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H. R. 3135

To authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to make grants to consortia of States and communities to hire individuals to coordinate the Community Rating System program under the National Flood Insurance Program for the States and communities who are members of the consortia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2017

Mr. KEATING (for himself and Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Community Flood In-
5 surance Savings Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM PRO-**
2 **GRAM COORDINATORS.**

3 Section 1315 of the National Flood Insurance Act of
4 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4022) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following new subsection:

6 “(c) GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM PRO-
7 GRAM COORDINATORS.—

8 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall
9 carry out a program to make grants to consortia of
10 States and communities for use only for costs of em-
11 ploying or otherwise retaining an individual or indi-
12 viduals to coordinate and carry out responsibilities
13 relating to participation in the community rating
14 system program under subsection (b) for States and
15 communities that are members of such consortia.

16 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—The Administrator shall es-
17 tablish such criteria as the Administrator considers
18 appropriate for a consortium of States and commu-
19 nities to be eligible for grants under this subsection,
20 which shall include requiring a consortium to provide
21 evidence to the Administrator that the consortium
22 has sufficient authority and administrative capability
23 to use grant amounts in accordance with this sub-
24 section on behalf of its member jurisdictions.

25 “(3) TIMING.—A consortium receiving a grant
26 under this section shall establish the position or po-

1 sitions described in paragraph (1), and employ or
2 otherwise retain an individual or individuals to fill
3 such position or positions, not later than the date
4 that all such grant amounts are expended.

5 “(4) APPLICATIONS.—The Administrator shall
6 provide for consortia of States and communities to
7 submit applications for grants under this subsection,
8 which shall include—

9 “(A) the evidence referred to in paragraph
10 (2);

11 “(B) such assurances as the Administrator
12 shall require to ensure compliance with the re-
13 quirement under paragraph (3);

14 “(C) such assurances as the Administrator
15 shall require to ensure that the consortia will
16 provide funding sufficient to continue the posi-
17 tion or positions funded with the grant
18 amounts, in the same annual amount as under
19 such grant funding, after such grant funds are
20 expended; and

21 “(D) such other information as the Admin-
22 istrator may require.

23 “(5) SELECTION.—From among eligible con-
24 sortia of States and communities submitting applica-
25 tions pursuant to paragraph (3), the Administrator

1 shall select consortia to receive grants under this
2 subsection in accordance with such competitive cri-
3 teria for such section as the Administrator shall es-
4 tablish.

5 “(6) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY.—For pur-
6 poses of this section, the term ‘community’ has the
7 meaning given such term in section 1366(h) (42
8 U.S.C. 4104e(h)), except that such term includes
9 counties and regional planning authorities that do
10 not have zoning and building code jurisdiction.

11 “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
12 There is authorized to be appropriated for grants
13 under this subsection—

14 “(A) \$7,000,000 for the first fiscal year
15 commencing after the expiration of the 4-month
16 period beginning on the date of the enactment
17 of this Act; and

18 “(B) \$7,000,000 for each of the four con-
19 secutive fiscal years thereafter.”.

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