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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, not later than 180 days after any
3 amounts are appropriated under subsection (f), establish
4 a grant program under which the Secretary shall award
5 grants to eligible entities to plant qualifying trees in eligi-
6 ble areas.

7 (b) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.—The Sec-
8 retary shall, not later than 180 days after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act, publish a notice of funding oppor-
10 tunity for the grant program established under subsection
11 (a).

12 (c) APPLICATIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that seeks
14 to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall submit
15 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
16 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
17 retary may require.

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

22 (3) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.—The Secretary
23 shall require eligible entities to develop a public par-
24 ticipation plan to ensure that residents of the area
25 in which a project is to be implemented are involved

1 in decision-making about the project and such public
2 participation plan may include—

3 (A) opportunities for local nonprofits to be
4 involved;

5 (B) opportunities for public input; and

6 (C) demonstrated support from the com-
7 munity.

8 (d) SELECTION.—When awarding grants under sub-
9 section (a), the Secretary shall give priority to eligible enti-
10 ties that, as determined by the Secretary, have a housing
11 policy plan that will minimize the displacement of current
12 residents.

13 (e) 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 (f) 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 2026 through
11 2036.

12 (g) 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 that works
19 with a State, Territory, or Tribal agency, a
20 local government entity, or an Indian Tribe.

21 (2) ELIGIBLE AREAS.—The term “eligible area”
22 means a redlined area or an intra-urban heat island
23 effect area.

24 (3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
25 has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in

1 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
2 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

3 (4) INTRA-URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT
4 AREA.—The term “intra-urban heat island effect
5 area” means an area within a city that, as deter-
6 mined by the Secretary in coordination with the Di-
7 rector of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
8 ministration and the heads of other agencies as the
9 Secretary determines appropriate, has lower tree
10 canopy coverage and higher maximum daytime sum-
11 mer temperatures compared to adjacent or nearby
12 areas within the same city.

13 (5) LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The term
14 “local governmental entity” means any municipal
15 government or county government with jurisdiction
16 over local land use decisions.

17 (6) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
18 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
19 is described in section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Rev-
20 enue Code of 1986.

21 (7) QUALIFYING TREE.—The term qualifying
22 tree means a tree that—

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

1 (B) is not a species that is, in the eligible
2 area at the time of planting, being attacked by
3 an invasive species, unless the eligible entity has
4 a plan to limit the risk of death of the tree to
5 be planted.

6 (8) REDLINED AREA.—The term “redlined
7 area” means a census tract graded as “hazardous”
8 or “definitely declining” in maps drawn by the
9 Home Owners’ Loan Corporation that are, as of the
10 date of enactment of this Act, low-income commu-
11 nities.

12 (9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.