

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3075

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a grant program to establish counter-messaging campaigns targeting terrorist propaganda.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2015

Mr. KATKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## A BILL

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a grant program to establish counter-messaging campaigns targeting terrorist propaganda.

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 “Countering Violent Ex-  
5 tremism Grant Program Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR COUNTERING VIOLENT EX-**  
7 **TREMISM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Homeland Security  
9 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 104. GRANT PROGRAM FOR COUNTERING VIOLENT**  
2 **EXTREMISM.**

3 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in co-  
5 ordination with the Administrator of the Federal  
6 Emergency Management Agency and the Officer for  
7 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department,  
8 shall establish a grant program for eligible commu-  
9 nity groups and organizations to assist such groups  
10 and organizations in establishing counter-messaging  
11 campaigns targeting violent extremism.

12 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than  
13 90 days after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
14 tion, the Secretary, in coordination with the Admin-  
15 istrator of the Federal Emergency Management  
16 Agency and the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil  
17 Liberties of the Department, shall provide to the  
18 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of  
19 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland  
20 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate an  
21 implementation plan for the grant program under  
22 this subsection, including eligibility criteria, applica-  
23 tion criteria, methodology for awarding grants, and  
24 a plan for monitoring and evaluating grant applica-  
25 tions and awards.

1           “(3) PROHIBITION.—A community group or or-  
2           ganization is not eligible for a grant under this sub-  
3           section if such group or organization has knowingly  
4           funded activities related to violent extremism or or-  
5           ganizations known to engage in such activities, as  
6           determined by the Secretary, in coordination with  
7           the heads of other relevant Federal departments and  
8           agencies.

9           “(b) VIOLENT EXTREMISM DEFINED.—In this sec-  
10          tion, the term ‘violent extremism’ means ideologically mo-  
11          tivated terrorist activities.

12          “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13          is authorized to be appropriated \$6,000,000 for each of  
14          fiscal years 2016 through 2020 to carry out this section.”.

15          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
16          in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after  
17          the item relating to section 103 the following new item:

“Sec. 104. Grant program for countering violent extremism.”.

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