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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “9/11 Memorial and
3 Museum Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MU-
7 SEUM.—The term “National September 11 Memo-
8 rial & Museum” means the National September 11
9 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center
10 Foundation, Inc., established to commemorate the
11 events of, and honor the victims of, the terrorist at-
12 tacks on the World Trade Center on September 11,
13 2001, at the site of such attacks.

14 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
15 ty” means the official organization, as in existence
16 on the date of enactment of this Act, that—

17 (A) operates the National September 11
18 Memorial & Museum; and

19 (B) is an organization described in section
20 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
21 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a)
22 of such Code.

23 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
24 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

1 **SEC. 3. ONE-TIME GRANT FOR NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11**
2 **MEMORIAL & MUSEUM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
4 propriations made in advance for such purpose to the Of-
5 fice of the Secretary and Executive Management of the
6 Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary shall
7 award to the eligible entity a grant in an amount deter-
8 mined by the Secretary subject to subsection (c), to be
9 used by such entity solely for the purposes described in
10 subsection (b), if upon review of the application submitted
11 pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary makes a deter-
12 mination pursuant to subsection (e) that such entity satis-
13 fies the criteria required under subsection (f).

14 (b) PURPOSE.—The one-time grant awarded under
15 subsection (a) shall be used by the eligible entity for the
16 operation, security, and maintenance of the National Sep-
17 tember 11 Memorial & Museum.

18 (c) GRANT AMOUNT.—The one-time grant under this
19 section may not be for less than \$5,000,000 or more than
20 \$10,000,000.

21 (d) APPLICATION.—To be considered for an award of
22 the one-time grant under this section, the eligible entity
23 shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time,
24 in such manner, and containing such information as the
25 Secretary may require.

1 (e) REVIEW; DEADLINE FOR AWARD.—If the Sec-
2 retary, after review of the application from the eligible en-
3 tity, determines that the eligible entity satisfies the cri-
4 teria under subsection (f), the Secretary shall award the
5 one-time grant to the eligible entity, not later than 90 days
6 after the date of receipt by the Secretary of the completed
7 application submitted by such entity.

8 (f) CRITERIA.—In determining the amount of the
9 one-time grant consistent with subsection (c), the Sec-
10 retary shall consider the following:

11 (1) The needs of the eligible entity, and ability
12 and commitment of such eligible entity to use grant
13 funds, with respect to ensuring the security and
14 safety of visitors at the National September 11 Me-
15 morial & Museum.

16 (2) The number of visitors to the National Sep-
17 tember 11 Memorial & Museum who would benefit.

18 (3) The ability and commitment of the eligible
19 entity to use grant funds to—

20 (A) preserve the facilities and grounds of
21 the National September 11 Memorial & Mu-
22 seum; and

23 (B) educate future generations.

24 (4) The ability and commitment of the eligible
25 entity to use grant funds to increase the numbers of

1 economically disadvantaged visitors to the National
2 September 11 Memorial & Museum.

3 (g) CONDITION ON RECEIPT OF GRANT.—As a condi-
4 tion on receipt of a grant under this section, the eligible
5 entity shall—

6 (1) provide for—

7 (A) free admission to all facilities and mu-
8 seums associated with the National September
9 11 Memorial & Museum for active and retired
10 members of the Armed Forces, individuals who
11 were registered first responders to the attacks
12 of September 11, 2001, and family members of
13 victims of such attacks; and

14 (B) dedicated free admission hours for the
15 general public at least once a week; and

16 (2) allow for annual Federal audits of the fi-
17 nancial statements of such entity, including revenues
18 associated with ticket sales, charitable donations,
19 grants, and all expenditures on salaries and oper-
20 ations, which shall be subject to review by the Sec-
21 retary and made available to the public.

22 (h) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the end
23 of each fiscal year for which the recipient obligates or ex-
24 pends funds made available to the recipient pursuant to
25 this section, the recipient shall submit to the Committees

1 on Natural Resources and Homeland Security of the
2 House of Representatives and the Committees on Energy
3 and Natural Resources and Homeland Security and Gov-
4 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a report that includes, for
5 the fiscal year covered by the report, each of the following:

6 (1) Information relating to the amount of grant
7 funds obligated or expended for the preceding fiscal
8 year.

9 (2) Information relating to any purposes for
10 which such funds were obligated or expended.

11 (3) Any other information the Secretary may
12 require to effectively administer the one-time grant
13 program under this section, as determined by the
14 Secretary, if not later than the last day of the fiscal
15 year the Secretary notified such entity of such re-
16 quested information.

17 (i) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
18 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements
19 of this section, and the activities authorized by this section

1 are subject to the availability of appropriations made in
2 advance for such purposes.

Passed the House of Representatives February 4,
2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.