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H. R. 3089

To authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to make grants to local governments for flood mitigation projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 4, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rebuilding the Econ-
5 omy and Limiting the Impacts of Expected Flooding Act
6 of 2011” or the “RELIEF Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEMA GRANTS FOR FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS.**

2 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Adminis-
3 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
4 may make grants to local governments for flood mitigation
5 projects.

6 (b) **APPLICATIONS.**—To be eligible to receive a grant
7 under this section, a local government shall submit to the
8 Administrator an application that is in such form and con-
9 tains such information as the Administrator may require.

10 (c) **ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.**—A local government may
11 apply for a grant under this section on its own, in coordi-
12 nation with other local governments, or in coordination
13 with a State. In each case, a local government shall be
14 the lead applicant for the grant.

15 (d) **SELECTION OF PROJECTS.**—In selecting projects
16 to receive grant assistance under this section, the Admin-
17 istrator shall give priority to—

18 (1) projects that will resolve the greatest safety
19 and property hazards; and

20 (2) projects with significant capacities for job
21 creation.

22 (e) **CONSULTATION.**—The Administrator may consult
23 with the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agri-
24 culture with respect to a project receiving grant assistance
25 under this section in order to employ any engineering data

1 or design work that has been already been completed with
2 respect to the project.

3 (f) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
4 of a project carried out using grant assistance under this
5 section may not exceed 90 percent.

6 (g) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROGRAMS.—The Ad-
7 ministrator may provide grant assistance to a local govern-
8 ment for a flood mitigation project under this section with-
9 out regard to the eligibility of the local government to re-
10 ceive financial assistance for the project under another
11 Federal program.

12 (h) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNTS.—A local gov-
13 ernment may not receive more than \$5,000,000 in grants
14 under this section in a fiscal year.

15 (i) LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEFINED.—In this section,
16 the term “local government” has the meaning given that
17 term in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
18 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

19 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016.

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