 (D) preserve or improve the quality of  
6 housing;

7 (E) reduce barriers to housing develop-  
8 ment; and

9 (F) coordinate with transportation-related  
10 agencies.

11 (3) HOUSING STRATEGY.—The term “housing  
12 strategy” means a housing strategy required under  
13 section 105 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-  
14 fordable Housing Act.

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