

**AMENDMENT TO**  
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Add at the end of part 3 of subtitle A of title I the following:

1 **SEC. 1122. GRANTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVE-**  
2 **MENTS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY IMPROVE-**  
3 **MENTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
6 ty” means a consortium of—

7 (A) one local educational agency; and

8 (B) one or more—

9 (i) schools;

10 (ii) nonprofit organizations;

11 (iii) for-profit organizations; or

12 (iv) community partners that have the  
13 knowledge and capacity to partner and as-  
14 sist with energy improvements.

15 (2) ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS.—The term “en-  
16 ergy improvements” means—

17 (A) any improvement, repair, or renova-  
18 tion, to a school that will result in a direct re-

1           duction in school energy costs including but not  
2           limited to improvements to building envelope,  
3           air conditioning, ventilation, heating system, do-  
4           mestic hot water heating, compressed air sys-  
5           tems, distribution systems, lighting, power sys-  
6           tems and controls;

7           (B) any improvement, repair, renovation,  
8           or installation that leads to an improvement in  
9           teacher and student health including but not  
10          limited to indoor air quality, daylighting, ven-  
11          tilation, electrical lighting, and acoustics; and

12          (C) the installation of renewable energy  
13          technologies (such as wind power, photovoltaics,  
14          solar thermal systems, geothermal energy, hy-  
15          drogen-fueled systems, biomass-based systems,  
16          biofuels, anaerobic digesters, and hydropower)  
17          involved in the improvement, repair, or renova-  
18          tion to a school.

19          (b) **AUTHORITY.**—From amounts made available for  
20          grants under this section, the Secretary of Energy shall  
21          provide competitive grants to eligible entities to make en-  
22          ergy improvements authorized by this section.

23          (c) **PRIORITY.**—In making grants under this section,  
24          the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities that

1 have renovation, repair, and improvement funding needs  
2 and are—

3 (1) a high-need local educational agency, as de-  
4 fined in section 2102 of the Elementary and Sec-  
5 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6602); or

6 (2) a local educational agency designated with  
7 a metrocentric locale code of 41, 42, or 43, as deter-  
8 mined by the National Center for Education Statis-  
9 tics (NCES), in conjunction with the Bureau of the  
10 Census, using the NCES system for classifying local  
11 educational agencies.

12 (d) COMPETITIVE CRITERIA.—The competitive cri-  
13 teria used by the Secretary shall include the following:

14 (1) The fiscal capacity of the eligible entity to  
15 meet the needs for improvements of school facilities  
16 without assistance under this section, including the  
17 ability of the eligible entity to raise funds through  
18 the use of local bonding capacity and otherwise.

19 (2) The likelihood that the local educational  
20 agency or eligible entity will maintain, in good condi-  
21 tion, any facility whose improvement is assisted.

22 (3) The potential energy efficiency and safety  
23 benefits from the proposed energy improvements.

1 (e) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
2 under this section, an applicant must submit to the Sec-  
3 retary an application that includes each of the following:

4 (1) A needs assessment of the current condition  
5 of the school and facilities that are to receive the en-  
6 ergy improvements.

7 (2) A draft work plan of what the applicant  
8 hopes to achieve at the school and a description of  
9 the energy improvements to be carried out.

10 (3) A description of the applicant's capacity to  
11 provide services and comprehensive support to make  
12 the energy improvements.

13 (4) An assessment of the applicant's expected  
14 needs for operation and maintenance training funds,  
15 and a plan for use of those funds, if any.

16 (5) An assessment of the expected energy effi-  
17 ciency and safety benefits of the energy improve-  
18 ments.

19 (6) A cost estimate of the proposed energy im-  
20 provements.

21 (7) An identification of other resources that are  
22 available to carry out the activities for which funds  
23 are requested under this section, including the avail-  
24 ability of utility programs and public benefit funds.

25 (f) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The recipient of a grant  
2 under this section shall use the grant amounts only  
3 to make the energy improvements contemplated in  
4 the application, subject to the other provisions of  
5 this subsection.

6           (2) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TRAIN-  
7 ING.—The recipient may use up to 5 percent for op-  
8 eration and maintenance training for energy effi-  
9 ciency and renewable energy improvements (such as  
10 maintenance staff and teacher training, education,  
11 and preventative maintenance training).

12           (3) AUDIT.—The recipient may use funds for a  
13 third-party investigation and analysis for energy im-  
14 provements (such as energy audits and existing  
15 building commissioning).

16           (4) CONTINUING EDUCATION.—The recipient  
17 may use up to 1 percent of the grant amounts to de-  
18 velop a continuing education curriculum relating to  
19 energy improvements.

20 (g) CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.—

21           (1) DAVIS-BACON.—Any laborer or mechanic  
22 employed by any contractor or subcontractor in the  
23 performance of work on any energy improvements  
24 funded by a grant under this section shall be paid  
25 wages at rates not less than those prevailing on

1 similar construction in the locality as determined by  
2 the Secretary of Labor under subchapter IV of chap-  
3 ter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly re-  
4 ferred to as the Davis-Bacon Act).

5 (2) COMPETITION.—Each applicant that re-  
6 ceives funds shall ensure that, if the applicant car-  
7 ries out repair or renovation through a contract, any  
8 such contract process—

9 (A) ensures the maximum number of quali-  
10 fied bidders, including small, minority, and  
11 women-owned businesses, through full and open  
12 competition; and

13 (B) gives priority to businesses located in,  
14 or resources common to, the State or the geo-  
15 graphical area in which the project is carried  
16 out.

17 (h) REPORTING.—Each recipient of a grant under  
18 this section shall submit to the Secretary, at such time  
19 as the Secretary may require, a report describing the use  
20 of such funds for energy improvements, the estimated cost  
21 savings realized by those energy improvements, the results  
22 of any audit, the use of any utility programs and public  
23 benefit funds and the use of performance tracking for en-  
24 ergy improvements (such as the Department of Energy:  
25 Energy Star program or LEED for Existing Buildings).

1 (i) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary shall develop  
2 and publish guidelines and best practices for activities car-  
3 ried out under this section.

4 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
5 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
6 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

