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119TH CONGRESS
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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to local governments for the training of local law enforcement officers on public health threats arising from violations of building codes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COSTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Safety Training for
5 Officers on Public Health Threats Act” or the “STOP
6 Health Threats Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO TRAIN LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OFFI-**
2 **CERS ON PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of
5 Housing and Urban Development and the heads of other
6 relevant agencies engaged in regulating building codes de-
7 termined necessary by the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services, shall award grants to local governments
9 for the training of local enforcement officers on public
10 health threats arising from violations of building codes.

11 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A local government receiving
12 a grant under this section shall use the grant to—

13 (1) develop and implement a training program
14 for local enforcement officers on recognizing and re-
15 sponding to public health threats described in sub-
16 section (a);

17 (2) partner with other local governments to col-
18 laborate on such training;

19 (3) in carrying out paragraphs (1) and (2), co-
20 ordinate with—

21 (A) relevant offices and agencies of the
22 Federal, State, and local government, such as a
23 public health department; or

24 (B) nongovernmental organizations with
25 issue area expertise; and

1 (4) carry out any other activities deemed appro-
2 priate by the Secretary for training described in sub-
3 section (a).

4 (c) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under subsection
5 (a), a local government shall submit an application to the
6 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing
7 such information as the Secretary may require.

8 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
9 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to applicants based
10 on—

11 (1) their capacity to provide the training de-
12 scribed in subsection (a); and

13 (2) prioritizing areas where threats have been
14 identified.

15 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “enforce-
16 ment officers” means those carrying out enforcement ac-
17 tivities and implement relevant consensus-based codes,
18 specifications, and standards that establish minimum ac-
19 ceptable criteria for the design, construction, and mainte-
20 nance of residential structures and facilities.