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# H. R. 9871

To establish grants to combat opioid trafficking.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Ms. PEREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “End Fentanyl Traf-  
5 ficking with Local Task Forces Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Omnibus Crime  
8 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101  
9 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following  
10 new part:

1           **“PART PP—GRANTS TO COMBAT OPIOID**

2                           **TRAFFICKING**

3   **“SEC. 3061. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS TO COMBAT**

4                           **OPIOID TRAFFICKING.**

5           “(a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The COPS Director  
6 is authorized to make grants to eligible entities for the  
7 purpose of locating, investigating, and interdicting illicit  
8 activities relating to the distribution of opioids.

9           “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For the purpose of the  
10 grants made under this part, eligible entities are States,  
11 State law enforcement agencies, units of local government,  
12 Indian Tribes, multi-jurisdictional task forces, and re-  
13 gional consortia.

14           “(c) APPLICATION.—

15                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant under  
16 this part, an eligible entity shall submit to the COPS  
17 Director an application at such time, in such man-  
18 ner, and containing such information as the COPS  
19 Director may require. Each application shall in-  
20 clude—

21                           “(A) a detailed explanation of—

22                                   “(i) the intended uses of funds pro-  
23 vided under the grant; and

24                                   “(ii) how the activities funded under  
25 the grant will meet the purpose of this  
26 part;

1           “(B) an assurance that the applicant shall  
2           maintain and report such data, records, and in-  
3           formation (programmatic and financial) as the  
4           COPS Director may reasonably require; and

5           “(C) a certification, made in a form ac-  
6           ceptable to the COPS Director, that—

7                   “(i) the programs to be funded by the  
8                   grant meet all the requirements of this  
9                   part;

10                   “(ii) all the information contained in  
11                   the application is correct; and

12                   “(iii) the applicant will comply with  
13                   all provisions of this part and all other ap-  
14                   plicable Federal laws.

15           “(2) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 90 days  
16           after the date of enactment of this part, the COPS  
17           Director shall promulgate guidelines to implement  
18           this part, including the information that must be in-  
19           cluded and the requirements that eligible entities  
20           must meet, in submitting the applications required  
21           under this part.

22           “(3) STREAMLINING APPLICATIONS.—To the  
23           greatest extent possible, the COPS Director shall  
24           streamline the grant application process to minimize  
25           the administrative burden placed on eligible appli-

1 cants and to prevent the collection of extraneous or  
2 duplicative information.

3 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant made under this part  
4 shall be used—

5 “(1) to hire and train law enforcement officers  
6 and other employees;

7 “(2) to hire and train law enforcement officers  
8 and other employees to establish new, or support  
9 and expand existing, multi-jurisdictional task forces,  
10 regional consortia, or both;

11 “(3) to procure equipment, technology, or sup-  
12 port systems, or pay overtime; or

13 “(4) for any other activities or items the Attor-  
14 ney General determines appropriate to support the  
15 purpose described in subsection (a).

16 “(e) DURATION.—A grant made under this part shall  
17 be for not less than 1 year and not more than 3 years.

18 “(f) ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDING.—Of the  
19 funds appropriated to carry out the grant program under  
20 this part not less than 20 percent for Indian Tribes, and  
21 not less than 20 percent for multi-jurisdictional task  
22 forces.

23 “(g) CONTRACTS AND SUBAWARDS.—A State, unit of  
24 local government, or Indian Tribe may, in using a grant  
25 under this part for purposes authorized under subsection

1 (d), use the grant to contract with or make subawards  
2 to a State, local, or Tribal law enforcement agency, a unit  
3 of local government, a Tribal organization, a multi-juris-  
4 dictional task force, or a regional consortia.

5 “(h) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The COPS Director  
6 may reserve not more than 2 percent from amounts appro-  
7 priated to carry out this part for administrative costs.

8 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The COPS Director may  
10 provide technical assistance to the eligible entities  
11 described in subsection (b) in furtherance of the pur-  
12 poses described in subsection (d).

13 “(2) TRAINING CENTERS AND FACILITIES.—  
14 The technical assistance provided by the COPS Di-  
15 rector may include the establishment and operation  
16 of training centers or facilities, either directly or by  
17 contracting or cooperative arrangements. The func-  
18 tions of the centers or facilities established under  
19 this paragraph may include instruction and seminars  
20 for police executives, managers, trainers, supervisors,  
21 and such others as the COPS Director considers to  
22 be appropriate for supporting efforts related to lo-  
23 cating, investigating, and interdicting illicit activities  
24 relating to the distribution of opioids.

1       “(j) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this part,  
2 the COPS Director shall give priority to applicants that  
3 will use awarded funds to establish new, or support and  
4 expand existing, multi-jurisdictional task forces or re-  
5 gional consortia.

6 **“SEC. 3062. REPORT.**

7       “Beginning not later than 2 years after the date of  
8 enactment of this part, and annually thereafter, the COPS  
9 Director shall submit to Congress a report describing ef-  
10 fectiveness of this grant program and make recommenda-  
11 tions for how it can be improved.

12 **“SEC. 3063. DEFINITIONS.**

13       “In this part:

14               “(1) COPS DIRECTOR.—The term ‘COPS Di-  
15 rector’ means the Attorney General, acting through  
16 the Director of the Office of Community Oriented  
17 Policing Services.

18               “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
19 means the governing body of any Indian or Alaska  
20 Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, commu-  
21 nity, component band, or component reservation in-  
22 dividually identified (including parenthetically) on  
23 the list published by the Secretary under section 104  
24 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of  
25 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131).

1           “(3) MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE.—  
2           The term ‘multi-jurisdictional task force’ means any  
3           local law enforcement entities composed of law en-  
4           forcement officers from different State, local, or  
5           Tribal law enforcement agencies, which may also in-  
6           clude other support staff members or law enforce-  
7           ment partners at the Federal, State, or local level.

8           “(4) REGIONAL CONSORTIA.—The term ‘re-  
9           gional consortium’ means any law enforcement enti-  
10          ties composed of multi-jurisdictional task forces that  
11          cross State lines.

12       **“SEC. 3064. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13          “‘There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
14          this part \$70,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025  
15          through 2029.’”.

16          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1701(m) of  
17          the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968  
18          (34 U.S.C. 10381(m)) is repealed.

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