AMENDMENT TO RULES
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At the end of subtitle F of title I of division B, add the following:

SEC. 1640. COORDINATION OF RESILIENCY ACTIVITIES AMONG FEDERAL AGENCIES.

(a) Coordination.—

(1) Coordination of activities.—

(A) Federal council.—

(i) Establishment.—The Secretaries shall establish a council of Federal agencies, to be known as the “Interagency Council on Resilient Communities”, to promote the coordination of the activities and funding from Federal agencies relating to the resilient community challenge.

(ii) Membership.—The Council shall—

(I) be led by the Secretary; and

(II) include—
(aa) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(bb) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;

(cc) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

(dd) the Secretary of Commerce;

(ee) the Army Corps of Engineers; and

(ff) the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretaries shall ensure that the Federal activities related to resiliency and Federal funding is streamlined and coordinated to allow for comprehensive solutions across Federal agencies to mitigate regional climate impacts.

(2) STRATEGY.—The Secretaries, acting through the Council, in consultation with industry entities, cities, and communities, shall develop a multiyear strategy for the coordination of activities and funding;
(3) COORDINATION OF FUNDS.—In promoting the coordination of Federal funding, each of the Secretaries shall—

(A) track, with respect to the appropriate agency, the expenditures and planned expenditures of Federal funds for resiliency activities and programs; and

(B) coordinate with the head of any other applicable Federal agency that allocates funds for resiliency activities or programs—

(i) to achieve greater benefits from activities using Federal funds;

(ii) to produce integrated projects relating to those activities; and

(iii) to leverage complementary investments of other Federal agencies in those activities.

SEC. 1641. RESILIENT COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Interagency Council on Resilient Communities, shall establish a resilient communities challenge to comprehensively address the impacts of climate change on a region.

(b) CHALLENGE PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall select at least 10 regionally diverse demonstration projects.
(1) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—The following entities are eligible to receive a grant under this section:

(A) A unit of local government, including counties.

(B) A tribal government.

(C) A public transit agency or authority.

(D) A public toll authority.

(E) A metropolitan planning organization.

(F) A multi-jurisdictional group applying through a single lead applicant.

(2) APPLICATION.—To qualify for a demonstration project under this section, a unit of local government shall submit to the Secretary an application for a grant for a demonstration project at such time and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(3) FEDERAL SHARE OF COST.—The Secretary shall provide to a unit of local government selected under this section for the conduct of a demonstration project a grant in an amount equal to not more than 80 percent of the total cost.

(4) PROJECT ELIGIBILITY.—

(1) Resilience planning and vulnerability assessments.
(2) Projects or programs of projects, including—

(A) nature-based resilience improvements, to protect, retrofit, reconstruct or replace projects eligible;

(B) projects eligible for assistance in the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities under section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended (Public Law 93–288) (42 U.S.C. 5133);

(C) projects eligible for assistance in the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program;

(D) green and gray infrastructure projects;

(E) surface transportation infrastructure;

(F) airport infrastructure; and

(G) and other projects the Secretary deems necessary.

(e) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting projects, the Secretary shall—

(1) select projects that have been identified in regional climate adaptation plans;
(2) evaluate the proposal’s ability to coordinate stakeholders across sectors to develop and execute the project; and

(3) prioritize projects that cannot be completed without Federal support;

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—In selecting projects, the Secretary shall identify and prioritize additional Federal funding streams to support comprehensive plan implementation.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a) $600,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 to 2026.