

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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Page 42, strike line 24 and insert the following:

- 1 (2) in paragraph (2)—
- 2 (A) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “,
- 3 Tribal,” after “provided by State”;
- 4 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “for
- 5 pollution reduction” and inserting “for pollution
- 6 and emissions reductions”; and
- 7 (C) in subparagraph (H), by inserting be-
- 8 fore the

Page 44, after line 6, insert the following:

- 9 (d) GRANTS FOR CLIMATE MITIGATION AND CLI-
- 10 MATE ADAPTATION.—Section 1240H of the Food Security
- 11 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–8) is amended by adding
- 12 at the end the following:
- 13 “(e) GRANTS FOR CLIMATE MITIGATION AND CLI-
- 14 MATE ADAPTATION.—
- 15 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:
- 16 “(A) CLIMATE ADAPTATION.—The term
- 17 ‘climate adaptation’ means, with respect to an

1 agricultural management system, management
2 changes to such agricultural management sys-
3 tem to reduce vulnerability to and recover from
4 climate and other related disturbances, such
5 that the system thrives in the face of severe
6 weather impacts and other associated chal-
7 lenges, including management changes that
8 builds agricultural resilience through actions
9 such as improved nutrient management and en-
10 hancing soil health.

11 “(B) CLIMATE MITIGATION.—The term
12 ‘climate mitigation’ means, with respect to an
13 agricultural management system, management
14 changes to such agricultural management sys-
15 tem to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and se-
16 quester carbon in soil and plant biomass on ag-
17 ricultural land.

18 “(C) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ‘cov-
19 ered entity’ means—

20 “(i) the department of agriculture of
21 a State;

22 “(ii) an applicable Tribal Government
23 authority;

1 “(iii) an agricultural or silvicultural
2 producer association or other group of pro-
3 ducers;

4 “(iv) a farmer cooperative;

5 “(v) an institution of higher edu-
6 cation;

7 “(vi) a conservation commission or
8 district; or

9 “(vii) an organization or entity with
10 an established history of working coopera-
11 tively with producers on agricultural land,
12 as determined by the Secretary, to address
13 local conservation priorities related to agri-
14 cultural production or nonindustrial pri-
15 vate forestland management in connection
16 to climate mitigation or adaptation.

17 “(D) ELIGIBLE PROPOSAL.—The term ‘eli-
18 gible proposal’ means a proposal for climate
19 mitigation and climate adaptation activities on
20 agricultural land, which—

21 “(i) is broadly consistent with part III
22 of the Action Plan for Climate Adaptation
23 and Resilience, titled ‘USDA’s Adaptation
24 Actions’, published by the Department of
25 Agriculture (August 2021);

1 “(ii) is broadly consistent with con-
2 servation practices identified by the Nat-
3 ural Resources Conservation Service to re-
4 duce greenhouse gas emissions or to se-
5 quester carbon;

6 “(iii) is broadly consistent with the
7 latest available scientific research on re-
8 gionally-relevant climate mitigation and
9 adaptation strategies for agricultural land;
10 and

11 “(iv) identifies effective strategies, in-
12 cluding strategies developed from tradi-
13 tional ecological knowledge such as indige-
14 nous agricultural knowledge practices, for
15 increasing adoption of regionally appro-
16 priate management practices and systems
17 implemented on privately owned agricul-
18 tural land under the jurisdiction of the ap-
19 plicable State government or Tribal Gov-
20 ernment that achieve at least two of the
21 following outcomes:

22 “(I) Increase in carbon seques-
23 tration.

24 “(II) Reduction of greenhouse
25 gas emissions.

1 “(III) Increased resilience
2 against extreme weather.

3 “(E) INDIGENOUS AGRICULTURAL KNOWL-
4 EDGE.—The term ‘indigenous agricultural
5 knowledge’ means the applied knowledge for
6 raising or producing food and other agricultural
7 products grounded in indigenous belief systems
8 and practices that have been time-tested over
9 millennia.

10 “(F) TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWL-
11 EDGE.—The term ‘traditional ecological knowl-
12 edge’ means a cumulative body of knowledge,
13 practice, and belief, developed by Native Amer-
14 ican, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and
15 other Indigenous communities, evolving by
16 adaptive processes and handed down through
17 generations by cultural transmissions, about the
18 relationship of living beings (including humans)
19 with one another and their environments, in-
20 cluding indigenous agricultural knowledge.

21 “(G) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
22 ‘Tribal Government’ means—

23 “(i) the governing body of an Indian
24 tribe;

1 “(ii) the governing body of a State-
2 recognized Tribal organization; and

3 “(iii) the governing body of a Native
4 Hawaiian community or organization.

5 “(2) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
6 grants to covered entities to—

7 “(A) develop or modify an eligible pro-
8 posal; or

9 “(B) implement an eligible proposal.

10 “(3) APPLICATION.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A covered entity ap-
12 plying for a grant under this subsection shall
13 prepare and submit an application at such time,
14 in such a manner, and containing such informa-
15 tion as the Secretary shall require, including an
16 assurance that grant funds received under this
17 subsection shall supplement, not supplant, the
18 expenditure of funds of such covered entity in
19 developing, modifying, or implementing eligible
20 proposals.

21 “(B) OPTION FOR TRIBAL GOVERN-
22 MENTS.—At the sole discretion of a Tribal Gov-
23 ernment, such Tribal Government may, in lieu
24 of submitting an application under subpara-
25 graph (A), opt to join an application submitted

1 by any other covered entity for an eligible pro-
2 posal relating to agricultural lands under the
3 jurisdiction of such Tribal Government and that
4 are located within, at least in part, the geo-
5 graphic boundary of such covered entity.

6 “(C) SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
8 180 days after the date of enactment of
9 the Farm, Food, and National Security
10 Act of 2026, the Secretary shall solicit ap-
11 plications for grants under this subsection.

12 “(ii) ADDITIONAL SOLICITATIONS.—

13 The Secretary shall solicit applications for
14 funding for eligible proposals on a recur-
15 ring basis after the first round of applica-
16 tions until all amounts appropriated to
17 carry out this subsection are expended.

18 “(D) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—Each
19 application submitted under this paragraph
20 shall include performance measures to be used
21 to evaluate an eligible proposal that was devel-
22 oped, modified, or implemented using a grant
23 received under this subsection.

24 “(4) SELECTION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two
2 years after the date of enactment of the Farm,
3 Food, and National Security Act of 2026, the
4 Secretary shall select applications submitted
5 under paragraph (3) to receive a grant under
6 this subsection in accordance with this para-
7 graph.

8 “(B) CRITERIA.—In selecting applications
9 to receive a grant under this subsection—

10 “(i) in the case of an application for
11 developing or modifying an eligible pro-
12 posal, the Secretary shall select applica-
13 tions for eligible proposals that will, if im-
14 plemented—

15 “(I) have a high potential for
16 carbon sequestration and greenhouse
17 gas emissions reductions; and

18 “(II) increase the resilience of
19 agricultural management systems to
20 extreme weather and climate condi-
21 tions;

22 “(ii) in the case of an application for
23 implementing an eligible proposal, the Sec-
24 retary shall select applications for eligible
25 proposals that—

1 “(I) have a high potential for
2 carbon sequestration or greenhouse
3 gas emissions reductions; and

4 “(II) increase the resilience of
5 agricultural management systems to
6 extreme weather and climate condi-
7 tions; and

8 “(iii) the Secretary shall select appli-
9 cations for eligible proposals that are based
10 on any other criteria that the Secretary de-
11 termines necessary or appropriate to carry
12 out this subsection.

13 “(C) GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY.—In pro-
14 viding grants under this subsection, the Sec-
15 retary shall, to the maximum extent practicable,
16 ensure geographic diversity.

17 “(D) PRIORITY.—In providing grants
18 under this subsection, the Secretary shall give
19 priority to—

20 “(i) a covered entity for an eligible
21 proposal that—

22 “(I) includes dedicated resources
23 to historically underserved producers
24 or farming operations, including—

1 “(aa) beginning farmers or
2 ranchers;

3 “(bb) socially disadvantaged
4 farmers or ranchers;

5 “(cc) veteran farmers and
6 ranchers, as defined in section
7 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture,
8 Conservation, and Trade Act of
9 1990); and

10 “(dd) small or mid-sized
11 farms that are structured as
12 family farms, as defined in sec-
13 tion 761.2 of title 7, Code of
14 Federal Regulations;

15 “(II) includes plans to transition
16 whole farm systems to ecologically
17 sound production systems that—

18 “(aa) increase carbon se-
19 questration;

20 “(bb) reduce greenhouse gas
21 emissions; or

22 “(cc) build resilience to ex-
23 treme weather; or

24 “(III) supports additional con-
25 servation goals, including—

- 1 “(aa) improving soil health;
2 “(bb) erosion control;
3 “(cc) improving nutrient
4 management;
5 “(dd) improving water qual-
6 ity;
7 “(ee) enhancing pollinator
8 forage; and
9 “(ff) habitat restoration;
10 and
11 “(ii) the applicable Tribal Government
12 authority for an eligible proposal that in-
13 cludes use of traditional ecological knowl-
14 edge or indigenous agricultural knowledge
15 practices.
- 16 “(5) PARTNERSHIPS OPTION.—A covered entity
17 may enter into partnership agreements for the devel-
18 opment, modification, or implementation of an eligi-
19 ble proposal with one or more other covered entities.
- 20 “(6) USE OF IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—A
21 covered entity may use a grant provided under para-
22 graph (2)(B) for activities to implement an eligible
23 proposal, including—
24 “(A) provision of technical assistance to
25 producers;

1 “(B) provision of financial assistance to
2 producers;

3 “(C) on-farm research and demonstration;

4 “(D) extension, education, outreach, and
5 training;

6 “(E) monitoring and evaluating soil carbon
7 sequestration, greenhouse gas emissions reduc-
8 tions, and other conservation outcomes;

9 “(F) local producer-to-producer networking
10 and mentoring activities; and

11 “(G) other activities as the Secretary de-
12 termines appropriate.

13 “(7) GRANT TERM.—

14 “(A) DEVELOPMENT AND MODIFICATION
15 GRANTS.—With respect to a grant under para-
16 graph (2)(A), the Secretary—

17 “(i) shall provide such grant for a
18 term of not less than one year and not
19 more than two years; and

20 “(ii) may renew such grant once at
21 the end of a term under clause (i), under
22 which renewal the Secretary may provide
23 additional grant funds after the initial
24 grant funds have been expended.

1 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—With
2 respect to a grant under paragraph (2)(B), the
3 Secretary—

4 “(i) shall provide such grant for a
5 term of not less than one year and not
6 more than five years; and

7 “(ii) may renew such grant at the end
8 of a term under clause (i), under which re-
9 newal the Secretary may provide additional
10 grant funds after the initial grant funds
11 have been expended.

12 “(8) GRANT AMOUNT.—

13 “(A) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary
14 may provide a grant to a covered entity—

15 “(i) in the case of a grant under para-
16 graph (2)(A), in an amount not to exceed
17 \$7,500,000 per fiscal year; and

18 “(ii) in the case of a grant under
19 paragraph (2)(B), in an amount not to ex-
20 ceed \$15,000,000 per fiscal year.

21 “(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—

22 “(i) GRANTS TO CERTAIN COVERED
23 ENTITIES.—The Secretary shall not pro-
24 vide a grant under this subsection to a cov-
25 ered entity that is not an applicable Tribal

1 Government authority in an amount that
2 exceeds—

3 “(I) 75 percent of the cost of de-
4 veloping or modifying an eligible pro-
5 posal under paragraph (2)(A); or

6 “(II) 50 percent of the cost of
7 implementing an eligible proposal
8 under paragraph (2)(B).

9 “(ii) GRANTS TO TRIBAL GOVERN-
10 MENTS.—The Secretary shall not provide a
11 grant under this subsection to an applica-
12 ble Tribal Government authority in an
13 amount that exceeds—

14 “(I) 100 percent of the cost of
15 developing or modifying an eligible
16 proposal under paragraph (2)(A); or

17 “(II) 85 percent of the cost of
18 implementing an eligible proposal
19 under paragraph (2)(B).

20 “(iii) RESTRICTION.—Clause (ii) does
21 not apply to Tribal Governments that opt
22 to join an application submitted by another
23 covered entity under paragraph (3)(B).

24 “(C) NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—The Sec-
25 retary shall provide a grant under this sub-

1 section on the condition that any non-Federal
2 share of expenditures be provided from non-
3 Federal sources.

4 “(9) PERFORMANCE MEASURES REVIEW AND
5 EVALUATION.—Each covered entity that receives a
6 grant under this subsection shall submit to the Sec-
7 retary a review and evaluation of the progress of
8 such covered entity, using the performance measures
9 included in the application under paragraph (3)(D),
10 at such intervals as the Secretary shall establish.

11 “(10) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If the
12 Secretary, after reasonable notice to a covered enti-
13 ty, determines that there has been a failure by such
14 covered entity to comply with the terms of a grant
15 made under this subsection, the Secretary may dis-
16 qualify, for one or more years, such covered entity
17 from receipt of future grants under this subsection.

18 “(11) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—For each year
19 that a covered entity receives funds from a grant
20 provided under this subsection, such covered entity
21 shall—

22 “(A) conduct an audit of any expenditures
23 by such covered entity that were paid for using
24 such funds; and

1 “(B) not later than 30 days after the com-
2 pletion of the audit under subparagraph (A),
3 submit to the Secretary a copy of such audit.

4 “(12) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

5 “(A) SECRETARY.—The Secretary may not
6 use more than 3 percent of the funds made
7 available to carry out this subsection for a fiscal
8 year for administrative expenses.

9 “(B) CERTAIN COVERED ENTITIES.—A
10 covered entity, that is not an applicable Tribal
11 Government authority, receiving a grant under
12 this section may not use more than 10 percent
13 of the granted funds for administrative ex-
14 penses.

15 “(C) TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—An applica-
16 ble Tribal Government authority receiving a
17 grant under this section may not use more than
18 15 percent of the granted funds for administra-
19 tive expenses.

20 “(13) FUNDING.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made
22 available to carry out this subchapter, the Sec-
23 retary shall carry out this subsection using
24 \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027
25 through 2031.

1 “(B) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Sec-
2 retary shall distribute funds made available to
3 carry out this subsection as follows:

4 “(i) At least 33 percent of funds to
5 support the development and modification
6 of eligible proposals under paragraph
7 (2)(A).

8 “(ii) At least 33 percent of funds to
9 support the implementation of eligible pro-
10 posals under paragraph (2)(B).

11 “(C) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—Of the
12 funds made available for grants under this sub-
13 section, 33 percent shall be reserved for grants
14 provided to the applicable Tribal Government
15 authorities.”.

