DIVISION H—OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

SEC. 11101. OUTDOORS FOR ALL.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(i) a State or territory of the United States;

(ii) a political subdivision of a State or territory of the United States, including—

(I) a city;

(II) a county; and

(III) a special purpose district that manages open space, including park districts; and
(iii) an Indian Tribe, or Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian community or organization.

(B) Political Subdivisions and Indian Tribes.—A political subdivision of a State or territory of the United States or an Indian Tribe, including Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian community organization, shall be considered an eligible entity only if the political subdivision or Indian Tribe represents or otherwise serves a qualifying urban area.

(2) Indian Tribe.—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(3) Low-income.—The term “low-income community” means any census block group in which 30 percent or more of the population are individuals with an annual household income equal to, or less than, the greater of—

(A) an amount equal to 80 percent of the median income of the area in which the household is located, as reported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
(B) 200 percent of the Federal poverty line.

(4) OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.—The term “Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program” means the program established under subsection (b)(1).

(5) QUALIFYING URBAN AREA.—The term “qualifying urban area” means an area identified by the Census Bureau as an area with a population of 30,000 or more in the most recent census.

(6) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term “eligible nonprofit organization” means an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code.

(7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(8) STATE.—The term “State” means any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program under which the Secretary may award grants to eligible entities for projects—
(A) to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes in qualifying urban areas; and

(B) to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities in qualifying urban areas.

(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

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

(B) SOURCES.—The matching amounts referred to in subparagraph (A) may include amounts made available from State, local, non-governmental, or private sources.

(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive all or part of the matching requirement under subparagraph (A) in underserved or low-income communities if the Secretary determines that—

(i) no reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement; and
(ii) the probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement.

(D) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more than 10 percent of funds provided to an eligible entity may be used for administrative expenses.

(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding grants to eligible entities, the Secretary will consider the extent to which a project may—

(1) provide recreation opportunity in underserved communities where access to parks is not adequate to meet local needs;

(2) provide opportunities for outdoor education and public land volunteerism;

(3) support innovative or cost-effective ways to enhance parks and recreation opportunities or delivery of services;

(4) support city park and recreation programming, by means including cooperative agreements with community-based eligible nonprofit organizations; and

(5) create native event sites or cultural gathering spaces.

(d) ELIGIBLE USES.—
(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A grant recipient may use a grant awarded under this section—

(A) to acquire land or water in a qualifying urban area that provides outdoor recreation opportunities to the public; and

(B) to develop or renovate outdoor recreational facilities in a qualifying urban area that provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public.

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

(A) incidental costs related to land acquisition, including appraisal and titling;

(B) operation and maintenance activities;

(C) facilities that support semiprofessional or professional athletics;

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

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

(e) **PRIORITY.**—In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that—
(1) create or significantly enhance access to park and recreational opportunities in an urban neighborhood or community;

(2) engage and empower underserved communities and youth;

(3) provide employment or job training opportunities for youth or underserved communities;

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

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

(f) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program, the Secretary shall—

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

(2) evaluate and score all qualifying applications; and

(3) provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information and technical assistance to eligible entities and low-income communities about the opportunity to apply for funds under this section, the application procedures by which eligible entities may apply for funds, and eligible uses for funding.

(g) REPORTING.—
(1) 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 section shall annually submit to the Secretary performance and financial reports that—

(A) summarize project activities conducted during the report period; and

(B) provide the status of the project.

(2) 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 section shall submit to the Secretary a final report containing such information as the Secretary may require.