AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-63

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Page 745, after line 15, insert the following:

(29) **CLIMATE JUSTICE.**—The term “climate justice” means the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all individuals, regardless of race, color, culture, national origin, educational level, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of policies and projects that address climate change, a recognition of the historical responsibilities for climate change, and a commitment that the people and communities least responsible for climate change, and most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, do not suffer disproportionately as a result of historical injustice and disinvestment.

(30) **NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**—The term “natural infrastructure” means infrastructure that uses, restores, or emulates natural ecological processes and—
(A) is created through the action of natural physical, geological, biological, and chemical processes over time;
(B) is created by human design, engineering, and construction to emulate or act in concert with natural processes; or
(C) involves the use of plants, soils, and other natural features, including through the creation, restoration, or preservation of vegetated areas using materials appropriate to the region to manage stormwater and runoff, to attenuate flooding and storm surges, and for other related purposes.

Page 812, after line 17, insert the following:

SEC. 11017. CLIMATE JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall establish a program under which the Administrator shall provide grants to eligible entities to assist the eligible entities in—
(1) building capacity to address issues relating to climate justice; and
(2) carrying out any activity described in subsection (d).

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall be a tribal
government, local government, or nonprofit, community-
based organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) a proposed budget for each activity of the
project that is the subject of the application;
(3) a list of proposed outcomes with respect to the proposed project;

(4) a description of the ways by which the eligible entity may leverage the funds of the eligible entity, or the funds made available through a grant under this subsection, to develop a project that is capable of being sustained beyond the period of the grant; and

(5) a description of the ways by which the eligible entity is linked to, and representative of, the environmental justice community at which the eligible entity will conduct the project.

(d) Use of Funds.—An eligible entity may only use a grant under this subsection to carry out culturally and linguistically appropriate projects and activities that are driven by the needs, opportunities, and priorities of the environmental justice community at which the eligible entity proposes to conduct the project or activity to address climate justice concerns of the environmental justice community, including activities—

(1) to create or develop collaborative partnerships;

(2) to educate and provide outreach services to the environmental justice community on climate justice;
(3) to identify and implement projects to address climate justice concerns, including community solar and wind energy projects, energy efficiency, home and building electrification, home and building weatherization, energy storage, solar and wind energy supported microgrids, battery electric vehicles, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, natural infrastructure, and climate resilient infrastructure.

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

(f) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report describing the ways by which the grant program under this subsection has helped eligible entities address issues relating to energy and climate justice.

(2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Administrator shall make each report required under paragraph (1)
available to the public (including by posting a copy of the report on the website of the Environmental Protection Agency).

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