

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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OFFERED BY MS. BARRAGÁN OF CALIFORNIA

Page 745, after line 15, insert the following:

1 (29) CLIMATE JUSTICE.—The term “climate
2 justice” means the fair treatment and meaningful
3 involvement of all individuals, regardless of race,
4 color, culture, national origin, educational level, or
5 income, with respect to the development, implemen-
6 tation, and enforcement of policies and projects that
7 address climate change, a recognition of the histor-
8 ical responsibilities for climate change, and a com-
9 mitment that the people and communities least re-
10 sponsible for climate change, and most vulnerable to
11 the impacts of climate change, do not suffer dis-
12 proportionately as a result of historical injustice and
13 disinvestment.

14 (30) NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
15 “natural infrastructure” means infrastructure that
16 uses, restores, or emulates natural ecological proc-
17 esses and—

1 (A) is created through the action of nat-
2 ural physical, geological, biological, and chem-
3 ical processes over time;

4 (B) is created by human design, engineer-
5 ing, and construction to emulate or act in con-
6 cert with natural processes; or

7 (C) involves the use of plants, soils, and
8 other natural features, including through the
9 creation, restoration, or preservation of vege-
10 tated areas using materials appropriate to the
11 region to manage stormwater and runoff, to at-
12 tenuate flooding and storm surges, and for
13 other related purposes.

Page 812, after line 17, insert the following:

14 **SEC. 11017. CLIMATE JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall es-
16 tablish a program under which the Administrator shall
17 provide grants to eligible entities to assist the eligible enti-
18 ties in—

19 (1) building capacity to address issues relating
20 to climate justice; and

21 (2) carrying out any activity described in sub-
22 section (d).

23 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
24 under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall be a tribal

1 government, local government, or nonprofit, community-
2 based organization.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
4 under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall submit to the
5 Administrator an application at such time, in such man-
6 ner, and containing such information as the Administrator
7 may require, including—

8 (1) an outline describing the means by which
9 the project proposed by the eligible entity will—

10 (A) with respect to climate justice issues at
11 the local level, increase the understanding of
12 the environmental justice community at which
13 the eligible entity will conduct the project;

14 (B) improve the ability of the environ-
15 mental justice community to address each issue
16 described in subparagraph (A);

17 (C) facilitate collaboration and cooperation
18 among various stakeholders (including members
19 of the environmental justice community); and

20 (D) support the ability of the environ-
21 mental justice community to proactively plan
22 and implement climate justice initiatives,

23 (2) a proposed budget for each activity of the
24 project that is the subject of the application;

1 (3) a list of proposed outcomes with respect to
2 the proposed project;

3 (4) a description of the ways by which the eligi-
4 ble entity may leverage the funds of the eligible enti-
5 ty, or the funds made available through a grant
6 under this subsection, to develop a project that is ca-
7 pable of being sustained beyond the period of the
8 grant; and

9 (5) a description of the ways by which the eligi-
10 ble entity is linked to, and representative of, the en-
11 vironmental justice community at which the eligible
12 entity will conduct the project.

13 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity may only use
14 a grant under this subsection to carry out culturally and
15 linguistically appropriate projects and activities that are
16 driven by the needs, opportunities, and priorities of the
17 environmental justice community at which the eligible en-
18 tity proposes to conduct the project or activity to address
19 climate justice concerns of the environmental justice com-
20 munity, including activities—

21 (1) to create or develop collaborative partner-
22 ships;

23 (2) to educate and provide outreach services to
24 the environmental justice community on climate jus-
25 tice;

1 (3) to identify and implement projects to ad-
2 dress climate justice concerns, including community
3 solar and wind energy projects, energy efficiency,
4 home and building electrification, home and building
5 weatherization, energy storage, solar and wind en-
6 ergy supported microgrids, battery electric vehicles,
7 electric vehicle charging infrastructure, natural in-
8 frastructure, and climate resilient infrastructure.

9 (e) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT.—The amount of a
10 grant under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000 for
11 any grant recipient.

12 (f) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
15 thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the
16 Committees on Energy and Commerce and Natural
17 Resources of the House of Representatives and the
18 Committees on Environment and Public Works and
19 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a re-
20 port describing the ways by which the grant pro-
21 gram under this subsection has helped eligible enti-
22 ties address issues relating to energy and climate
23 justice.

24 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Administrator
25 shall make each report required under paragraph (1)

1 available to the public (including by posting a copy
2 of the report on the website of the Environmental
3 Protection Agency).

4 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection
6 \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through
7 2025. The Administrator may not use more than 2 per-
8 cent of the amount appropriated for each fiscal year for
9 administrative expenses, including outreach and technical
10 assistance to eligible entities.

