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To reauthorize programs of the Economic Development Administration, and
for other purposes.

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Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. YAKYM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To reauthorize programs of the Economic Development
Administration, and for other purposes.

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 “Increasing our Na-
5 tion’s Value through Economic Support and Tourism in
6 Our Communities Act” of the “INVEST in Our Commu-
7 nities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.**

2 Section 3(4) of the Public Works and Economic De-
3 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3122(4)) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(C) CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS AND
6 HOST GRANTS.—In the case of grants under
7 sections 208 and 219, the term ‘eligible recipi-
8 ent’ also includes a Tribal organization and a
9 Native Hawaiian organization (as those terms
10 are defined in section 3 of the NATIVE Act
11 (25 U.S.C. 4352)).”.

12 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN FEDERAL SHARE FOR TRIBAL ORGA-**
13 **NIZATIONS AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANI-**
14 **ZATIONS.**

15 Section 204(c)(1) of the Public Works and Economic
16 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3144(c)(1)) is
17 amended—

18 (1) in the paragraph heading, by inserting “,
19 TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS, OR NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR-
20 GANIZATIONS” after “TRIBES”; and

21 (2) by inserting “, a tribal organization (as de-
22 fined in section 3 of the NATIVE Act (25 U.S.C.
23 4352)), or a Native Hawaiian organization (as de-
24 fined in that section)” after “Indian tribe”.

1 **SEC. 4. CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Public Works and
3 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141 et
4 seq.) is amended by inserting after section 207 the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“SEC. 208. CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 “(a) DEFINITION OF PREDEVELOPMENT ACTIV-
8 ITY.—In this section, the term ‘predevelopment activity’
9 means an activity carried out before a project can proceed
10 to the execution stage or the eligible recipient can secure
11 financing and partners.

12 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
13 lish a program to provide to eligible recipients assistance
14 for predevelopment activities.

15 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible recipient may use
16 funds from a grant under this section—

17 “(1) to carry out certain predevelopment activi-
18 ties, including—

19 “(A) planning and community asset map-
20 ping;

21 “(B) training;

22 “(C) technical assistance and organiza-
23 tional development;

24 “(D) feasibility and market studies;

25 “(E) demonstration projects;

26 “(F) organizational capacity building;

1 “(G) organizing and facilitating
2 convenings; and

3 “(H) other predevelopment activities, as
4 determined appropriate by the Secretary; and

5 “(2) to hire and obtain qualified economic de-
6 velopment professionals and services for a 3-year pe-
7 riod to develop and carry out a comprehensive eco-
8 nomic development strategy, an economic develop-
9 ment strategic plan, or other predevelopment activi-
10 ties.

11 “(d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant
12 under this section, an eligible recipient shall submit to the
13 Secretary an application at such time, in such manner,
14 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
15 quire, including a specific plan—

16 “(1) on how the eligible recipient will carry out
17 predevelopment activities using grant funds; and

18 “(2) for the continuation of the position created
19 or services obtained as a result of the grant after the
20 end of the 3-year term, if applicable.

21 “(e) WAIVER OF ATTORNEY’S AND CONSULTANT’S
22 FEE PROHIBITION.—In the case of a project under this
23 section that is carried out using grant funds by 1 or more
24 eligible recipients with low organizational capacity, in the

1 determination of the Secretary, the Secretary may waive
2 the prohibition described in section 213.”.

3 (b) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY.—

4 (1) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ECO-
5 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—Section 201(a) of the Pub-
6 lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965
7 (42 U.S.C. 3141(a)) is amended—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
9 the end;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
11 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) predevelopment activities (as defined in
14 section 208(a)).”.

15 (2) GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT.—
16 Section 209(a) of the Public Works and Economic
17 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3149(a)) is
18 amended by inserting “predevelopment activities (as
19 defined in section 208(a)),” after “training,”.

20 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
21 302(a) of the Public Works and Economic Develop-
22 ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3162(a)) is amended,
23 in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting
24 “and predevelopment activities (as defined in section

1 208(a)) under section 201 or 209” after “section
2 209”.

3 (c) INCREASE IN FEDERAL SHARE.—Section
4 204(c)(3) of the Public Works and Economic Development
5 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3144(c)(3)) is amended—

6 (1) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
7 “AND CAPACITY BUILDING” after “TECHNICAL AS-
8 SISTANCE”; and

9 (2) by striking “section 207” and inserting
10 “sections 207 and 208”.

11 (d) DIRECT EXPENDITURE OR REDISTRIBUTION BY
12 RECIPIENT.—Section 217(a) of the Public Works and
13 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3154c(a))
14 is amended by striking “or 207” and inserting “207, or
15 208”.

16 (e) POWERS OF THE SECRETARY.—Section
17 601(a)(12) of the Public Works and Economic Develop-
18 ment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3211(a)(12)) is amended
19 by striking “section 207” and inserting “sections 207 and
20 208”.

21 (f) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 contained in section 1(b) of the Public Works and Eco-
23 nomic Development Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 552; 112 Stat.
24 3597; 118 Stat. 1761) is amended by inserting after the
25 item relating to section 207 the following:

“Sec. 208. Capacity building grant program.”.

1 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND GRANTS FOR ADMIN-**
2 **ISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

3 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Section 203 of the
4 Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42
5 U.S.C. 3143) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(e) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Administrative
8 expenses described in subsection (a) shall include expenses
9 relating to—

10 “(1) carrying out the planning process de-
11 scribed in subsection (b); and

12 “(2) hiring professional staff to assist commu-
13 nities or organizations in—

14 “(A) implementing projects and priorities
15 included in—

16 “(i) a comprehensive economic devel-
17 opment strategy; or

18 “(ii) an economic development plan-
19 ning grant;

20 “(B) identifying and using other Federal,
21 State, and Tribal economic development pro-
22 grams;

23 “(C) leveraging private and philanthropic
24 investment;

25 “(D) preparing disaster coordination and
26 preparation plans;

1 “(E) collaborating with trade adjustment
2 assistance centers, Hollings Manufacturing Ex-
3 tension Partnership Centers of the National In-
4 stitute of Standards and Technology, Business
5 Centers and Rural Business Centers of the Mi-
6 nority Business Development Agency, and other
7 relevant Federal economic development tech-
8 nical assistance and service providers to pro-
9 mote domestic manufacturing; and

10 “(F) carrying out economic development
11 activities in accordance with professional eco-
12 nomic development best practices.”.

13 (b) INCREASE IN FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 204(c)
14 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of
15 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3144(c)) is amended by adding at the
16 end the following:

17 “(4) GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND GRANTS FOR
18 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—In the case of a grant
19 provided under section 203, the Secretary may in-
20 crease the Federal share above the percentage speci-
21 fied in subsection (a) up to 80 percent of the cost
22 of the project.”.

1 **SEC. 6. HOSPITALITY AND OUTDOOR-RECREATION SUP-**
2 **PORTING TOURISM (HOST) GRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Public Works and
4 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141 et
5 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 219. HOSPITALITY AND OUTDOOR-RECREATION SUP-**
7 **PORTING TOURISM (HOST) GRANTS.**

8 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) OUTDOOR RECREATION.—The term ‘out-
10 door recreation’ means all recreational activities, and
11 the economic drivers of those activities, such as busi-
12 nesses and local economic efforts, undertaken for
13 pleasure that—

14 “(A) generally involve some level of inten-
15 tional physical exertion; and

16 “(B) occur in nature-based environments
17 outdoors.

18 “(2) TOURISM, HOSPITALITY, OR SPECIAL
19 EVENT ACTIVITY.—The term ‘tourism, hospitality, or
20 special event activity’ means any economic activity
21 that primarily serves to encourage recreational or
22 business travel within the United States or from
23 abroad, including tourist attractions, activities relat-
24 ing to arts and cultural affairs, business and rec-
25 reational conventions, large entertainment events

1 and venues, and promotion or organization of any
2 such activity.

3 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
4 lish a program to provide grants to eligible recipients to
5 support outdoor recreation, travel, and tourism, hospi-
6 tality, or special event activities to spur economic develop-
7 ment.

8 “(c) GOALS.—A project carried out with a grant
9 under this section shall be carried out for the goal of—

10 “(1) in the case of an infrastructure project—

11 “(A) leading to long-term increases in
12 tourist activity in a region, including in commu-
13 nities adjacent to National Park System units,
14 National Forest System land, State parks, na-
15 tional marine sanctuaries, National Heritage
16 Areas, Tribal parks, or other natural destina-
17 tions;

18 “(B) using nature-based infrastructure
19 projects and other projects intended to enhance
20 public access to outdoor recreation opportuni-
21 ties; and

22 “(C) enhancing the visitor experience or
23 economic value of the local tourism, hospitality,
24 or special event industries; or

1 “(2) in the case of other projects as determined
2 appropriate by the Secretary, supporting the outdoor
3 recreation, travel, tourism, hospitality, or special
4 event industries, in a manner consistent with the
5 National Travel and Tourism Strategy or as rec-
6 ommended by the United States Travel and Tourism
7 Advisory Board, if any.

8 “(d) ELIGIBLE USES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under this section
10 may be used—

11 “(A) for short-term and long-term eco-
12 nomic development planning and coordination
13 of local or regional outdoor recreation, travel,
14 tourism, hospitality, and special event indus-
15 tries;

16 “(B) to carry out technical assistance
17 projects to assist local or regional economies
18 in—

19 “(i) the recovery from, and response
20 to, damage to the outdoor recreation, trav-
21 el, tourism, hospitality, and special event
22 industries as a result of a natural disaster
23 or public health emergency; and

1 “(ii) future development of the out-
2 door recreation, travel, tourism, hospi-
3 tality, or special event industries;

4 “(C) to pay costs associated with obtaining
5 State, Tribal, county, city, community, or re-
6 gional tourism, hospitality, or special event ac-
7 tivity marketing and promotion campaigns, in-
8 cluding through nonprofit or quasigovernmental
9 Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs);

10 “(D) to carry out construction activities
11 that support local or regional outdoor recre-
12 ation, travel, tourism, hospitality, or special
13 events, including activities involving—

14 “(i) construction of new, or improve-
15 ments to existing, outdoor recreation and
16 trail infrastructure, including public access
17 and safety enhancements to that infra-
18 structure;

19 “(ii) nature-based infrastructure
20 projects to improve access to outdoor
21 recreation;

22 “(iii) improvement of cultural, arts,
23 convention, special event, outdoor recre-
24 ation, and tourism facilities, such as visitor

1 or tourist information centers, including
2 through—

3 “(I) general accessibility up-
4 grades, such as increasing disability
5 access;

6 “(II) improving ventilation, heat-
7 ing, and cooling systems;

8 “(III) increasing energy effi-
9 ciency; and

10 “(IV) incorporating additional re-
11 newable energy generation associated
12 with that infrastructure, including
13 zero-emission vehicle fleets and charg-
14 ing infrastructure;

15 “(iv) construction of workforce train-
16 ing facilities in order to carry out capacity
17 building programs;

18 “(v) water or wastewater and
19 stormwater improvements;

20 “(vi) pier construction and improve-
21 ments; and

22 “(vii) accessibility enhancements;

23 “(E) to pay costs associated with upgrades
24 and retrofits, including filtration and sanitation
25 and physical modifications to existing local or

1 regional outdoor recreation, travel, tourism,
2 hospitality, or special event infrastructure, such
3 as convention centers, large event spaces, camp-
4 sites, or associated community attractions, with
5 precautions to provide for safe worker, traveler,
6 or event environments to increase travel and
7 tourism activities or to make the infrastructure
8 more functional as a result of a natural disaster
9 or a public health emergency;

10 “(F) to establish programs to provide as-
11 sistance to businesses in local or regional out-
12 door recreation, travel, tourism, hospitality, or
13 special events industries—

14 “(i) for development;

15 “(ii) to recover from the impacts of a
16 major disaster or emergency declared
17 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
18 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
19 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) or a public health
20 emergency declared under section 319 of
21 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
22 247d); or

23 “(iii) for expansion of programs;

24 “(G) to carry out workforce training, re-
25 cruitment, and research programs that support

1 the outdoor recreation, travel, tourism, hospi-
2 tality, or special event industries to improve the
3 skills of, and job opportunities for, workers in
4 those industries, including through a program
5 registered under the Act of August 16, 1937
6 (commonly known as the ‘National Apprentice-
7 ship Act’; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), and other work
8 and learn models;

9 “(H) to pay costs associated with pro-
10 viding information to visitors about the health
11 and safety protections, guidance, or require-
12 ments of Federal, State, Tribal, or local govern-
13 ments and businesses in the wake of a natural
14 disaster or a public health emergency; and

15 “(I) as applicable, and a result of a nat-
16 ural disaster or a public health emergency to
17 pay the costs of salaries and expenses associ-
18 ated with the operations of the eligible recipi-
19 ent, other than salaries and expenses of the ex-
20 ecutives of the eligible recipient, if the appli-
21 cant—

22 “(i) demonstrates the capacity to
23 maintain the positions for which the funds
24 are used; or

1 “(ii) demonstrates that the positions
2 for which the funds are used are tem-
3 porary or seasonal.

4 “(2) EXAMPLES.—Examples of activities that
5 comply with the eligible uses described in subpara-
6 graphs (A) through (I) of paragraph (1) include ac-
7 tivities that involve—

8 “(A) media and marketing;

9 “(B) installing or constructing visitor ki-
10 osks;

11 “(C) installing interpretive signage;

12 “(D) building improvements; and

13 “(E) support or technical assistance for
14 small businesses, including activities that bring
15 public awareness to those small businesses.

16 “(3) PROHIBITION.—Amounts provided under
17 this section may not be used—

18 “(A) for recruitment efforts to bring in or
19 host particular events, such as sporting com-
20 petitions or other activities; or

21 “(B) to invest in facilities, events, or oper-
22 ations that are not open or broadly available to
23 the general public.

24 “(e) COORDINATION WITH BIA.—In carrying out
25 this section, the Secretary shall coordinate with, as appro-

1 p r i a t e , t h e T r i b a l T o u r i s m G r a n t P r o g r a m o f t h e O f f i c e
2 o f I n d i a n E c o n o m i c D e v e l o p m e n t o f t h e B u r e a u o f I n d i a n
3 A f f a i r s t o s u p p o r t T r i b a l c o m m u n i t i e s w h e n f u n d i n g p r o -
4 v i d e d u n d e r t h a t g r a n t p r o g r a m i s h e l p f u l i n d e v e l o p i n g
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6 p i t a l i t y , a n d s p e c i a l e v e n t e c o n o m i e s o f t h o s e T r i b a l c o m -
7 m u n i t i e s .

8 “(f) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give priority to
9 eligible recipients that seek to carry out an activity that—

10 “(1) is based on long-term, regionally oriented,
11 coordinated, and collaborative economic development
12 or redevelopment strategies that foster economic
13 growth and resilience;

14 “(2) will promote workforce development; or

15 “(3) will involve a minority-owned, rural, Native
16 American, or otherwise underserved small business
17 concern.

18 “(g) CONSIDERATION RELATING TO INDIAN TRIBES,
19 TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGA-
20 NIZATIONS.—In providing a grant under this section to
21 an eligible recipient that is an Indian tribe, a tribal organi-
22 zation (as defined in section 3 of the NATIVE Act (25
23 U.S.C. 4352)), or a Native Hawaiian organization (as de-
24 fined in that section), the Secretary—

1 “(1) may consider whether the Indian tribe,
2 tribal organization (as so defined), or Native Hawai-
3 ian organization (as so defined), as applicable, has
4 matching funds from other sources to carry out an
5 activity; and

6 “(2) shall not require the Indian tribe, tribal
7 organization (as so defined), or Native Hawaiian or-
8 ganization (as so defined), as applicable, to provide
9 matching funds from other sources to receive a
10 grant under this section.

11 “(h) REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In providing grants under
13 this section, the Secretary shall distribute the funds
14 to eligible recipients in each region served by the
15 Economic Development Administration in accord-
16 ance with the distribution parameters described in
17 paragraph (2)(A).

18 “(2) DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The distribution pa-
20 rameters referred to in paragraph (1) shall in-
21 clude consideration of each of the following:

22 “(i) Using the most recent data from
23 the Quarterly Census of Employment and
24 Wages and the Current Employment Sta-
25 tistics, employment in the leisure and hos-

1 pitality sectors (other than food service
2 businesses) as a percentage of total em-
3 ployment in States in the region, using a
4 5-year average.

5 “(ii) Using the most recent data from
6 the Arts and Cultural Production and Out-
7 door Recreation Satellite Account, employ-
8 ment in arts and cultural production and
9 outdoor recreation as a percentage of total
10 employment in States in the region, using
11 a 5-year average.

12 “(iii) The number of international and
13 domestic visitors in States in the region,
14 using data from the Department or an-
15 other source as the Secretary determines
16 to be appropriate.

17 “(iv) The impacts of natural or eco-
18 nomic disasters, or public health emer-
19 gencies, on the outdoor recreation, travel,
20 tourism, hospitality, or special event indus-
21 tries in States in the region.

22 “(v) Any other data that the Sec-
23 retary determines reliably measures the
24 impact of outdoor recreation, travel, tour-

1 ism, hospitality, or special events to the
2 economy of a State.

3 “(B) OUT OF DATE, DISCONTINUED, OR
4 INACCURATE DATA SOURCES.—If the Secretary
5 determines that a data source described in
6 clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) is out of
7 date, discontinued, or otherwise inaccurate, the
8 Secretary may substitute other data sources to
9 obtain the employment statistics described in
10 those clauses, subject to the condition that the
11 Secretary provides to Congress a report describ-
12 ing the new data source used by the Secretary.

13 “(i) OUTDOOR RECREATION SET-ASIDE.—Of the
14 amounts made available for each fiscal year to carry out
15 this section, the Secretary shall ensure that not less than
16 40 percent is used to provide assistance to eligible recipi-
17 ents for activities that benefit the local outdoor recreation
18 sector.

19 “(j) RURAL SET-ASIDE.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made
21 available for each fiscal year to carry out this sec-
22 tion, the Secretary shall ensure that not less than 20
23 percent is used to provide assistance to eligible re-
24 cipients located in, or that serve, a rural area (as de-
25 fined in section 343(a) of the Consolidated Farm

1 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a))),
2 with a particular focus on rural areas that are lo-
3 cated in distressed or underserved communities.

4 “(2) WAIVER.—If there are not sufficient quali-
5 fied eligible recipients located in, or that serve, a
6 rural area (as so defined), to carry out paragraph
7 (1), the Secretary may waive the requirement under
8 that paragraph.

9 “(k) NATIVE AMERICAN SET-ASIDE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made
11 available for each fiscal year to carry out this sec-
12 tion, the Secretary shall ensure that not less than 5
13 percent is used to provide assistance to eligible re-
14 cipients that are Indian tribes, Tribal organizations
15 (as defined in section 3 of the NATIVE Act (25
16 U.S.C. 4352)), and Native Hawaiian organizations
17 (as defined in that section).

18 “(2) WAIVER.—If there are not sufficient quali-
19 fied eligible recipients that are Indian tribes, Tribal
20 organizations (as so defined), or Native Hawaiian
21 organizations (as so defined) to carry out paragraph
22 (1), the Secretary may waive the requirement under
23 that paragraph.

24 “(l) FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 204(c) of the Public
25 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42

1 U.S.C. 3144(c)) (as amended by section 6(b)) is amend-
 2 ed—

3 “(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ‘In the case’
 4 and inserting ‘Except as provided in paragraph (5),
 5 in the case’; and

6 “(2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “‘(5) **HOST GRANT TO INDIAN TRIBES, TRIBAL**
 8 **ORGANIZATIONS, OR NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZA-**
 9 **TIONS.—**In the case of a grant to an Indian tribe,
 10 a tribal organization (as defined in section 3 of the
 11 **NATIVE Act (25 U.S.C. 4352)),** or a Native Ha-
 12 waiian organization (as defined in that section) for
 13 a project under section 219, the Federal share of the
 14 cost of the project shall be 100 percent.’”.

15 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—**The table of contents
 16 contained in section 1(b) of the Public Works and Eco-
 17 nomic Development Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 552; 112 Stat.
 18 3597; 118 Stat. 1767) is amended by inserting after the
 19 item relating to section 218 the following:

“Sec. 219. Hospitality and Outdoor-Recreation Supporting Tourism (HOST)
 grants.”.

20 **SEC. 7. TOURISM MARKETING.**

21 (a) **DECLARATION.—**Section 2(b) of the Public
 22 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42
 23 U.S.C. 3121(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) tourism marketing is an economic develop-
7 ment tool used by communities for economic devel-
8 opment and should be considered an eligible use of
9 economic development funding awarded by the Fed-
10 eral Government through the Economic Development
11 Administration.”.

12 (b) GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT.—Section
13 209(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development
14 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3149(a)) (as amended by section
15 5(b)(2)) is amended by inserting “travel promotion (in-
16 cluding funding for tourism marketing, marketing re-
17 search, purchasing advertisements, and attracting busi-
18 ness meetings or convention travel),” after “208(a),”.

19 **SEC. 8. FUNDING FOR HOST GRANTS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Public Works and
21 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3231 et
22 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 **“SEC. 705. FUNDING FOR HOST GRANTS.**

24 “Of the amounts made available under section 701(a)
25 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027, \$100,000,000

1 shall be used to carry out section 219, of which 3 percent
 2 shall be used for the administrative costs of carrying out
 3 that section, including for maintaining the distribution pa-
 4 rameters described in subsection (f)(2) of that section.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 6 contained in section 1(b) of the Public Works and Eco-
 7 nomic Development Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 552; 112 Stat.
 8 3597; 118 Stat. 1772) is amended by inserting after the
 9 item relating to section 704 the following:

“Sec. 705. Funding for HOST grants.”.

10 **SEC. 9. COST SHARING.**

11 Section 204 of the Public Works and Economic De-
 12 velopment Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3144) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
 15 by striking “subsection (c)” and inserting “this
 16 section”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “30
 18 percent” and inserting “40 percent”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(e) COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY DISASTERS.—In
 21 the case of a grant under section 209(c)(2), the Federal
 22 share of the cost of a project carried out with the grant
 23 shall be 100 percent.

24 “(f) COVID-ERA FUNDING.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a project
2 carried out with a grant under this Act made on or
3 after the date of enactment of the INVEST in Our
4 Communities Act from amounts made available dur-
5 ing the period during which the public health emer-
6 gency declared by the Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services under section 319 of the Public
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January
9 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19 is in effect, the
10 Federal share of the cost of the project shall be not
11 less than 90 percent.

12 “(2) CERTAIN AREAS.—The Secretary shall
13 consider increasing the Federal share set by the Sec-
14 retary under paragraph (1) to be 100 percent of the
15 cost of the project if the project is to be carried out
16 in an area that is experiencing, in the determination
17 of the Secretary, lasting economic impacts as a re-
18 sult of the COVID–19 pandemic.”.

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