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# H. R. 6791

To authorize the Land Port of Entry Community Infrastructure Program to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of land ports of entry, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Energy and Commerce, 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

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## A BILL

To authorize the Land Port of Entry Community Infrastructure Program to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of land ports of entry, 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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

1           (1) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term  
2 “community infrastructure” means a project or fa-  
3 cility that—

4           (A) is—

5                 (i) a transportation project;

6                 (ii) a water, wastewater, telecommuni-  
7 cations, electric, gas, or other utility  
8 project; or

9                 (iii) any other project directly sup-  
10 porting a land port of entry or infrastruc-  
11 ture that is disproportionately impacted by  
12 the nearby presence of a land port of  
13 entry, as designated by the Secretary;

14          (B) is—

15                 (i) owned by a State, Tribal, or local  
16 government; or

17                 (ii) a not-for-profit, member-owned  
18 utility service; and

19          (C) is—

20                 (i) focused on the modernization of a  
21 land port of entry; or

22                 (ii) located within 25 miles of a land  
23 port of entry and is supportive of, or dis-  
24 proportionately impacted by the nearby  
25 presence of, a land port of entry.



1           (2) Projects designed to enhance border secu-  
2           rity, as measured by their predicted impact on illicit  
3           drug seizure rates and other relevant metrics for se-  
4           curing the border at ports of entry established pur-  
5           suant to section 1092(c) of the National Defense  
6           Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (6 U.S.C.  
7           223(c)).

8           (3) Projects designed to enhance resilience of  
9           land ports of entry and supportive infrastructure, in-  
10          cluding projects that bolster the emergency pre-  
11          paredness of such ports and infrastructure.

12          (4) Projects designed to enhance U.S. Customs  
13          and Border Protection personnel family quality of  
14          life, as determined in accordance with subsection  
15          (c)(3).

16          (5) Projects designed to address the direct im-  
17          pacts that land ports of entry may have on sur-  
18          rounding communities, such as projects related to  
19          transportation infrastructure, traffic congestion,  
20          waste and wastewater infrastructure, pollution, and  
21          environmental degradation.

22          (c) **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.**—In selecting  
23          community infrastructure projects to receive financial as-  
24          sistance under this section, the Secretary shall consider—

1           (1) infrastructure improvements identified in  
2           the U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s 2024 re-  
3           port entitled, “Land Port of Entry Modernization:  
4           Promoting Security, Travel, and Trade”;

5           (2) infrastructure improvements identified in  
6           State capital investment plans that directly support  
7           a land port of entry; and

8           (3) for the purposes of determining whether a  
9           proposed community infrastructure project will en-  
10          hance family quality of life—

11           (A) the impact of such project on alle-  
12          viating port of entry commuter workforce  
13          issues; and

14           (B) the benefit of local infrastructure  
15          funded by such project that will support U.S.  
16          Customs and Border Protection personnel and  
17          their dependents while residing in the commu-  
18          nity in which such infrastructure will be con-  
19          structed.

20          (d) STANDARDIZATION OF PROCESSES FOR DETER-  
21          MINING PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION.—In ac-  
22          cordance with the eligibility criteria described in sub-  
23          section (b) and the selection considerations described in  
24          subsection (c), the Secretary shall develop and implement  
25          guidance to standardize the process of identifying, vali-

1 dating, and prioritizing community infrastructure  
2 projects.

3 (e) INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION.—In assessing the  
4 merits and viability of community infrastructure projects  
5 seeking financial assistance under this section, the Sec-  
6 retary, to the extent possible, shall consult with appro-  
7 priate officials in the Department of Transportation, the  
8 Department of Commerce, the Department of Housing  
9 and Urban Development, the Department of Energy, the  
10 Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection  
11 Agency, and other Federal agencies with relevant exper-  
12 tise.

13 (f) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (2), a community infrastructure project may  
16 not receive financial assistance under this section  
17 unless the recipient of such assistance agrees to con-  
18 tribute not less than 30 percent of the total funding  
19 for such project from non-Federal sources.

20 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—If a proposed community in-  
21 frastructure project will be carried out in a rural  
22 area or if the Secretary determines such project is  
23 advantageous for reasons related to homeland secu-  
24 rity, the Secretary—

1           (A) shall not penalize a State or local gov-  
2           ernment for offering to make a non-Federal  
3           contribution equal to less than 30 percent of  
4           the total funding for such project;

5           (B) may reduce the matching requirement  
6           for a State or local government to an amount  
7           that is less than 30 percent of the cost of such  
8           project; or

9           (C) may waive the matching requirement  
10          entirely.

11          (g) REIMBURSEMENT.—If a State, Tribal, or local  
12          government or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility serv-  
13          ice expends its own funds, on or after November 15, 2021,  
14          and, within a reasonable amount of time, seeks reimburse-  
15          ment for a community infrastructure project that meets  
16          the eligibility criteria described in subsection (b) and the  
17          selection considerations described in subsection (c), the  
18          Secretary may reimburse such entity for up to 70 percent  
19          of the costs incurred for such project unless such project  
20          qualifies for an adjusted matching requirement authorized  
21          under subsection (f)(2).

22          **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23          (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-  
24          priated to the Department of Homeland Security such  
25          sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year to carry

1 out the Land Port of Entry Community Infrastructure  
2 Program authorized under section 2.

3 (b) LIMITATION.—The authority of the Secretary to  
4 award grants or other funding under section 2 in any fis-  
5 cal year is subject to the availability of appropriations for  
6 such purpose in such fiscal year.

7 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-  
8 priated or otherwise made available to carry out section  
9 2 may remain available until expended.

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