

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2993

To authorize the Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2021

Mr. POCAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To authorize the Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities Program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Educational Partner-
5 ships for Innovation in Communities Program Authoriza-
6 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR INNOVATION IN**
2 **COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

3 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation, in coordination with the Secretary of Housing and
5 Urban Development, shall competitively award a grant to
6 a nonprofit organization to train and support institutions
7 of higher education to better assist local governments, by
8 leveraging existing graduate and undergraduate classes at
9 a large scale in order to magnify impact, with projects of
10 need.

11 (b) AWARD AMOUNT AND DURATION.—The amount
12 of an award made pursuant to this Act shall be not more
13 than \$10,000,000 and shall be made available for a period
14 not to exceed 3 years.

15 (c) PERMISSIBLE USE OF AWARD FUNDS.—Awards
16 made pursuant to this Act may be used to enter into
17 agreements with any additional entity needed in order to
18 complete a project of need.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

20 (1) the term “institution of higher education”
21 has the meaning given in section 101 or section 102
22 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
23 1001, 1002(c));

24 (2) the term “local government” means a coun-
25 ty, municipality, town, township, village, parish, bor-

1 ough, or other unit of general government below the
2 state level;

3 (3) the term “nonprofit organization” means an
4 entity that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

6 (4) the term “project of need” means a project
7 identified by a local government that would benefit
8 from the expertise of an institution of higher edu-
9 cation’s faculty and students, and that advances a
10 sustainable development goal; and

11 (5) the term “sustainable development goal”
12 means a goal pertaining to climate change, home-
13 lessness, housing affordability, disaster resiliency,
14 equity, economic opportunity, workforce develop-
15 ment, and other similar high-road development prin-
16 ciples.

17 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of the
19 fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for the purposes of car-
20 rying out the provisions of this Act.

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