

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12607. TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) ELIGIBLE COST.—The term “eligible cost”
4 means, with respect to a project—

5 (A) the cost of implementing the project,
6 including—

7 (i) planning and designing the plant-
8 ing activity;

9 (ii) purchasing trees; and

10 (iii) preparing the site and conducting
11 planting, including the labor and cost asso-
12 ciated with the use of machinery;

13 (B) the cost of maintaining and monitoring
14 planted trees for a period of up to 3 years to
15 ensure successful establishment of the trees;

16 (C) the cost of training activities associ-
17 ated with the project; and

1 (D) any other relevant cost, as determined
2 by the Secretary.

3 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
4 ty” means—

5 (A) a State agency;

6 (B) a local governmental entity;

7 (C) an Indian Tribe;

8 (D) a nonprofit organization; and

9 (E) a retail power provider.

10 (3) ENERGY BURDEN.—The term “energy bur-
11 den” means the percentage of household income
12 spent on home energy bills.

13 (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
14 has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in
15 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
16 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

17 (5) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The term
18 “local governmental entity” means any municipal
19 government or county government with jurisdiction
20 over local land use decisions.

21 (6) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
22 “nonprofit organization” means an organization
23 that—

24 (A) is described in section 170(h)(3) of the
25 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

1 (B) operates in accordance with 1 or more
2 of the purposes described in section
3 170(h)(4)(A) of that Code.

4 (7) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
5 the grant program established under subsection
6 (b)(1).

7 (8) PROJECT.—The term “project” means a
8 tree planting project carried out by an eligible entity
9 using grant funds awarded under the Program.

10 (9) RETAIL POWER PROVIDER.—The term “re-
11 tail power provider” means any entity authorized
12 under applicable State or Federal law to generate,
13 distribute, or provide retail electricity, natural gas,
14 or fuel oil service.

15 (10) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
16 means the Secretary of Energy.

17 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
19 tion with the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
20 through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall estab-
21 lish a program under which the Secretary shall
22 award grants to eligible entities to conduct tree
23 planting projects in accordance with this section.

24 (2) TREE PLANTING.—Subject to the avail-
25 ability of appropriations, in carrying out the Pro-

1 gram, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent
2 practicable, award sufficient grants each year to
3 plant not less than 300,000 trees each year.

4 (c) APPLICATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that seeks
6 to receive a grant under the Program shall submit
7 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
8 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
9 retary may require, including the information de-
10 scribed in paragraph (2).

11 (2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted
12 under paragraph (1) shall include—

13 (A) a description of how the project will re-
14 duce residential energy consumption;

15 (B) an estimate of the expected reduction
16 in residential energy consumption;

17 (C) a description of the total eligible costs
18 of the project and sources of funding for the
19 project;

20 (D) a description of the anticipated com-
21 munity and stakeholder engagement in the
22 project;

23 (E) a description of the tree species to be
24 planted and how that species is suitable for the
25 local environmental conditions and climate; and

1 (F) any other relevant information re-
2 quired by the Secretary.

3 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under the Pro-
4 gram, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that—

5 (1) provide the largest potential reduction in
6 residential energy consumption for households with a
7 high energy burden;

8 (2) are located in a neighborhood with lower
9 tree canopy cover and higher maximum daytime
10 summer temperatures;

11 (3) are located in a neighborhood with high
12 amounts of senior citizens or children;

13 (4) will collaboratively engage neighbors and
14 community members that will be closely affected by
15 the tree planting; and

16 (5) will employ a substantial percentage of the
17 workforce locally, with a focus on engaging unem-
18 ployed and underemployed persons.

19 (e) COSTS.—

20 (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Secretary shall
21 award a grant to an eligible entity under the Pro-
22 gram in an amount equal to not more than 75 per-
23 cent of the eligible costs of the project, as deter-
24 mined by the Secretary.

1 (2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—As a condition
2 of receiving a grant under the Program, an eligible
3 entity shall provide, in cash or through in-kind con-
4 tributions from non-Federal sources, matching funds
5 in an amount equal to not less than 25 percent of
6 the eligible costs of the project, as determined by the
7 Secretary.

8 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Pro-
10 gram \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through
11 2025.

