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To codify the existing Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**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 “Outdoors for All Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6       In this Act:

7           (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
8 ty” means an entity that represents or otherwise  
9 serves a qualifying area.

1                             (2) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The  
2                             term “eligible nonprofit organization” means an or-  
3                             ganization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of  
4                             the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt  
5                             from taxation under section 501(a) of such code.

6                             (3) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means—

7                                 (A) a State;  
8                                 (B) a political subdivision of a State, in-  
9                                 cluding—

10                                 (i) a city;  
11                                 (ii) a county; and  
12                                 (iii) a special purpose district that  
13                                 manages open space, including a park dis-  
14                                 trict; and  
15                                 (C) an Indian Tribe, urban Indian organi-  
16                                 zation, or Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian  
17                                 community or organization.

18                             (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”  
19                             has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the  
20                             Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
21                             Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

22                             (5) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY.—The term “low-  
23                             income community” means any census block group  
24                             in which 30 percent or more of the population are

1 individuals with an annual household equal to, or  
2 less than, the greater of—

3 (A) an amount equal to 80 percent of the  
4 median income of the area in which the house-  
5 hold is located, as reported by the Department  
6 of Housing and Urban Development; and

7 (B) an amount equal to 200 percent of the  
8 Federal poverty line.

9 (6) OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNER-  
10 SHIP PROGRAM.—The term “Outdoor Recreation  
11 Legacy Partnership Program” means the program  
12 established under section 3(a).

13 (7) QUALIFYING AREA.—The term “qualifying  
14 area” means—

15 (A) an urbanized area or urban cluster  
16 that has a population of 25,000 or more in the  
17 most recent census;

18 (B) 2 or more adjacent urban clusters with  
19 a combined population of 25,000 or more in the  
20 most recent census; or

21 (C) an area administered by an Indian  
22 Tribe or an Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian  
23 community organization.

24 (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
25 the Secretary of the Interior.

1                             (9) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
2                             the several States, the District of Columbia, and  
3                             each territory of the United States.

4 **SEC. 3. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

5                             (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

6                             (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish  
7                             an outdoor recreation legacy partnership program  
8                             under which the Secretary may award grants to eli-  
9                             gible entities for projects—

10                             (A) to acquire land and water for parks  
11                             and other outdoor recreation purposes in quali-  
12                             fying areas; and

13                             (B) to develop new or renovate existing  
14                             outdoor recreation facilities that provide out-  
15                             door recreation opportunities to the public in  
16                             qualifying areas.

17                             (2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants to eligible  
18                             entities under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
19                             give priority to projects that—

20                             (A) create or significantly enhance access  
21                             to park and recreational opportunities in an  
22                             urban neighborhood or community;

23                             (B) engage and empower underserved com-  
24                             munities and youth;

(D) establish or expand public-private partnerships, with a focus on leveraging resources; and

(E) take advantage of coordination among various levels of government.

**9 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—**

(B) the probable benefit of the project outweighs the public interest in the matching requirement.

1                         (3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more  
2                         than 10 percent of funds provided to an eligible enti-  
3                         ty under a grant awarded under subsection (a) may  
4                         be used for administrative expenses.

5                         (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding grants to eligible  
6                         entities under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider  
7                         the extent to which a project would—

8                             (1) provide recreation opportunities in under-  
9                         served communities in which access to parks is not  
10                         adequate to meet local needs;

11                         (2) provide opportunities for outdoor recreation  
12                         and public land volunteerism;

13                         (3) support innovative or cost-effective ways to  
14                         enhance parks and other recreation—

15                             (A) opportunities; or

16                             (B) delivery of services;

17                         (4) support park and recreation programming  
18                         provided by cities, including cooperative agreements  
19                         with community-based eligible nonprofit organiza-  
20                         tions;

21                         (5) develop Native American event sites and  
22                         cultural gathering spaces; and

23                         (6) provide benefits such as community resil-  
24                         ience, reduction of urban heat islands, enhanced  
25                         water or air quality, or habitat for fish or wildlife.

1           (d) ELIGIBLE USES.—

2           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a  
3           grant recipient may use a grant awarded under sub-  
4           section (a) for a project described in paragraph (1)  
5           or (2) of that subsection.

6           (2) LIMITATIONS ON USE.—A grant recipient  
7           may not use grant funds for—

8               (A) incidental costs related to land acquisi-  
9               tion, including appraisal and titling;

10              (B) operation and maintenance activities;

11              (C) facilities that support semiprofessional  
12               or professional athletics;

13              (D) indoor facilities, such as recreation  
14               centers or facilities that support primarily non-  
15               outdoor purposes; or

16              (E) acquisition of land or interests in land  
17               that restrict access to specific persons.

18 **SEC. 4. REVIEW AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS.**

19           In carrying out the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Part-  
20           nership Program, the Secretary shall—

21              (1) conduct an initial screening and technical  
22               review of applications received;

23              (2) evaluate and score all qualifying applica-  
24               tions; and

- 1                             (3) provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information to eligible entities (including low-income communities and eligible entities serving low-income communities) on—
  - 5                             (A) the opportunity to apply for grants under this Act;
  - 7                             (B) the application procedures by which eligible entities may apply for grants under this Act; and
  - 10                           (C) eligible uses for grants under this Act.

11 **SEC. 5. REPORTING.**

- 12                           (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the last day of each report period, each State lead agency that receives a grant under this Act shall annually submit to the Secretary performance and financial reports that—
  - 16                           (1) summarize project activities conducted during the report period; and
  - 18                           (2) provide the status of the project.
- 19                           (b) FINAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the earlier of the date of expiration of a project period or the completion of a project, each State lead agency that receives a grant under this Act shall submit to the Secretary a final report containing such information as the Secretary may require.