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H. R. 6287

[Report No. 115-930]

To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. SIRES, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. ZELDIN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KATKO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. COLE, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TONKO, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. REED, Ms. MENG, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. NUNES, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. COOK

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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 “9/11 Memorial Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) COVERED MEMORIAL.—The term “covered
8 memorial” means a memorial located in the United
9 States established to commemorate the events of,
10 and honor the victims of, the terrorist attacks on the
11 World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Air-
12 lines Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, at the site
13 of the attacks.

14 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
15 ty” means the official organization, as in existence
16 on the date of enactment of this Act—

17 (A) the focus of which is the operations
18 and preservation of a covered memorial; and

19 (B) which is an organization described in
20 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
21 of 1986 and exempt from taxation under
22 501(a) of that Code.

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

1 **SEC. 3. COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR COVERED MEMORIALS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
3 propriations, the Secretary shall award to eligible entities
4 competitive grants of varying amounts, as determined by
5 the Secretary, to be used by the eligible entity solely for
6 the purposes described in subsection (b).

7 (b) PURPOSES.—A grant awarded under subsection
8 (a) shall be used by an eligible entity for the operation,
9 security, and maintenance of a covered memorial.

10 (c) DEADLINE FOR AWARD.—If the Secretary, after
11 review of an application from an eligible entity, determines
12 to award a grant to the eligible entity, the Secretary shall
13 award the grant not later than 60 days after the date of
14 receipt of the completed application.

15 (d) AVAILABILITY.—Grant funds made available
16 under this section shall remain available until expended.

17 (e) CRITERIA.—In awarding grants under this sec-
18 tion, the Secretary shall give greatest weight in the selec-
19 tion of eligible entities using the following criteria:

20 (1) The needs of the eligible entity, and ability
21 and commitment of the eligible entity to use grant
22 funds, with respect to ensuring the security and
23 safety of visitors of the covered memorial.

24 (2) The ability of the eligible entity to match
25 the amount of the grant, on at least a 1-to-1 basis,
26 with non-Federal assets from non-Federal sources,

1 including cash or durable goods and materials fairly
2 valued, as determined by the Secretary.

3 (3) The greatest number of visitors that would
4 benefit.

5 (4) The ability and commitment of an eligible
6 entity to use grant funds—

7 (A) to preserve the grounds at the covered
8 memorial; and

9 (B) to educate future generations.

10 (5) The ability and commitment of an eligible
11 entity to use grant funds to increase the numbers of
12 economically disadvantaged visitors to the covered
13 memorial.

14 (f) LIMITATION.—No grant shall be awarded under
15 this section—

16 (1) for use at a covered memorial that does not
17 provide for—

18 (A) free admission to all facilities and mu-
19 seums associated with the covered memorial for
20 active and retired members of the military, reg-
21 istered first responders to the attacks of Sep-
22 tember 11, 2001, and family members of vic-
23 tims of the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

24 (B) dedicated free admission hours for the
25 general public at least once a week; or

1 (2) to an eligible entity that does not allow for
2 annual Federal audits of the financial statements of
3 the eligible entity, including revenues associated with
4 ticket sales, charitable donations, grants, and all ex-
5 penditures on salaries and operations, which shall be
6 subject to review by the Secretary and made avail-
7 able to the public.

8 (g) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the end
9 of each calendar year for which an eligible entity obligates
10 or expends any amounts made available under a grant
11 under this section, the eligible entity shall submit to the
12 Secretary and the appropriate committees of Congress a
13 report that—

14 (1) specifies the amount of grant funds obli-
15 gated or expended for the preceding fiscal year;

16 (2) specifies any purposes for which the funds
17 were obligated or expended; and

18 (3) includes any other information that the Sec-
19 retary may require to more effectively administer the
20 grant program under this section.

21 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
23 out this section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
24 through 2023.

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