

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-22
OFFERED BY MR. CLEAVER OF MISSOURI

Add at the end of title IX the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9___. TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
4 tablish a program under which the Secretary may award
5 grants to eligible entities to facilitate covered projects in
6 accordance with this section.

7 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the Program,
8 the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Energy.

9 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To receive a grant under the
10 Program, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary
11 an application at such time, in such form, and containing
12 such information as the Secretary may require, including
13 the following:

14 (1) A description of how the proposed covered
15 project will reduce residential energy consumption.

16 (2) An estimate of the expected reduction in
17 residential energy consumption to be achieved by the
18 covered project.

1 (3) A description of the total eligible costs of
2 the project and other sources of funding for the cov-
3 ered project.

4 (4) A description of anticipated community en-
5 gagement in the covered project.

6 (5) A description of the tree species to be plant-
7 ed under the covered project and the suitability of
8 such species to the local environment.

9 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under the Pro-
10 gram, the Secretary shall give priority to covered projects
11 that—

12 (1) provide the largest potential reduction in
13 residential energy consumption for households with a
14 high energy burden;

15 (2) provide maximum amounts of—

16 (A) shade during periods when residences
17 are exposed to the most sun intensity; and

18 (B) wind protection during periods when
19 residences are exposed to the most wind inten-
20 sity;

21 (3) are located in a neighborhood with a low
22 percentage of tree canopy cover;

23 (4) are located in a neighborhood with a high
24 percentage of senior citizens or children;

1 (5) are located in an area where the average
2 annual income is below the regional median;

3 (6) will collaboratively engage community mem-
4 bers to be affected by the tree planting; and

5 (7) will employ local residents as a substantial
6 percentage of the workforce of the covered project,
7 with a focus on local residents who are unemployed
8 or underemployed.

9 (e) TREE PLANTING GOALS.—Subject to the avail-
10 ability of appropriations, the Secretary shall, to the max-
11 imum extent practicable, award grants under the Program
12 in a manner that facilitates the planting of at least
13 300,000 trees each year.

14 (f) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
15 of a covered project assisted by a grant awarded under
16 the Program shall be 90 percent.

17 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Program,
19 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2030.

20 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
22 project” means a tree planting project carried out to
23 reduce residential energy consumption.

24 (2) ELIGIBLE COST.—The term “eligible cost”
25 means, with respect to a covered project—

1 (A) the cost of carrying out the project, in-
2 cluding—

3 (i) planning and design activities;

4 (ii) establishing nurseries to supply
5 trees;

6 (iii) purchasing trees; and

7 (iv) preparing sites and planting trees;

8 (B) the cost of maintaining and monitoring
9 planted trees for a period of not more than 3
10 years;

11 (C) the cost of training activities; and

12 (D) any other cost determined appropriate
13 by the Secretary.

14 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
15 ty” means each of the following:

16 (A) A State government entity.

17 (B) A local government entity.

18 (C) An Indian Tribe.

19 (D) A nonprofit organization.

20 (E) A retail power provider.

21 (4) ENERGY BURDEN.—The term “energy bur-
22 den” means the percentage of household income
23 spent on residential energy bills.

24 (5) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
25 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the

1 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
2 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

3 (6) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY.—The term
4 “local government entity” means any municipal gov-
5 ernment or county government entity with jurisdic-
6 tion over local land use decisions.

7 (7) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
8 “nonprofit organization” means an organization de-
9 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
10 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section
11 501(a) of such Code.

12 (8) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
13 the program established under subsection (a).

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

19 (10) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
20 means the Secretary of Agriculture.

