AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1644, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CARTWRIGHT OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 5. ABANDONED MINE LAND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION.

2 Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1231, et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “SEC. 416. FEDERAL ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

4 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to provide funding to impacted communities by targeting Federal economic and workforce development assistance programs that seek—

5 “(1) to diversify regional, State, tribal, and local economies;

6 “(2) to create jobs in new and existing industries;

7 “(3) to attract new sources of job-creating investment; and

8 “(4) to provide a range of workforce services and skills training, including work-based learning
opportunities, resulting in industry-recognized credentials for high-quality, in-demand jobs.

“(b) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts that would otherwise be provided under title IV to States certified under section 411(a) shall, subject to appropriations, be available for the purposes of this section.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) COAL ECONOMY.—The term ‘coal economy’ means the complete supply chain of coal reliant industries, including coal mining, coal-fired power plants, and related transportation, logistics, and manufacturing.

“(2) COVERED PROGRAM.—The term ‘covered program’ means programs that the Secretary of the Interior, in conjunction with the head of other relevant agencies, determines to have as a primary purpose the economic development of coal impacted communities.

“(3) IMPACTED COMMUNITY.—The term ‘impacted community’ means a community or Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)) in the United States that has been negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.
“(d) Allocation of Funds for Covered Programs.—

“(1) In General.—The Secretary shall—

“(A) allocate amounts made available to carry out this section among the covered programs in accordance with the criteria described in paragraph (2); and

“(B) provide public notice of the availability of grant assistance under this section through a Federal Funding Opportunity announcement.

“(2) Allocation Criteria.—The Secretary shall establish and publish criteria for the allocation of funds to carry out this section among the covered programs in a manner that carries out the purpose described in subsection (a), as determined by the Secretary.

“(d) Covered Programs.—

“(1) In General.—On allocation by the Secretary of amounts from the Fund for a covered program under this section, the head of the applicable participating agency shall manage grant selection (including eligibility requirements), awards, and execution of projects with respect to those amounts.
“(2) Terms and Conditions.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, projects receiving grant assistance under this section shall be subject to the eligibility rules, permitted activities, and reporting requirements of the covered program under which the grant is made.

“(e) Eligible Projects.—

“(1) Project Purposes.—A project shall be eligible for assistance under this section if the purpose of the project is to assist impacted communities—

“(A) to organize community stakeholders, analyze and inventory community assets, evaluate needs and resources, and develop comprehensive economic development strategic plans;

“(B) to undergo in-depth labor market analysis and workforce development and dislocated worker planning associated with the provision of training and employment services;

“(C) to implement linked economic and workforce development strategies to develop high-potential industry clusters;

“(D) to accelerate job creation by leveraging local assets;
“(E) to train and place workers in family-supporting, high-demand jobs (including registered apprenticeship and other on-the-job training models);

“(F) to create linkages that drive regional economic growth; or

“(G) to carry out other purposes approved by the Secretary.

“(2) PRIORITY.—In selecting projects to receive assistance under this section, the head of the relevant agency shall—

“(A) give priority to project applications that establish a clear linkage between the proposed project and the means by which the project will result in local economic growth and diversification, job creation, and job training and reemployment for dislocated workers, as described in a broader economic and workforce development strategy, without regard to any formula used by a participating agency to disburse other funds; and

“(B) consult directly with impacted communities to determine the greatest needs of the impacted communities and give priority to projects that address those needs.
“(3) Specific activities and costs to be considered.—In providing assistance under this section for projects for economic diversification, the head of the relevant agency shall give consideration, at a minimum, to the following activities and costs:

“(A) Analysis activities that build from strategic economic development plans, including—

“(i) economic and workforce data collection; and

“(ii) supply chain and industry cluster analysis.

“(B) Outreach and targeted assistance to economic development organizations, unions, workers, and other stakeholders.

“(C) Remediation and redevelopment of coal economy sites, as appropriate.

“(D) Provision of business planning and market exploration services.

“(E) Development of business incubator programs.

“(F) Facilitation of access to private capital investment and capacity building to effectively use capital investment.
“(G) Promotion of exports from entities in the impacted area.

“(H) Workforce training and dislocated worker services and supports for impacted workers.

“(I) Costs associated with registered apprenticeship and on-the-job training models.

“(J) Temporary or short-term relocation or commuting costs for available jobs in other parts of the applicable State or region.

“(K) Staffing, operating, and administrative costs for the recipient organization.

“(L) Comprehensive strategies that—

“(i) integrate all of the activities and costs described in subparagraphs (A) through (K); and

“(ii) leverage other investments from the applicable participating agency and other Federal agencies.

“(f) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall—

“(1) with respect to grant assistance under this section, manage—

“(A) the Federal Funding Opportunity announcement under subsection (c)(1)(B); and
“(B) the overall process of competitive solicitation;

“(2) provide a single staff point of Federal contact (with staffing assistance from other participating agencies, as needed) for grants awarded under this section; and

“(3) coordinate cross-agency activities at the regional level that direct additional Federal resources to impacted communities.

“(g) Administrative Expenses.—A participating agency may not use not more than 2 percent of the amount the agency receives for each fiscal year to cover the administrative expenses of the participating agency in carrying out the covered program.

“(h) Period of Availability.—The amounts deposited in the Fund shall be available without fiscal year limitation.”.