

In the Senate of the United States,

May 16, 2018.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3249) entitled “An Act to authorize the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Project Safe Neighbor-*
3 *hoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.***

5 *For the purposes of this Act—*

6 *(1) the term “firearms offenses” means an offense*
7 *under section 922 or 924 of title 18, United States*
8 *Code;*

1 (2) the term “Program” means the Project Safe
2 Neighborhoods Block Grant Program established
3 under section 3; and

4 (3) the term “transnational organized crime
5 group” has the meaning given such term in section
6 36(k)(6) of the State Department Basic Authorities
7 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708(k)(6)).

8 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

9 The Attorney General of the United States is author-
10 ized to establish and carry out a program, to be known as
11 the “Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program”
12 within the Office of Justice Programs at the Department
13 of Justice.

14 **SEC. 4. PURPOSE.**

15 (a) *PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS BLOCK GRANT*
16 *PROGRAM.*—The purpose of the Program is to foster and
17 improve existing partnerships between Federal, State, and
18 local agencies, including the United States Attorney in each
19 Federal judicial district, entities representing members of
20 the community affected by increased violence, victims’ advo-
21 cates, and researchers to create safer neighborhoods through
22 sustained reductions in violent crimes by—

23 (1) developing and executing comprehensive stra-
24 tegic plans to reduce violent crimes, including the en-
25 forcement of gun laws, and prioritizing efforts focused

1 on identified subsets of individuals or organizations
2 responsible for increasing violence in a particular ge-
3 ographic area;

4 (2) developing evidence-based and data-driven
5 intervention and prevention initiatives, including ju-
6 venile justice projects and activities which may in-
7 clude street-level outreach, conflict mediation, provi-
8 sion of treatment and social services, and the chang-
9 ing of community norms, in order to reduce violence;
10 and

11 (3) collecting data on outcomes achieved through
12 the Program, including the effect on the violent crime
13 rate, incarceration rate, and recidivism rate of the ju-
14 risdiction.

15 (b) *ADDITIONAL PURPOSE AREAS.*—In addition to the
16 purpose described in subsection (a), the Attorney General
17 may use funds authorized under this Act for any of the fol-
18 lowing purposes—

19 (1) competitive and evidence-based programs to
20 reduce gun crime and gang violence;

21 (2) the Edward Byrne criminal justice innova-
22 tion program;

23 (3) community-based violence prevention initia-
24 tives; or

1 (4) *gang and youth violence education, preven-*
2 *tion and intervention, and related activities.*

3 **SEC. 5. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Attorney General shall issue*
5 *guidance to create, carry out, and administer the Program*
6 *in accordance with this section.*

7 (b) *FUNDS TO BE DIRECTED TO LOCAL CONTROL.*—
8 *Amounts made available as grants under the Program shall*
9 *be, to the greatest extent practicable, locally controlled to*
10 *address problems that are identified locally.*

11 (c) *TASK FORCES.*—*Thirty percent of the amounts*
12 *made available as grants under the Program each fiscal*
13 *year shall be granted to Gang Task Forces in regions expe-*
14 *riencing a significant or increased presence of criminal or*
15 *transnational organizations engaging in high levels of vio-*
16 *lent crime, firearms offenses, human trafficking, and drug*
17 *trafficking.*

18 (d) *PRIORITY.*—*Amounts made available as grants*
19 *under the Program shall be used to prioritize the investiga-*
20 *tion and prosecution of individuals who have an aggra-*
21 *vating or leadership role in a criminal or transnational*
22 *organization described in subsection (c).*

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attor-*
3 *ney General to carry out the Program \$50,000,000 for each*
4 *of fiscal years 2019 through 2021.*

Attest:

Secretary.

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H.R. 3249

AMENDMENT