

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-9
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Page 1611, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 13402. INCENTIVES AND PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE**
2 **WATER USE REDUCTION.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Administrator shall es-
4 tablish a program to provide grants to eligible entities to
5 conserve water or increase water use efficiency, including
6 by providing incentives to covered consumers.

7 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a grant
8 under this section, an eligible entity shall—

9 (1) submit an application to the Administrator
10 at such time, in such form, and containing such in-
11 formation as the Administrator may require; and

12 (2) provide assurances, which the Administrator
13 determines are satisfactory, that the eligible entity
14 will use such grant to supplement, but not supplant,
15 other incentives that are available to a covered con-
16 sumer to conserve water or increase water use effi-
17 ciency.

18 (c) **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—In evaluating an application
2 submitted under subsection (b)(1), the Adminis-
3 trator shall consider—

4 (A) the estimated effect of providing incen-
5 tives;

6 (B) if the eligible entity previously received
7 a grant under this section—

8 (i) the degree to which the use of such
9 grant conserved water or increased water
10 use efficiency; and

11 (ii) whether there are amounts of such
12 grant that remain unused; and

13 (C) whether the eligible entity promotes or
14 implements a program to recycle or manage the
15 disposal of any products that are replaced as a
16 result of the provision of incentives under this
17 section.

18 (2) PRIORITY.—The Administrator shall
19 prioritize providing grants under this section to eligi-
20 ble entities that will provide incentives to low- and
21 middle-income households.

22 (d) USE OF GRANT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
24 ceives a grant under this section shall—

1 (A) use such grant to provide incentives to
2 covered consumers that purchase a product that
3 conserves water or increases water use effi-
4 ciency; or

5 (B) with approval from the Administrator,
6 provide some, or all, of such grant to another
7 eligible entity for use in accordance with sub-
8 paragraph (A).

9 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than
10 50 percent of each grant provided under this section
11 may be used to pay for the administrative cost of
12 providing incentives in accordance with paragraph
13 (1).

14 (3) INCENTIVE AMOUNTS.—With respect to re-
15 bates, vouchers, and other such financial incentives,
16 an eligible entity shall determine the amount to pro-
17 vide based on the following:

18 (A) The amount of the grant provided to
19 the eligible entity under this section.

20 (B) The amount of any other incentives
21 that are available to a covered consumer for the
22 purchase of the product or service.

23 (C) The estimated amount necessary to en-
24 courage a covered consumer to purchase the
25 product or service.

1 (D) As applicable, the costs to a covered
2 consumer for onsite preparation, assembly, and
3 installation of the product or service.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
6 tion—

- 7 (1) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
- 8 (2) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;
- 9 (3) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
- 10 (4) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and
- 11 (5) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.

12 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
14 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
15 mental Protection Agency.

16 (2) COVERED CONSUMER.—The term “covered
17 consumer” means an individual served by an eligible
18 entity.

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

- 21 (A) a State, local, or Tribal government;
- 22 (B) a drinking water utility or wastewater
23 utility;
- 24 (C) a municipal water authority or a re-
25 gional water authority; or

1 (D) a nonprofit organization.

2 (4) INCENTIVE.—The term “incentive” in-
3 cludes—

4 (A) rebates, vouchers, and other financial
5 incentives; and

6 (B) the direct installation of a product or
7 service.

8 (5) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
9 “nonprofit organization” means an organization
10 that—

11 (A) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
12 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
13 501(c)(3)); and

14 (B) is exempt from taxation under section
15 501(a) of such Code.

16 (6) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
17 the several States of the United States, the District
18 of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
19 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Common-
20 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

