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To direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a grant program for planting of qualifying trees in eligible areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN 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 “Saving Hazardous And
5 Declining Environments Act” or the “SHADE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing
8 and Urban Development, in coordination with the Sec-

1 retary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the For-
2 est Service, shall establish a grant program under which
3 the Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to
4 plant qualifying trees in eligible areas.

5 (b) APPLICATIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that seeks
7 to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall submit
8 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
9 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
10 retary may require.

11 (2) CONTENTS.—An application submitted
12 under paragraph (1) shall include a 5-year timeline
13 and budget for the planting and maintenance associ-
14 ated with any qualifying trees awarded.

15 (3) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.—The Secretary
16 shall require eligible entities to develop a public par-
17 ticipation plan to ensure that residents of the area
18 in which a project is to be implemented are involved
19 in decision-making about the project and such public
20 participation plan may include—

21 (A) opportunities for local non-profits to be
22 involved;

23 (B) opportunities for public input; and

24 (C) demonstrated support from the com-
25 munity.

1 (c) SELECTION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall deter-
3 mine which eligible entities shall receive a grant
4 under this section.

5 (2) PRIORITY.—When awarding grants under
6 subsection (a), the Secretary shall give priority to el-
7 igible entities that, as determined by the Secretary,
8 have or are likely to develop a housing policy plan
9 designed to avoid the displacement of current resi-
10 dents, including a plan for new housing development
11 or a plan for increasing property value in the eligible
12 area.

13 (d) USE OF AMOUNTS.—An eligible entity that re-
14 ceives a grant under subsection (a) shall use amounts pro-
15 vided to cover costs associated with—

16 (1) implementing the tree planting project in an
17 eligible area, including—

18 (A) planning and designing the planting
19 activity;

20 (B) purchasing qualifying trees; and

21 (C) preparing the site and conducting
22 planting, including the labor and cost associated
23 with the use of machinery;

1 (2) maintaining and monitoring planted trees
2 for a period of up to 5 years to ensure successful es-
3 tablishment of the qualifying trees;

4 (3) training activities associated with the
5 project; and

6 (4) other relevant costs, as determined by the
7 Secretary.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the Pro-
10 gram \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
11 2034.

12 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
14 ty” means—

15 (A) a State, Territory, or Tribal agency;

16 (B) a local government entity;

17 (C) an Indian Tribe; and

18 (D) a nonprofit organization.

19 (2) ELIGIBLE AREAS.—The term “eligible area”
20 means a redlined area or an overburdened area.

21 (3) LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY HOUSE-
22 HOLD.—The term “limited English proficiency
23 household” means that a household does not have an
24 adult that speaks English “very well” as determined
25 by the United States Census Bureau.

1 (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
2 has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in
3 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
4 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

5 (5) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The term
6 “local governmental entity” means any municipal
7 government or county government with jurisdiction
8 over local land use decisions.

9 (6) OVERBURDENED AREA.—The term “over-
10 burdened area” means, as determined by the Sec-
11 retary, an area where—

12 (A) 35 percent or more of households qual-
13 ify as low-income households;

14 (B) 40 percent or more of residents iden-
15 tify as a minority or as members of a State-rec-
16 ognized tribal community; or

17 (C) 40 percent or more of households are
18 limited English proficiency households.

19 (7) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
20 “nonprofit organization” means an organization
21 that—

22 (A) is described in section 170(h)(3) of the
23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

1 (B) operates in accordance with one or
2 more of the purposes described in section
3 170(h)(4)(A) of that Code.

4 (8) QUALIFYING TREE.—The term qualifying
5 tree means a tree that—

6 (A) is a species that is not an invasive spe-
7 cies in the eligible area in which such tree is to
8 be planted; and

9 (B) is not a species that is, in the eligible
10 area at the time of planting, being attacked by
11 an invasive species, unless the eligible entity has
12 a plan to limit the risk of death of the tree to
13 be planted.

14 (9) REDLINED AREA.—The term “redlined
15 area” means, as determined by the Secretary—

16 (A) a census tract graded as “hazardous”
17 or “definitely declining” in maps drawn by the
18 Home Owners’ Loan Corporation that are, as of
19 the date of enactment of this Act, low-income
20 communities; and

21 (B) a census tract that was designated for
22 non-White citizens in jurisdictions that histori-
23 cally had racially segregated zoning codes and
24 are, as of the date of enactment of this Act,
25 low-income communities.

1 (10) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
2 means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
3 ment.