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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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;

1 (C) provide employment or job training op-
2 portunities for youth or underserved commu-
3 nities;

4 (D) establish or expand public-private
5 partnerships, with a focus on leveraging re-
6 sources; and

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

9 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving a
11 grant under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall
12 provide matching funds in the form of cash or an in-
13 kind contribution in an amount equal to not less
14 than 100 percent of the amounts made available
15 under the grant.

16 (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive all or
17 part of the matching requirement under paragraph
18 (1) if the Secretary determines that—

19 (A) no reasonable means are available
20 through which the eligible entity can meet the
21 matching requirement; and

22 (B) the probable benefit of the project out-
23 weighs the public interest in the matching re-
24 quirement.

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 appro-
2 priate information to eligible entities (including low-
3 income communities and eligible entities serving low-
4 income communities) on—

5 (A) the opportunity to apply for grants
6 under this Act;

7 (B) the application procedures by which el-
8 igible entities may apply for grants under this
9 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
13 the last day of each report period, each State lead agency
14 that receives a grant under this Act shall annually submit
15 to the Secretary performance and financial reports that—

16 (1) summarize project activities conducted dur-
17 ing the report period; and

18 (2) provide the status of the project.

19 (b) FINAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after
20 the earlier of the date of expiration of a project period
21 or the completion of a project, each State lead agency that
22 receives a grant under this Act shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary a final report containing such information as the
24 Secretary may require.