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To establish within the Department of Health and Human Services a Division on Community Safety, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BUSH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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; PURPOSES.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “The People’s Response Act”.

6 (b) **PURPOSE.**—It is the purpose of this Act to—

7 (1) catalyze, coordinate, and disseminate re-
8 search on approaches to community safety that re-

1 duce criminal justice contact while expanding oppor-
2 tunity, including a particular focus on groups that
3 have been disproportionately harmed by the criminal
4 justice system;

5 (2) support State governments, local govern-
6 ments, and community-based organizations in imple-
7 menting qualified approaches to community safety;

8 (3) mobilize and coordinate Federal resources
9 to advance qualified approaches to community safe-
10 ty;

11 (4) expand resources to holistically support sur-
12 vivors of mass incarceration, police violence, rape
13 and other forms of sexual assault, harm resulting
14 from detention or deportation, and other forms of vi-
15 olence and abuse; and

16 (5) expand resources to holistically support
17 communities of color, particularly Black commu-
18 nities, to implement qualified approaches to commu-
19 nity safety.

20 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST.**—The term
23 “community land trust” means a community-based
24 organization that is designed to ensure community
25 stewardship of land and—

1 (A) is not sponsored by a for-profit organi-
2 zation;

3 (B) has a membership open to any adult
4 who resides in the particular geographic area in
5 which the organization operates; and

6 (C) provides low-cost land and housing
7 while maintaining community control over
8 neighborhood resources, including by acquiring
9 land that will be held in perpetuity so as to pro-
10 vide permanently affordable homeownership to
11 those who might not otherwise be able to afford
12 a home.

13 (2) FIRST RESPONDER.—The term “first re-
14 sponder” includes a licensed therapist, psychiatrist,
15 doctor, nurse, psychologist, peer support worker,
16 peer, teacher, mentor, counselor, peer support spe-
17 cialist, violence intervention worker, and other com-
18 munity-members with relevant experience who re-
19 spond to crises in a way that meets the definition of
20 qualified approaches to public safety.

21 (3) QUALIFIED APPROACH TO COMMUNITY
22 SAFETY.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified ap-
24 proach to community safety” means, with re-
25 spect to a program or service, that the program

1 or service is established or provided in a man-
2 ner that is disconnected from carceral institu-
3 tions, including law enforcement, criminal
4 courts, prosecution, probation, child welfare
5 services, or immigration enforcement.

6 (B) DISCONNECTED.— For purposes of
7 subparagraph (A), the term “disconnected from
8 carceral institutions” means having no relation-
9 ship with respect to administration, staffing, or
10 funding, or otherwise cooperating with, collabo-
11 rating with, or reporting to, any carceral insti-
12 tution in any situation, except where the pro-
13 gram or service involved is bound to engage in
14 such cooperation or reporting by existing Fed-
15 eral, State, or local law.”

16 (4) PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING.—The term
17 “participatory budgeting” means a democratic en-
18 gagement process in which community members de-
19 liberate and decide directly how to allocate a portion
20 of a public budget.

21 (5) SAFETY NEEDS ASSESSMENT.—The term
22 “safety needs assessment” means a systematic,
23 participatory process for identifying the safety needs
24 in the local community. Such process shall include—

1 (A) soliciting input from persons who rep-
2 resent the broad interests of the local commu-
3 nity, including those who have been directly im-
4 pacted by arrest, incarceration, criminal super-
5 vision, immigration detention, or other criminal
6 justice system involvement;

7 (B) identifying the structural, systemic
8 factors that may lead community members to
9 feel unsafe or may increase the risk that com-
10 munity members may become involved with the
11 criminal justice system;

12 (C) identifying existing resources that are
13 potentially available to address those safety
14 needs as well as any other gaps in necessary re-
15 sources; and

16 (D) providing opportunities that allow peo-
17 ple meaningful opportunities to review, com-
18 ment on, and provide suggested modifications
19 to the draft assessment, such as through public
20 hearings, online publication, and a comment pe-
21 riod that allows sufficient time for community
22 feedback.

23 (6) STATE.—The term “State” means any
24 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
25 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Is-

1 lands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern
2 Mariana Islands.

3 (7) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
4 “unit of local government” means a any city, county,
5 township, town, borough, parish, village, or other
6 general purpose political subdivision of a State.

7 **TITLE I—DIVISION ON** 8 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

9 **SEC. 101. DIVISION ON COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the
11 Department of Health and Human Services a Division of
12 Community Safety (referred to in this Act as the “Divi-
13 sion”). The Division shall be headed by an Assistant Sec-
14 retary for Community Safety (referred to in this Act as
15 the “Assistant Secretary”) who shall be designated by and
16 report directly to the Secretary of Health and Human
17 Services.

18 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Division shall have re-
19 sponsibility for overseeing activities that promote qualified
20 approaches to community safety, including—

21 (1) coordinating and carrying out other over-
22 sight activities with respect to the grant programs
23 established under title II;

24 (2) funding, conducting, and publicly dissemi-
25 nating the findings of, research into policies, pro-

1 grams, infrastructure, and other investments that
2 serve to increase qualified approaches to community
3 safety, including through interdisciplinary collabora-
4 tions involving scholars, nonprofits, and other non-
5 governmental actors;

6 (3) providing and funding technical assistance
7 to State and local governments to implement quali-
8 fied approaches to community safety;

9 (4) establishing—

10 (A) the Community Advisory Board under
11 section 102;

12 (B) the Federal Health Response Unit
13 under section 103 ;

14 (C) the Interagency Task force under sec-
15 tion 104;

16 (D) the Community Safety and Crisis Re-
17 sponse Grant for community-led organizations
18 under section 201;

19 (E) the Community Safety and Crisis Re-
20 sponse Grant for Local Governments under sec-
21 tion 202;

22 (F) the Community Safety and Crisis Re-
23 sponse Grant for States under section 203; and

24 (G) the First Responders Hiring Grants
25 under section 204;

1 (5) coordinating, streamlining, and imple-
2 menting qualified approaches to community safety in
3 collaboration with the Assistant Secretary for the
4 Administration for Children and Families, Director
5 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
6 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services
7 Administration, Director of the Indian Health Serv-
8 ice, and the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health
9 and Substances Use, and other relevant agencies
10 within the Department of Health and Human Serv-
11 ices;

12 (6) supporting and helping to coordinate inter-
13 agency initiatives that advance, streamline, and oth-
14 erwise implement qualified approaches to community
15 safety;

16 (7) administering grant programs that support
17 State governments, local governments, and commu-
18 nity-based organizations in implementing qualified
19 approaches to increasing community safety;

20 (8) providing to the public updates, findings,
21 and recommendations on qualified approaches to
22 community safety collected from the reports made by
23 recipients of grants under title II; and

24 (9) establishing and maintaining a complaint
25 system responsible for the resolution of complaints

1 from members of the general public regarding grant
2 funding for programs not compliant with the quali-
3 fied approaches to community safety standard.

4 **SEC. 102. COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Division shall establish an
6 advisory board to oversee the activities of the Division es-
7 tablished under section 101 and grant programs under
8 title II, to be known as the Community Advisory Board
9 (referred to in this Act as the “Advisory Board”).

10 (b) COMPOSITION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Board shall be
12 composed of individuals, to be selected by the Sec-
13 retary. Such members shall reflect the racial, reli-
14 gious, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, disability
15 status, immigration status, and other diversities of
16 the United States, including representation for
17 Black people, Asian American people, Latinx people,
18 Indigenous people, lesbian, gay, bisexual,
19 transgender, and queer people, women, youth, dis-
20 abled people, undocumented and formerly undocu-
21 mented immigrants, and other groups that have
22 been disproportionately disadvantaged by the crimi-
23 nal justice system.

24 (2) REPRESENTATION.—The Assistant Sec-
25 retary shall ensure that a certain number of individ-

1 uals selected to serve as members of the Advisory
2 Board—

3 (A) have personal experience with the
4 criminal justice system, including —

5 (i) individuals who have been detained
6 or incarcerated;

7 (ii) individuals who are currently on
8 community supervision (such as probation
9 or parole) or who have been on community
10 supervision;

11 (iii) individuals who have been ar-
12 rested or cited by law enforcement;

13 (iv) individuals who have been directly
14 impacted by police violence or other forms
15 of violence, including domestic violence,
16 sexual assault, rape, and other forms of
17 sexual or intimate partner violence; and

18 (v) immediate family members of indi-
19 viduals who have been directly impacted by
20 police violence; and

21 (B) are advocates or grassroots practi-
22 tioners working to advance educational equity,
23 health equity, housing equity, environmental
24 justice, racial justice, gender justice, disability
25 justice, or Indigenous justice.

1 (3) PAY.—Members of the Advisory Board shall
2 serve at a rate of pay to be determined by the Sec-
3 retary.

4 (4) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The duties of the Ad-
5 visory Board are as follows:

6 (A) Approving annual priorities and fund-
7 ing for research and technical assistance and
8 evaluating, on an annual basis research con-
9 ducted or supported by the Division and tech-
10 nical assistance provided by the Division.

11 (B) Based on the evaluations conducted
12 under paragraph (5), producing, and submitting
13 to the Administrator, annual recommendations
14 on the following:

15 (i) Whether activities conducted by
16 the Division adequately reflect the specific
17 needs and interests of all individuals, in-
18 cluding Black individuals, Asian American
19 individuals, Latinx individuals, Indigenous
20 individuals, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
21 transgender individuals, disabled individ-
22 uals, and other individuals who are mem-
23 bers of communities that have been dis-
24 proportionately impacted by the immigra-
25 tion and criminal justice system.

1 (ii) Whether funding made available
2 to the Division is sufficiently flowing to or-
3 ganizations that are led by individuals re-
4 ferred to in clause (i).

5 (iii) Changes that the Division could
6 make to address any issues uncovered dur-
7 ing such evaluations, including ways to en-
8 sure that grants awarded under this title
9 are serving to enhance racial equity and
10 benefit community-based organizations
11 that have diverse leadership and composi-
12 tion.

13 (5) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the
14 date on which the Division receives the recommenda-
15 tions under paragraph (4)(E), the Division shall
16 submit a report to Congress, which details—

17 (A) steps the Division has taken or will
18 take to implement the Advisory Board’s rec-
19 ommendations; or

20 (B) for any recommendations not imple-
21 mented or planned to be implemented, an expla-
22 nation as to why such recommendation was in-
23 feasible or conflicted with the Division’s statu-
24 tory obligations.

1 **SEC. 103. FEDERAL HEALTH RESPONSE UNIT.**

2 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
3 establish a Federal health response unit, to be known as
4 the “Federal Health Response Unit”, which shall—

5 (1) respond, through a response unit trained in
6 accordance with training developed under paragraph

7 (2), to any public health emergency—

8 (A) declared by the Secretary of Health
9 and Human Services under section 319 of the
10 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d); or

11 (B) with respect to which the head of a
12 State public health agency makes a request to
13 the Secretary for assistance;

14 (2) develop, provide for the training of, and
15 hire, not fewer than 5,000 personnel to respond to
16 such an emergency;

17 (3) develop, and provide to States and units of
18 local government, guidelines for qualified approaches
19 to community safety;

20 (4) support local educational agencies as de-
21 fined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
22 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)
23 with resources, personnel and services that create
24 truly safe and inclusive schools;

25 (5) provide States and units of local govern-
26 ment with personnel to improve access to health

1 services and address the public health emergency de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1) within their respective ju-
3 risdiction; and

4 (6) coordinate with the commissioned Regular
5 corps and Ready Reserve Corps under section 203 of
6 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 204), the
7 Medical Reserve Corps under section 2813 of the
8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-15),
9 and State-level agencies and crisis response teams.

10 **SEC. 104. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and
12 Human Services shall establish an interagency task force
13 (referred to in this Act as the “Task Force”) to coordinate
14 and promote holistic, qualified approaches to community
15 safety.

16 (b) MEMBERS.—The Task Force shall be composed
17 of the following members:

18 (1) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
19 ices, or the designee of the Secretary.

20 (2) The Attorney General, or the designee of
21 the Attorney General.

22 (3) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
23 opment, or the designee of the Secretary.

24 (4) The Secretary of Education, or the designee
25 of the Secretary.

1 (5) The Secretary of Labor, or the designee of
2 the Secretary.

3 (6) The Administrator of the Environmental
4 Protection Agency, or the designee of the Adminis-
5 trator.

6 (7) Other agencies, as determined necessary by
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

8 (c) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall:

9 (1) Conduct a comprehensive audit of all funds
10 allocated and programs supported by the Depart-
11 ment of Justice and other Federal agencies that
12 fund law enforcement, jails, prisons, and other de-
13 tention facilities, and other coercive or carceral ap-
14 proaches to community safety.

15 (2) Conduct a comprehensive audit that as-
16 sesses all Federal funds allocated to, as well as Fed-
17 eral programs supporting, initiatives that are in-
18 tended to enhance qualified approaches to commu-
19 nity safety, disaggregated by jurisdiction.

20 (3) Facilitate ongoing efforts to streamline the
21 application, monitoring, and reporting processes to
22 make Federal funds provided pursuant to any grant
23 made under this Act maximally accessible to small,
24 grassroots organizations that work to develop, imple-

1 ment, or evaluate qualified approaches to community
2 safety.

3 (d) MEETINGS.—For the purpose of carrying out this
4 section, the Task Force may hold such meetings, and sit
5 and act at such times and places, as the Task Force con-
6 siders appropriate.

7 (e) INFORMATION.—The Task Force may secure di-
8 rectly from any Federal agency such information as may
9 be necessary to enable the Task Force to carry out this
10 section. Upon request of the Chairperson of the Task
11 Force, the head of such agency shall furnish such informa-
12 tion to the Task Force.

13 (f) REPORTS.—For the purposes of enabling the
14 Task Force to carry out the audits required under sub-
15 section (c), not less than once every six months—

16 (1) the Secretary of Education shall submit to
17 the Assistant Secretary a report that contains with
18 respect to each recipient of a grant awarded by the
19 Secretary a profile of such recipient and in the case
20 of any such recipient that is a State or unit of local
21 government—

22 (A) the needs of school health providers in
23 the relevant jurisdiction; and

24 (B) information on the applicable local
25 school population, including the largest barriers

1 to the safety of the school population (including
2 when school is not in session);

3 (2) the Attorney General shall submit to the
4 Assistant Secretary a report that contains with re-
5 spect to each recipient of a grant awarded by the
6 Secretary a profile of such recipient and in the case
7 of any such recipient that is a State or unit of local
8 government—

9 (A) the amount of grant funds awarded to
10 the jurisdiction under a grant administered by
11 the Attorney General;

12 (B) the recipients progress in meeting the
13 purposes specified in section 1, including—

14 (i) the number of residents who are
15 being incarcerated, criminally supervised,
16 or otherwise confined in any coercive insti-
17 tutional structure and how these numbers
18 have changed over time;

19 (ii) the amount and type of any fines,
20 fees, or other financial obligations owed by
21 residents to any component of the criminal
22 justice system;

23 (iii) the amount and type of contact
24 that residents have with the criminal jus-
25 tice system; and

1 (iv) racial disparities in arrest, incar-
2 ceration, criminal supervision, school dis-
3 cipline, and other areas that people may
4 contact the criminal justice system.

5 **SEC. 105. NON-DISCRIMINATION.**

6 No person in the United States shall, on the basis
7 of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin,
8 sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), or
9 disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the
10 benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under—

11 (1) any program or activity funded, in whole or
12 in part, with funds made available under this title;
13 or

14 (2) any other program or activity funded, in
15 whole or in part, with funds appropriated for grants,
16 cooperative agreements, and other assistance admin-
17 istered by the Assistant Secretary.

18 **TITLE II—GRANTS IN SUPPORT**
19 **OF COMMUNITY SAFETY**

20 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND**
21 **CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT FOR COMMUNITY-**
22 **LED ORGANIZATIONS.**

23 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary
24 of Health and Human Services (in this Act referred to
25 as the “Secretary”), shall award grants, on a rolling basis,

1 to community-based organizations that are designing, im-
2 plementing, monitoring, or otherwise supporting qualified
3 approaches to community safety.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—A community-based organization
5 seeking a grant under this section shall submit an applica-
6 tion to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
7 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

8 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
9 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to community-based
10 organizations that—

11 (1) serve, are located in, and directly employ
12 people who live in, communities that have been dis-
13 proportionately impacted by the immigration or
14 criminal justice system, as evidenced by high rates
15 of individuals who have been cited, arrested, or in-
16 carcerated in the year preceding the year for which
17 the application for such grant is submitted;

18 (2) are led by, or employ, individuals who have
19 been directly impacted by the criminal justice sys-
20 tem, including via arrests, incarceration, witnessing
21 or being victims of police violence, or having a family
22 member who was arrested, incarcerated, or a victim
23 of police violence;

1 (3) are led by individuals who have proven ties
2 to the community in which the organization oper-
3 ates;

4 (4) are located in, or primarily serve, Native
5 American communities on and off of reservations,
6 including Urban Indian (as defined in section 4 of
7 the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
8 1603)) communities; or

9 (5) have a leadership that reflects the racial di-
10 versity of the community in which the organization
11 operates.

12 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A community-based organiza-
13 tion receiving funds under this section shall use such grant
14 funds for any purpose that has demonstrable connection
15 to improving community safety through the use of quali-
16 fied approaches to community safety, including grant writ-
17 ing or funding that furthers one or more of the following
18 purposes:

19 (1) Crisis intervention, including unarmed first
20 responder agencies and 9–1–1 dispatchers for divert-
21 ing calls to first responders.

22 (2) To implement qualified approaches to com-
23 munity safety, including violence and abuse interrup-
24 tion and prevention programs, neighborhood medi-
25 ation programs, safe passage to school programs,

1 youth and mentorship programs, after school and
2 enrichment programs, and infrastructure invest-
3 ments including park redevelopment, streetlights,
4 and public transportation.

5 (3) To implement public health activities and
6 expand access to voluntary health services, including
7 harm reduction-based treatment for mental health
8 and substance use, long-term supportive housing,
9 lead abatement, pollution reduction, and nutrition
10 access, such as through establishing farmers mar-
11 kets, nonprofit and employee-owned grocery stores,
12 and school-based nutrition programs.

13 (4) To implement housing security programs
14 and initiatives, including community land trusts and
15 housing for individuals experiencing temporary or
16 chronic homelessness.

17 (5) To provide support for youth and families,
18 including school-based counselors, trauma-informed
19 practices, social-emotional learning programs, wrap-
20 around services, and two-generational programming.

21 (6) To provide support for victims, including
22 survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and
23 rape, and targeted services to help victims, wit-
24 nesses, and survivors process trauma, achieve finan-
25 cial and housing independence, make individualized,

1 needs-based safety plans, and otherwise access the
2 help that they need.

3 (7) To provide reentry support for people who
4 are exiting incarceration or criminal supervision, in-
5 cluding educational and workforce programs, sti-
6 pends, housing programs, and support for worker
7 coops.

8 (8) To provide capacity building support to
9 local advocates and community-based organizations,
10 including legal assistance, and startup assistance for
11 coops, community land trusts, and nonprofit organi-
12 zations.

13 (e) GRANT AMOUNTS.—In determining the amount
14 of a grant awarded to a single community-based organiza-
15 tion under this section, the Secretary shall base such de-
16 termination on—

17 (1) the number of people who will be served by
18 the program or intervention;

19 (2) the depth of need demonstrated, including
20 attention to specific activities planned, the socio-
21 economic characteristics of the community served by
22 the organization, and current patterns of criminal
23 justice involvement; and

24 (3) such other factors as the Secretary deter-
25 mines are relevant.

1 (e) LIMITATION.—Funds made available under this
2 section may be used only to carry out programs, services,
3 or activities that use qualified approaches to community
4 safety.

5 (f) REPORTING.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than
7 one year after the date on which a community-based
8 organization receives a grant under this section, and
9 annually thereafter, the organization shall prepare
10 and submit a report to the Secretary and Assistant
11 Secretary containing such information as the Sec-
12 retary may require, including—

13 (A) the use of grant funds;

14 (B) an estimation of the number of people
15 served through activities carried out using
16 grant funds, including demographic information
17 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, gender,
18 disability status sexuality, immigration status,
19 zip code, and socioeconomic status (where such
20 information is reasonably available and volun-
21 tarily provided); and

22 (C) any relevant feedback received by such
23 organization from the populations served by
24 such organization regarding—

1 (i) the efficacy of support from
2 sources other than programs and services
3 provided by such organization using grant
4 funds; and

5 (ii) additional resources and services
6 needed by such populations with respect to
7 improving community safety.

8 (2) PRIVACY.—The report submitted to the
9 Secretary and Division of Community Safety pursu-
10 ant to this section must protect the privacy of the
11 individuals served. All of the information gathered
12 as part of the reporting process shall be aggregated,
13 anonymized, and used only for the purposes listed in
14 this section and shall not be used to initiate or con-
15 tribute to any criminal, legal, immigration, or Child
16 Protective Services actions or proceedings, except
17 where such reporting is required by law.

18 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022
21 through 2026.

1 **SEC. 202. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND**
2 **CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT FOR LOCAL GOV-**
3 **ERNMENTS.**

4 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary
5 shall award grants, on a rolling basis, to units of local
6 government to conduct research on, fund, and otherwise
7 support the development of qualified approaches to com-
8 munity safety.

9 (b) APPLICATION.—A unit of local government seek-
10 ing a grant under this section shall submit an application
11 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
12 taining such information as the Secretary may require, in-
13 cluding an assurance that the unit of local government
14 shall develop, and submit to the Secretary, during the
15 grant period, a safety needs assessment to guide local in-
16 vestments in qualified approaches to community safety.

17 (c) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under this
18 section, the Secretary shall give a preference to a unit of
19 local government that—

20 (1) has taken steps toward, or is submitting
21 proposals within the application for such a grant for
22 purposes of—

23 (A) increasing human liberty, including
24 through measures that reduce incarceration,
25 pretrial detention, arrests, criminal supervision,

1 immigration detention, and other forms of
2 criminal justice involvement;

3 (B) ending the criminalization of poverty,
4 mental illness, homelessness, substance use, and
5 related issues by addressing root causes of
6 those issues rather than imposing criminal pun-
7 ishment and other punitive responses; or

8 (C) ending racial, economic, gender, and
9 other disparities in criminal punishment, includ-
10 ing discipline in schools;

11 (2) has a high rate of poverty, as well as dis-
12 proportionately high shares of residents who have
13 been impacted by violence and criminal justice sys-
14 tem (as determined by the Secretary); or

15 (3) has prepared and developed the application
16 submitted under this section in consultation with the
17 community the unit of local government serves, espe-
18 cially individuals in such community who have been
19 directly impacted by the criminal justice system.

20 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A unit of local government re-
21 ceiving funds under this section shall use such grant funds
22 to implement one or more of the following:

23 (1) Establish or designating a community-led
24 entity that—

1 (A) employs qualified approaches to com-
2 munity safety; and

3 (B) can coordinate and make investments
4 in community safety, including by using
5 participatory budgeting or other community-led
6 processes.

7 (2) Develop a safety needs assessment.

8 (3) Invest in programs, interventions, or policy
9 initiatives that have a demonstrable connection to
10 improving community safety, including programs
11 interventions, or policy initiatives that are designed
12 to address needs related to economic stability, sur-
13 vivor safety, physical and behavioral health, environ-
14 mental safety, housing stability, and educational eq-
15 uity and opportunity such as those listed in section
16 201(d).

17 (e) GRANT AMOUNTS.—In determining the amount
18 of a grant awarded to a State or unit of local government
19 under this section, the Secretary shall base such deter-
20 mination on—

21 (1) the number of people who live in the juris-
22 diction of the local government;

23 (2) the depth of need demonstrated, including
24 attention to activities planned, the socioeconomic
25 characteristics of the community and residents with-

1 in that jurisdiction, and current patterns of spend-
2 ing in systems of incarceration; and

3 (3) such other factors as the Secretary deter-
4 mines are relevant.

5 (f) LIMITATION.—Funds made available under this
6 section may be used only to carry out programs, services,
7 or activities that use qualified approaches to community
8 safety.

9 (g) REPORTING.—Beginning not later than one year
10 after the date on which a local government receives a
11 grant under this section, and annually thereafter, the unit
12 of local government shall prepare and submit to the Sec-
13 retary, and make publicly available, a report containing
14 information about—

15 (1) how the grant funds were used;

16 (2) the number of people who were cited, ar-
17 rested, or jailed by any State or local law enforce-
18 ment officers in the previous year in the jurisdiction
19 of the local government, as compared to the number
20 cited, arrest, or jailed during the term of the grant;

21 (3) the reasons for such citing, arresting, or de-
22 tained or imprisoned;

23 (4) demographic data of individuals cited, ar-
24 rested, or jailed or referred by local law enforcement

1 officers, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, gen-
2 der, disability status, and socioeconomic status; and

3 (5) the percentage of grant funds that ulti-
4 mately benefitted community-based organizations.

5 (h) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—An unit of local
6 government receiving a grant under this section may use
7 Federal funds received through the grant only to supple-
8 ment the funds that would, without such Federal funds,
9 be made available from State and local sources, and not
10 to supplant such funds.

11 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated to implement this sec-
13 tion \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022
14 through 2026.

15 **SEC. 203. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND**
16 **CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM FOR**
17 **STATES.**

18 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary
19 shall award grants, on a rolling basis, to States to conduct
20 research on, fund, and otherwise support the development
21 of qualified approaches to community safety.

22 (b) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under
23 this section shall submit an application to the Secretary
24 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-

1 mation as the Secretary may require, including an assur-
2 ance that the State shall—

3 (1) establish or designate a State agency, de-
4 partment, or office to oversee and support the use
5 of health-centered and preventative approaches to
6 public safety statewide; and

7 (2) demonstrate ongoing financial support for
8 qualified approaches to community safety, either
9 through committing in the State budget for the year
10 before the grant is awarded for such purpose—

11 (A) a fixed sum;

12 (B) a percentage of a specified State rev-
13 enue stream; or

14 (C) an amount that is equivalent to the
15 amount of funds the State is saving from a re-
16 duction in criminal justice spending.

17 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
18 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to a State that meets
19 one or more of the same criteria specified in paragraphs
20 (1), (2), and (3) of section 202(c).

21 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State receiving funds under
22 this section shall use such grant funds to implement one
23 or more of the policies specified in section 202(d).

1 (e) GRANT AMOUNTS.—In determining the amount
2 of a grant awarded to a single recipient under this section,
3 the Secretary shall base such determination on—

4 (1) the number of people who live in the State;

5 (2) the depth of need demonstrated, including
6 attention to activities planned, the socioeconomic
7 characteristics of the community, and current pat-
8 terns of involvement in the criminal justice system;
9 and

10 (3) such other factors as the Secretary deter-
11 mines are relevant; and

12 (f) LIMITATION.—Funds made available under this
13 section may be used only to carry out programs, services,
14 or activities that use qualified approaches to community
15 safety.

16 (g) REPORTING.—Beginning not later than one year
17 after the date on which a State receives a grant under
18 this section, and annually thereafter, such State shall pre-
19 pare and submit a report to the Secretary containing in-
20 formation about—

21 (1) how the grant funds were used;

22 (2) the number of people who were cited, ar-
23 rested, or jailed by State or local law enforcement
24 officers in the previous year, as compared to the

1 number cited, arrest, or jailed during the term of
2 the grant;

3 (3) the reasons for such citing, arresting, or
4 jailing; and

5 (4) demographic data of individuals cited, ar-
6 rested, or jailed or referred by State or local law en-
7 forcement officers, disaggregated by race, ethnicity,
8 age, gender, disability status, and socioeconomic sta-
9 tus.

10 (h) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—A State shall
11 use Federal funds received under this section only to sup-
12 plement the funds that would, without such Federal funds,
13 be made available from State and local sources, and not
14 to supplant such funds.

15 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 are authorized to be appropriated to implement this sec-
17 tion \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022
18 through 2026.

19 **SEC. 204. FIRST RESPONDER HIRING GRANTS.**

20 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall
21 carry out a grant program under which the Secretary
22 makes grants to community-based organizations, health
23 departments, States, units of local government, Indian
24 tribal governments, other public and private entities, and

1 multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia for the purposes
2 described under subsection (b).

3 (b) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—A grant awarded
4 under subsection (a) may be used to—

5 (1) hire and train first responders;

6 (2) procure equipment, technology, support sys-
7 tems, or pay overtime, to increase the number of
8 first responders available to a community;

9 (3) increase the number of first responders in-
10 volved in activities that are focused on interaction
11 with members of the community on crisis response
12 and community violence and trauma prevention;

13 (4) provide training to first responders to en-
14 hance their conflict resolution, mediation, problem
15 solving, service, and other skills needed to work in
16 partnership with members of the community;

17 (5) develop and implement innovative programs
18 that support members of the community to work
19 with community-based organizations, emergency first
20 responders, and State, Tribal, and local officials in
21 community violence and trauma prevention efforts;
22 and

23 (6) establish school-based partnerships by em-
24 ploying and retaining first responders in pre-Kinder-
25 garten, elementary, and secondary schools to support

1 trauma-informed care and behavioral and mental
2 health services, and to operate school-based health
3 centers in local schools.

4 (c) **LIMITATION ON GRANT FUNDS.**—Funds made
5 available under this section may be used only to carry out
6 programs, services, or activities that use qualified ap-
7 proaches to community safety.

8 (d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
10 \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022
11 through 2026.

12 **SEC. 205. NON-DISCRIMINATION.**

13 No person in the United States shall, on the basis
14 of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin,
15 sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), or
16 disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the
17 benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under—

18 (1) any program or activity funded, in whole or
19 in part, with funds made available under this title;
20 or

21 (2) any other program or activity funded, in
22 whole or in part, with funds appropriated for grants,
23 cooperative agreements, and other assistance admin-
24 istered by the Assistant Secretary.