AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-54

OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

SEC. 60016. INVEST IN BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to establish a program to provide funding to local community entities to work together to build infrastructure, including services and skills training for individuals, that helps create a community that is safer, more secure, thriving, and livable, including helping build the resilience of and empowering community residents, including those impacted by trauma, violence, and stress.

(b) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in conjunction with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, shall make grants to community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations and youth-serving organizations, that are representative of a community or significant segments of a community and which provides services to individuals in the community.
(c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Funds from a grant under this section may be used only for the following activities:

(1) To reduce or remove barriers to access and lack of social services, health care, legal and political representation, housing, employment, and education opportunities in the local community.

(2) To support projects that will help promote community led economic development.

(3) To address the built environment, such as through building, renovating and/or revitalizing shared community spaces such as parks, community centers, schools, or housing in order to improve the physical environment, address deterioration of community assets, and create space for positive community interactions, including making investments in public transportation to help better connect the community to jobs, child care, education, health care, and other services.

(4) To support community-based, participatory approaches that promote community and youth engagement, leadership development, improved governance, and capacity building.

(5) To provide training in trauma-informed approaches to first responders, educators, clergy, and
health and human services providers to increase their ability to assist children, adolescents, adults, and all community members, especially in the aftermath of civil unrest events.

(6) To provide community de-escalation training and Mental Health First Aid, conflict mediation, or other crisis intervention trainings, including for school personnel, clergy, parents, community members, health and human services providers, and others as deemed appropriate by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Such training must include increasing cultural competency and efforts to reduce implicit bias that help heightened awareness and acknowledgment of differences in language, age, culture, socio-economic status, political and religious beliefs, sexual orientation and gender identity, and life experiences.

(7) To support the development and implementation of a Community Needs and Resources Assessment that would gather and analyze current data and information about the characteristics, needs, and resources of the community in which the proposed activities will be implemented and shall involve community members and focus on community-identified drivers of poverty, trauma, and violence.
(8) To support an outreach or education component that seeks and solicits feedback from the local or regional community most directly affected by the proposed activities.

(d) PRIORITY.—Priority in making grants under this section shall be given to communities that either currently or previously received a Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services or that have been impacted by recent racial injustice demonstrations.

(e) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible for a grant under this section, a community shall demonstrate—

(1) the existence of a community-coalition of residents and non-profit organizations that would provide leadership in overseeing the grant and implementation of the activities funded with grant amounts;

(2) that the activities funded will include strong partnerships with other key community stakeholders, such as health and human services providers, schools, institutions of higher education, faith-based organizations, State and local government entities,
and employment, housing, and transportation services agencies; and

(3) that the community will ensure that funded activities are culturally competent and community driven.

(f) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development $100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025 for grants under this section.