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# H. R. 4512

To provide grants for projects to acquire land and water for parks and other outdoor recreation purposes and to develop new or renovate existing outdoor recreation facilities.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. TURNER, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Outdoors for All Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6       In this Act:

7               (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(i) a State;

(ii) a political subdivision of a State, including—

(I) a city; and

(II) a county;

(iii) a special purpose district, including park districts; and

(iv) an Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

(B) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND INDIAN TRIBES.—A political subdivision of a State or an Indian tribe shall be considered an eligible entity only if the political subdivision or Indian tribe represents or otherwise serves a qualifying urban area.

(2) OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.—The term “Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant Program” means the program established under section 3(a).

(3) QUALIFYING URBAN AREA.—The term “qualifying urban area” means an area identified by

1 the Census Bureau as an “urban area” in the most  
2 recent census.

3 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 **SEC. 3. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an  
7 outdoor recreation legacy partnership grant program  
8 under which the Secretary may award grants to eligible  
9 entities for projects—

10 (1) to acquire land and water for parks and  
11 other outdoor recreation purposes; and

12 (2) to develop new or renovate existing outdoor  
13 recreation facilities.

14 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving a  
16 grant under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall  
17 provide matching funds in the form of cash or an in-  
18 kind contribution in an amount equal to not less  
19 than 100 percent of the amounts made available  
20 under the grant.

21 (2) SOURCES.—The matching amounts referred  
22 to in paragraph (1) may include amounts made  
23 available from State, local, nongovernmental, or pri-  
24 vate sources.

1 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBLE USES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—A grant recipient may use a grant  
3 awarded under this Act—

4 (1) to acquire land or water that provides out-  
5 door recreation opportunities to the public; and

6 (2) to develop or renovate outdoor recreational  
7 facilities that provide outdoor recreation opportuni-  
8 ties to the public, with priority given to projects  
9 that—

10 (A) create or significantly enhance access  
11 to park and recreational opportunities in an  
12 urban neighborhood or community;

13 (B) engage and empower underserved com-  
14 munities and youth;

15 (C) provide opportunities for youth em-  
16 ployment or job training;

17 (D) establish or expand public-private  
18 partnerships, with a focus on leveraging re-  
19 sources; and

20 (E) take advantage of coordination among  
21 various levels of government.

22 (b) LIMITATIONS ON USE.—A grant recipient may  
23 not use grant funds for—

24 (1) grant administration costs;

25 (2) incidental costs related to land acquisition,  
26 including appraisal and titling;

1 (3) operation and maintenance activities;

2 (4) facilities that support semiprofessional or  
3 professional athletics;

4 (5) indoor facilities such as recreation centers  
5 or facilities that support primarily non-outdoor pur-  
6 poses; or

7 (6) acquisition of land or interests in land that  
8 restrict access to specific persons.

9 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**

10 In carrying out the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Part-  
11 nership Grant Program, the Secretary shall—

12 (1) conduct an initial screening and technical  
13 review of applications received; and

14 (2) evaluate and score all qualifying applica-  
15 tions.

16 **SEC. 6. REPORTING.**

17 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after  
18 the last day of each report period, each State lead agency  
19 that receives a grant under this Act shall annually submit  
20 to the Secretary performance and financial reports that—

21 (1) summarize project activities conducted dur-  
22 ing the report period; and

23 (2) provide the status of the project.

24 (b) FINAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after  
25 the earlier of the date of expiration of a project period

1 or the completion of a project, each State lead agency that  
2 receives a grant under this Act shall submit to the Sec-  
3 retary a final report containing such information as the  
4 Secretary may require.

5 **SEC. 7. REVENUE SHARING.**

6 Section 105(a)(2)(B) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy  
7 Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law  
8 109–432) is amended by inserting before the period at the  
9 end “, of which 20 percent for each of fiscal years 2020  
10 through 2058 shall be used by the Secretary of the Inte-  
11 rior to provide grants under the Outdoor Recreation Leg-  
12 acy Partnership Grant Program Act”.

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