

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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To establish within the Department of Health and Human Services a Division  
on Community Safety, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BUSH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL

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Services a Division on Community Safety, and for other  
purposes.

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; PURPOSES.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “The People’s Response Act”.

6 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to—

7 (1) catalyze, coordinate, and disseminate re-  
8 search on approaches to community safety that re-

1       duce criminal justice contact while expanding oppor-  
2       tunity, including a particular focus on groups that  
3       have been disproportionately harmed by the criminal  
4       justice system;

5           (2) support State governments, local govern-  
6       ments, and community-based organizations in imple-  
7       menting qualified approaches to community safety;

8           (3) mobilize and coordinate Federal resources  
9       to advance qualified approaches to community safe-  
10      ty;

11          (4) expand resources to holistically support sur-  
12      vivors of mass incarceration, police violence, rape  
13      and other forms of sexual assault, harm resulting  
14      from detention or deportation, and other forms of vi-  
15      olence and abuse; and

16          (5) expand resources to holistically support  
17      communities of color, particularly Black commu-  
18      nities through culturally sensitive programming,  
19      youth who are most vulnerable to criminal justice in-  
20      volvement, and implement qualified approaches to  
21      community safety to interrupt, reduce, and prevent  
22      such violence.

23   **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

24      In this Act:

1           (1) COMMUNITY LAND TRUST.—The term  
2           “community land trust” means a community-based  
3           organization that is designed to ensure community  
4           stewardship of land and—

5                   (A) is not sponsored by a for-profit organi-  
6           zation;

7                   (B) has a membership open to any adult  
8           who resides in the particular geographic area in  
9           which the organization operates; and

10                  (C) provides low-cost land and housing  
11           while maintaining community control over  
12           neighborhood resources, including by acquiring  
13           land that will be held in perpetuity so as to pro-  
14           vide permanently affordable homeownership to  
15           those who might not otherwise be able to afford  
16           a home.

17           (2) FIRST RESPONDER.—The term “first re-  
18           sponder” means a licensed therapist, psychiatrist,  
19           doctor, nurse, psychologist, teacher, mentor, and  
20           other community-members with experience respond-  
21           ing to crises in a way that meets [the criteria  
22           spelled out in the/the definition of/?] qualified ap-  
23           proaches to public safety.

24           (3) QUALIFIED APPROACH TO COMMUNITY  
25           SAFETY.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified ap-  
2 proach to community safety” means, with re-  
3 spect to a program or service, that the program  
4 or service is established or provided in a man-  
5 ner that is disconnected from carceral institu-  
6 tions, including law enforcement, criminal  
7 courts, prosecution, probation, child welfare  
8 services, or immigration enforcement, in terms  
9 of administration, staffing, or funding.

10 (B) DISCONNECTED.— For purposes of  
11 subparagraph (A), the term “disconnected from  
12 carceral institutions” means having no contrac-  
13 tual relationship with carceral institutions that  
14 would require cooperation with, or reporting to,  
15 such an institution in any situation, except  
16 where the program or service involved is bound  
17 to engage in such cooperation or reporting by  
18 existing Federal, State, or local law.

19 (4) PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING.—The term  
20 “participatory budgeting” means a democratic en-  
21 gagement process in which community members de-  
22 liberate and decide directly how to allocate a portion  
23 of a public budget.

24 (5) SAFETY NEEDS ASSESSMENT.—The term  
25 “safety needs assessment” means a systematic,

1       participatory process for identifying the safety needs  
2       in the local community. Such process shall include—

3               (A) soliciting input from persons who rep-  
4               resent the broad interests of the local commu-  
5               nity, including those who have been directly im-  
6               pacted by arrest, incarceration, criminal super-  
7               vision, or other criminal justice system involve-  
8               ment;

9               (B) identifying the structural, systemic  
10              factors that may lead community members to  
11              feel unsafe or may increase the risk that com-  
12              munity members may become involved with the  
13              criminal justice system;

14             (C) identifying existing resources that are  
15             potentially available to address those safety  
16             needs; and

17             (D) providing opportunities that allow peo-  
18             ple meaningful opportunities to review, com-  
19             ment on, and provide suggested modifications  
20             to the draft assessment, such as through public  
21             hearings, online publication, and a comment pe-  
22             riod that allows sufficient time for community  
23             feedback.

24             (6) STATE.—The term “State” means any  
25             State of the United States, the District of Columbia,

1 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Is-  
2 lands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern  
3 Mariana Islands. **【NOTE: Does this definition apply**  
4 **throughout or only in the grant programs?】**

5 (7) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term  
6 “unit of local government” means—

7 (A) any city, county, township, town, bor-  
8 ough, parish, village, or other general purpose  
9 political subdivision of a State;

10 (B) any law enforcement district or judicial  
11 enforcement district that—

12 (i) is established under applicable  
13 State law; and

14 (ii) has the authority to, in a manner  
15 independent of other State entities, estab-  
16 lish a budget and impose taxes;

17 (C) an Indian Tribe that performs law en-  
18 forcement functions, as determined by the Sec-  
19 retary of the Interior; or

20 **【(D) for the purposes of assistance eligi-**  
21 **bility, any agency of the government of the Dis-**  
22 **trict of Columbia or the Federal Government**  
23 **that performs law enforcement functions in and**  
24 **for—】**

25 **【(i) the District of Columbia; or】**

1                   [(ii) any Trust Territory of the  
2                   United States. [NOTE: Does this defini-  
3                   tion apply throughout or only in the grant  
4                   programs?]]

5                   **TITLE I—DIVISION ON**  
6                   **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

7   **SEC. 101. DIVISION ON COMMUNITY SAFETY.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the  
9   Department of Health and Human Services a Division of  
10   Community Safety (referred to in this Act as the “Divi-  
11   sion”), who shall report directly to the Secretary of Health  
12   and Human Services, and who shall be designated by the  
13   Secretary, as the Assistant Secretary for Community Safe-  
14   ty (referred to in this Act as the “Assistant Secretary”).

15          (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Division shall have re-  
16   sponsibility for overseeing activities that promote qualified  
17   approaches to community safety, including—

18               (1) coordinating and carrying out other over-  
19   sight activities with respect to the grant programs  
20   established under title II;

21               (2) funding, conducting, and publicly dissemi-  
22   nating the findings of, research into health policies,  
23   programs, infrastructure, and other investments that  
24   serve to increase community safety, including  
25   through interdisciplinary collaborations involving

1 scholars, nonprofits, and other nongovernmental ac-  
2 tors;

3 (3) providing and funding technical assistance  
4 to State and local governments to implement quali-  
5 fied approaches to community safety;

6 (4) establishing—

7 (A) the Community Advisory Board under  
8 section 102;

9 (B) the Federal Health Response Unit  
10 under section 103 ;

11 (C) the Interagency Task force under sec-  
12 tion 104;

13 (D) the Community Safety and Crisis Re-  
14 sponse Grant for community-led organizations  
15 under section 201;

16 (E) the Community Safety and Crisis Re-  
17 sponse Grant for Local Governments under sec-  
18 tion 202;

19 (F) the Community Safety and Crisis Re-  
20 sponse Grant for States under section 203; and

21 (G) the First Responders Hiring Grants  
22 under section 204;

23 (5) coordinating, streamlining, and imple-  
24 menting qualified approaches to community safety in  
25 collaboration with the Assistant Secretary for the



1 Administration for Children and Families, Director  
2 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
3 Administrator of the Health Resources and Services  
4 Administration, Director of the Indian Health Service,  
5 and the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health  
6 and Substances Use, and other relevant agencies  
7 within the Department of Health and Human Services;  
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9 (6) supporting and helping to coordinate inter-  
10 agency initiatives that advance, streamline, and otherwise  
11 implement qualified approaches to community  
12 safety;

13 (7) funding and implementing grant programs  
14 that support State governments, local governments,  
15 and community-based organizations in implementing  
16 health-centered and preventative investments that  
17 serve to increase community safety;

18 (8) providing to the public updates, findings,  
19 and recommendations on qualified approaches to  
20 community safety collected from the reports made by  
21 recipients of grants under title II; and

22 (9) establishing and maintaining a complaint  
23 system responsible for the resolution of complaints  
24 from members of the general public regarding grant

1 funding for programs not compliant with the quali-  
2 fied approaches to community safety standard.

3 **SEC. 102. COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Division shall establish an  
5 advisory board to oversee the activities of the Division es-  
6 tablished under section 101 and grant programs under  
7 title II, to be known as the Community Advisory Board  
8 (referred to in this Act as the “Advisory Board”).

9 (b) COMPOSITION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Board shall be  
11 composed of individuals, to be selected by the Sec-  
12 retary. Such members shall reflect the racial, reli-  
13 gious, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, disability  
14 status, immigration status, and other diversities of  
15 the United States, including representation for  
16 Black people, Latinx people, Indigenous people, les-  
17 bian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people,  
18 women, youth, disabled people, and other groups  
19 that have been disproportionately disadvantaged by  
20 the criminal justice system.

21 (2) REPRESENTATION.—The Director shall en-  
22 sure that a certain number of individuals selected to  
23 serve as members of the Advisory Board—

24 (A) have personal experience with the  
25 criminal justice system, including —

1 (i) individuals who have been detained  
2 or incarcerated;

3 (ii) individuals who are currently on  
4 community supervision (such as probation  
5 or parole) or who have been on community  
6 supervision;

7 (iii) individuals who have been ar-  
8 rested or cited by law enforcement;

9 (iv) individuals who have been directly  
10 impacted by police violence or other forms  
11 of violence;

12 (v) immediate family members of indi-  
13 viduals who have been directly impacted by  
14 police violence; and

15 (vi) individuals who have experienced  
16 sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, or  
17 other sexual violence; and

18 (B) are advocates or grassroots practi-  
19 tioners working to advance educational equity,  
20 health equity, housing equity, environmental  
21 justice, racial justice, gender justice, disability  
22 justice, or Indigenous justice.

23 (3) PAY.—Members of the Advisory Board shall  
24 serve at a rate of pay to be determined by the Sec-  
25 retary.

1           (4) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The duties of the Ad-  
2       visory Board are as follows:

3           **[(A) Expand resources to holistically sup-**  
4       **port community safety in communities of colors,**  
5       **particularly Black communities through cul-**  
6       **turally sensitive programming]**

7           (B) Approving annual priorities for re-  
8       search and technical assistance and evaluating,  
9       on an annual basis research conducted or sup-  
10      ported by the Division and technical assistance  
11      provided by the Division.

12          (C) Based on the evaluations conducted  
13      under subparagraph (D), producing, and sub-  
14      mitting to the Administrator, annual rec-  
15      ommendations on the following:

16           (i) Whether activities conducted by  
17      the Division adequately reflect the specific  
18      needs and interests of all individuals, in-  
19      cluding Black individuals, Latinx individ-  
20      uals, Indigenous individuals, lesbian, gay,  
21      bisexual, and transgender individuals, dis-  
22      abled individuals, and other individuals  
23      who are members of communities that  
24      have been disproportionately impacted by  
25      the criminal justice system.

1                   (ii) Whether funding made available  
2                   to the Division is sufficiently flowing to or-  
3                   ganizations that are led by individuals re-  
4                   ferred to in clause (i).

5                   (iii) Changes that the Division could  
6                   make to address any issues uncovered dur-  
7                   ing such evaluations, including ways to en-  
8                   sure that grants awarded under this title  
9                   are serving to enhance racial equity and  
10                  benefit community-based organizations  
11                  that have diverse leadership and composi-  
12                  tion.

13               (5) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the  
14               date on which the Division receives the recommenda-  
15               tions under paragraph (4)(E), the Division shall  
16               submit a report to Congress, which details—

17                   (A) steps the Division has taken or will  
18                   take to implement the Advisory Board’s rec-  
19                   ommendations; or

20                   (B) for any recommendations not imple-  
21                   mented or planned to be implemented, an expla-  
22                   nation as to why such recommendation was in-  
23                   feasible or conflicted with the Division’s statu-  
24                   tory obligations.

1 **SEC. 103. FEDERAL HEALTH RESPONSE UNIT.**

2 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
3 establish a Federal health response unit, to be known as  
4 the “Federal Health Response Unit”, which shall—

5 (1) respond, through a response unit trained in  
6 accordance with training developed under paragraph

7 (2), to any public health emergency—

8 (A) declared by the Secretary of Health  
9 and Human Services under section 319 of the  
10 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d); or

11 (B) with respect to which [the Governor of  
12 a State/the head of a State public health agen-  
13 cy] makes a request to the Secretary for assist-  
14 ance;

15 (2) develop, provide for the training of, and  
16 hire, not fewer than 5,000 personnel to respond to  
17 such an emergency;

18 (3) develop, and provide to States and units of  
19 local government, guidelines for qualified approaches  
20 to community safety;

21 (4) support local educational agencies as de-  
22 fined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
23 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)  
24 with resources, personnel and services that create  
25 truly safe and inclusive schools;

1           (5) provide States and units of local govern-  
2           ment with personnel to improve access to health  
3           services and address the public health emergency de-  
4           scribed in paragraph (1) within their respective ju-  
5           risdiction; and

6           (6) coordinate with the commissioned Regular  
7           corps and Ready Reserve Corps under section 203 of  
8           the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 204), the  
9           Medical Reserve Corps under section 2813 of the  
10          Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–15),  
11          and State-level agencies and crisis response teams.

12 **SEC. 104. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.**

13          (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and  
14          Human Services shall establish an interagency task force  
15          (referred to in this Act as the “Task Force”) to coordinate  
16          and promote holistic, qualified approaches to community  
17          safety.

18          (b) MEMBERS.—The Task Force shall be composed  
19          of the following members:

20                (1) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
21                ices, or the designee of the Secretary.

22                (2) The Attorney General, or the designee of  
23                the Attorney General.

24                (3) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-  
25                opment, or the designee of the Secretary.

1           (4) The Secretary of Education, or the designee  
2           of the Secretary.

3           (5) The Secretary of Labor, or the designee of  
4           the Secretary.

5           (6) The Administrator of the Environmental  
6           Protection Agency, or the designee of the Adminis-  
7           trator.

8           (c) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall:

9           (1) Conduct a comprehensive audit of all funds  
10          allocated and programs supported by the Depart-  
11          ment of Justice and other Federal agencies that  
12          fund law enforcement, jails, prisons, and other de-  
13          tention facilities, and other coercive or carceral ap-  
14          proaches to community safety.

15          (2) Conduct a comprehensive audit that as-  
16          sesses all Federal funds allocated to, as well as Fed-  
17          eral programs supporting, initiatives that are in-  
18          tended to enhance qualified approaches to commu-  
19          nity safety, disaggregated by jurisdiction.

20          (3) Facilitate ongoing efforts to streamline the  
21          application, monitoring, and reporting processes to  
22          make Federal funds provided pursuant to any grant  
23          made under this Act maximally accessible to small,  
24          grassroots organizations that work to develop, imple-



1       ment, or evaluate qualified approaches to community  
2       safety.

3       (d) MEETINGS.—For the purpose of carrying out this  
4       section, the Task Force may hold such meetings, and sit  
5       and act at such times and places, as the Task Force con-  
6       siders appropriate.

7       (e) INFORMATION.—The Task Force may secure di-  
8       rectly from any Federal agency such information as may  
9       be necessary to enable the Task Force to carry out this  
10      section. Upon request of the Chairperson of the Task  
11      Force, the head of such agency shall furnish such informa-  
12      tion to the Task Force.

13      (f) REPORTS.—**【**For the purposes of enabling the  
14      Task Force to carry out the audits required under sub-  
15      section (c), not less than once every six months—/?**】**

16           (1) the Secretary of Education shall submit to  
17      the **【**Director of the Division of Community Safety/  
18      the Task Force/?**】** a report that contains with re-  
19      spect to each recipient of a grant awarded by the  
20      Secretary a profile of such recipient and in the case  
21      of any such recipient that is a State or unit of local  
22      government**】**—

23           (A) the needs of school health providers in  
24      the relevant jurisdiction; and

1 (B) information on the applicable local  
2 school population, including the largest barriers  
3 to the safety of the school population (including  
4 when school is not in session);

5 (2) the Attorney General shall submit to the  
6 **[[Director of the Division of Community Safety/the**  
7 **Task Force/?]]** a report that contains with respect to  
8 each recipient of a grant awarded by the Secretary  
9 a profile of such recipient and in the case of any  
10 such recipient that is a State or unit of local govern-  
11 ment**]]—**

12 (A) the amount of grant funds awarded to  
13 the jurisdiction under a grant administered by  
14 the Attorney General;

15 (B) **[[the recipients progress in meeting the**  
16 **purposes specified in section 1/?]]**, including—

17 (i) the number of residents who are  
18 being incarcerated, criminally supervised,  
19 or otherwise confined in any coercive insti-  
20 tutional structure and how these numbers  
21 have changed over time;

22 (ii) the amount and type of any fines,  
23 fees, or other financial obligations owed by  
24 residents to any component of the criminal  
25 justice system;

- 1 (iii) the amount and type of contact  
2 that residents have with the criminal jus-  
3 tice system; and  
4 (iv) racial disparities in arrest, incar-  
5 ceration, criminal supervision, school dis-  
6 cipline, and other areas that people may  
7 contact the criminal justice system.

8 **TITLE II—GRANTS IN SUPPORT**  
9 **OF COMMUNITY SAFETY**

10 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND**  
11 **CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT FOR COMMUNITY-**  
12 **LED ORGANIZATIONS.**

13 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary  
14 of Health and Human Services (in this Act referred to  
15 as the “Secretary”), shall award grants, on a rolling basis,  
16 to community-based organizations that are designing, im-  
17 plementing, monitoring, or otherwise supporting qualified  
18 approaches to community safety.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—A community-based organization  
20 seeking a grant under this section shall submit an applica-  
21 tion to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
22 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

23 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
24 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to community-based  
25 organizations that—

1           (1) serve, are located in, and directly employ  
2           people who live in, communities that have been dis-  
3           proportionately impacted by the criminal justice sys-  
4           tem, as evidenced by high rates of individuals who  
5           have been cited, arrested, or incarcerated in the year  
6           preceding the year for which the application for such  
7           grant is submitted;

8           (2) are led by, or employ, individuals who have  
9           been directly impacted by the criminal justice sys-  
10          tem, including via arrests, incarceration, witnessing  
11          or being victims of police violence, or having a family  
12          member who was arrested, incarcerated, or a victim  
13          of police violence;

14          (3) are led by individuals who have proven ties  
15          to the community in which the organization oper-  
16          ates;

17          (4) are located in, or primarily serve, Native  
18          American communities on and off of reservations,  
19          including Urban Indian (as defined in section 4 of  
20          the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.  
21          1603)) communities; or

22          (5) have a leadership that reflects the racial di-  
23          versity of the community in which the organization  
24          operates.

1 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A community-based organiza-  
2 tion receiving funds under this section shall use such grant  
3 funds for any purpose that has demonstrable connection  
4 to improving community safety through the use of quali-  
5 fied approaches to community safety, including funding  
6 that furthers one or more of the following purposes:

7 (1) To implement qualified approaches to com-  
8 munity safety **【to/for/?】** crisis intervention, includ-  
9 ing unarmed first responder agencies.

10 (2) To implement qualified approaches to com-  
11 munity safety, including violence and abuse interrup-  
12 tion programs, neighborhood mediation programs,  
13 safe passage to school programs, youth and  
14 mentorship programs, after school and enrichment  
15 programs, and infrastructure investments including  
16 park redevelopment, streetlights, and public trans-  
17 portation.

18 (3) To implement public health activities and  
19 expand access to voluntary health services, including  
20 harm reduction-based treatment for mental health  
21 and substance use, long-term supportive housing,  
22 lead abatement, pollution reduction, and nutrition  
23 access, such as through establishing farmers mar-  
24 kets, nonprofit and employee-owned grocery stores,  
25 and school-based nutrition programs.

1           (4) To implement housing security programs  
2           and initiatives, including community land trusts and  
3           housing for individuals experiencing temporary or  
4           chronic homelessness.

5           (5) To provide support for youth and families,  
6           including school-based counselors, trauma-informed  
7           practices, social-emotional learning, wraparound  
8           services, and two-generational programming.

9           (6) To provide support for victims, including  
10          survivors of sexual violence and rape, and targeted  
11          services to help victims, witnesses, and survivors  
12          process trauma, achieve financial and housing inde-  
13          pendence, make individualized, needs-based safety  
14          plans, and otherwise access the help that they need.

15          (7) To implement training for 9-1-1 dispatchers  
16          in diverting calls to first responders **【defined in**  
17          \_\_\_\_\_】.

18          (8) To provide reentry support for people who  
19          are exiting incarceration or criminal supervision, in-  
20          cluding educational and workforce programs, sti-  
21          pends, and support for worker coops.

22          (9) To provide capacity building support to  
23          local advocates and community-based organizations,  
24          including legal assistance, and startup assistance for

1 coops, community land trusts, and nonprofit organi-  
2 zations.

3 (e) GRANT AMOUNTS.—In determining the amount  
4 of a grant awarded to a single community-based organiza-  
5 tion under this section, the Secretary shall base such de-  
6 termination on—

7 (1) the number of people who will be served by  
8 the program or intervention;

9 (2) the depth of need demonstrated, including  
10 attention to specific activities planned, the socio-  
11 economic characteristics of the community served by  
12 the organization, and current patterns of criminal  
13 justice involvement; and

14 (3) such other factors as the Secretary deter-  
15 mines are relevant.

16 (e) LIMITATION.—Funds made available under this  
17 section may be used only to carry out programs, services,  
18 or activities that use qualified approaches to community  
19 safety.

20 (f) REPORTING.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than  
22 one year after the date on which a community-based  
23 organization receives a grant under this section, and  
24 annually thereafter, the organization shall prepare  
25 and submit a report to the Secretary and Director

1 containing such information as the Secretary may  
2 require, including—

3 (A) the use of grant funds;

4 (B) the number of people (where such data  
5 is available) served through activities carried  
6 out using grant funds, including demographic  
7 information disaggregated by race, ethnicity,  
8 age, gender, disability status sexuality, immi-  
9 gration status, zip code, and socioeconomic sta-  
10 tus; and

11 (C) any relevant feedback received by such  
12 organization from the populations served by  
13 such organization regarding—

14 (i) the efficacy of support from  
15 sources other than programs and services  
16 provided by such organization using grant  
17 funds; and

18 (ii) additional resources and services  
19 needed by such populations with respect to  
20 improving community safety.

21 (2) PRIVACY.—The report submitted to the  
22 Secretary and Division of Community Safety pursu-  
23 ant to this section must protect the privacy of the  
24 individual served. All of the information gathered as  
25 part of the reporting process shall be used only for



1 the purposes listed in this section and shall not be  
2 used to initiate or contribute to any criminal, legal,  
3 immigration, or Child Protective Services actions of  
4 proceedings, except where such reporting is required  
5 by law.

6 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
8 \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022  
9 through 2026.

10 **SEC. 202. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND**  
11 **CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT FOR LOCAL GOV-**  
12 **ERNMENTS.**

13 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary  
14 shall award grants, on a rolling basis, to units of local  
15 government to conduct research on, fund, and otherwise  
16 support the development of, community-led, health-cen-  
17 tered and preventative approaches to community safety.

18 (b) APPLICATION.—A unit of local government seek-  
19 ing a grant under this section shall submit an application  
20 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-  
21 taining such information as the Secretary may require, in-  
22 cluding an assurance that the unit of local government  
23 shall develop, and submit to the Secretary, during the  
24 grant period, a safety needs assessment—

1           (1) of the local community that assesses the  
2       **【**core, systemic needs of the community supervision  
3       and jail populations**】** **【**what does this mean in this  
4       context?**】**; and

5           (2) to guide local investments in qualified ap-  
6       proaches to community safety.

7       (c) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under this  
8       section, the Secretary shall give a preference to a unit of  
9       local government that—

10           (1) has taken steps toward, or is submitting  
11       proposals within the application for such a grant for  
12       purposes of—

13           (A) increasing human liberty, including  
14       through measures that reduce incarceration,  
15       pretrial detention, arrests, community super-  
16       vision, and other forms of criminal justice in-  
17       volvement;

18           (B) ending the criminalization of poverty,  
19       mental illness, homelessness, substance use, and  
20       related issues by addressing root causes of  
21       those issues rather than imposing criminal pun-  
22       ishment and other punitive responses; or

23           (C) ending racial, economic, gender, and  
24       other disparities in criminal punishment, includ-  
25       ing discipline in schools;

1           (2) has a high rate of poverty (as determined  
2           by the Secretary), as well as disproportionately high  
3           shares of residents who have been impacted by vio-  
4           lence and criminal justice system; or

5           (3) has prepared and developed the application  
6           submitted under this section in consultation with the  
7           community the unit of local government serves, espe-  
8           cially individuals in such community who have been  
9           directly impacted by the criminal justice system.

10          (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A unit of local government re-  
11       ceiving funds under this section shall use such grant funds  
12       to implement one or more of the following:

13           (1) Establish or designating a community-led  
14       entity that—

15                (A) employs qualified approaches to com-  
16       munity safety; and

17                (B) can coordinate and make investments  
18       in community safety, including by using  
19       **【participatory budgeting/TBD】** or other com-  
20       munity-led processes.

21           (2) Develop a safety needs assessment **【as de-**  
22       scribed in **【to be supplied】**】.

23           (3) Invest in programs, interventions, or policy  
24       initiatives that have a demonstrable connection to  
25       improving community safety, including programs

1 interventions, or policy initiatives that are designed  
2 to address needs related to economic stability, phys-  
3 ical and behavioral health, environmental safety,  
4 housing stability, and educational equity and oppor-  
5 tunity.

6 (e) GRANT AMOUNTS.—In determining the amount  
7 of a grant awarded to a State or unit of local government  
8 under this section, the Secretary shall base such deter-  
9 mination on—

10 (1) the number of people who live in the juris-  
11 diction of the local government;

12 (2) the depth of need demonstrated, including  
13 attention to activities planned, the socioeconomic  
14 characteristics of the community and residents with-  
15 in that jurisdiction, and current patterns of spend-  
16 ing in systems of incarceration; and

17 (3) such other factors as the Secretary deter-  
18 mines are relevant.

19 (f) LIMITATION.—Funds made available under this  
20 section may be used only to carry out programs, services,  
21 or activities that use qualified approaches to community  
22 safety.

23 (g) REPORTING.—Beginning not later than one year  
24 after the date on which a local government receives a  
25 grant under this section, and annually thereafter, the unit

1 of local government shall collect information in a trauma-  
2 informed manner, monetarily compensate individuals for  
3 providing information, and prepare and submit to the Sec-  
4 retary, and make publicly available, a report containing  
5 information about—

6 (1) how the grant funds were used;

7 (2) the number of people who were cited, ar-  
8 rested, or jailed by any State or local law enforce-  
9 ment officers in the previous year in the jurisdiction  
10 of the local government, as compared to the number  
11 cited, arrest, or jailed during the term of the grant;

12 (3) the reasons for such citing, arresting, or de-  
13 tained or imprisoned;

14 (4) demographic data of individuals cited, ar-  
15 rested, or jailed or referred by local law enforcement  
16 officers, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, gen-  
17 der, disability status, and socioeconomic status; and

18 (5) the percentage of grant funds that ulti-  
19 mately benefitted community-based organizations.

20 (h) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—A State or unit  
21 of local government receiving a grant under this section  
22 may use Federal funds received through the grant only  
23 to supplement the funds that would, without such Federal  
24 funds, be made available from State and local sources, and  
25 not to supplant such funds.

1 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to implement this sec-  
3 tion \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022  
4 through 2026.

5 **SEC. 203. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND**  
6 **CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM FOR**  
7 **STATES.**

8 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary  
9 shall award grants, on a rolling basis, to States to conduct  
10 research on, fund, and otherwise support the development  
11 of, health-centered and preventative approaches to com-  
12 munity safety.

13 (b) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under  
14 this section shall submit an application to the Secretary  
15 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-  
16 mation as the Secretary may require, including an assur-  
17 ance that the State shall—

18 (1) establish a State agency, department, or of-  
19 fice to oversee and support the use of health-cen-  
20 tered and preventative approaches to public safety  
21 statewide; and

22 (2) demonstrate ongoing financial support for  
23 qualified approaches to community safety, either  
24 through committing in the State budget for the [rel-

1       evant fiscal year】 【year before the grant is award-  
2       ed?】 for such purpose—

3               (A) a fixed sum;

4               (B) a percentage of a specified State rev-  
5       enue stream; or

6               (C) an amount that is equivalent to the  
7       amount of funds the State is saving from a re-  
8       duction in criminal justice spending.

9       (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
10   tion, the Secretary shall give priority to a State that meets  
11   one or more of the same criteria specified in paragraphs  
12   (1), (2), and (3) of section 202(c).

13       (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State receiving funds under  
14   this section shall use such grant funds to implement one  
15   or more of the policies specified in section 202(d).

16       (e) GRANT AMOUNTS.—In determining the amount  
17   of a grant awarded to a single recipient under this section,  
18   the Secretary shall base such determination on—

19               (1) the number of people who live in the State;

20               (2) the depth of need demonstrated, including

21   attention to activities planned, the socioeconomic

22   characteristics of the community, and current pat-

23   terns of involvement in the criminal justice system;

24   and

1           (3) such other factors as the Secretary deter-  
2       mines are relevant; and

3       (f) LIMITATION.—Funds made available under this  
4       section may be used only to carry out programs, services,  
5       or activities that use qualified approaches to community  
6       safety.

7       (g) REPORTING.—Beginning not later than one year  
8       after the date on which a State receives a grant under  
9       this section, and annually thereafter, such State shall pre-  
10      pare and submit a report to the Secretary containing in-  
11      formation about—

12           (1) how the grant funds were used;

13           (2) the number of people who were cited, ar-  
14      rested, or jailed by State or local law enforcement  
15      officers in the previous year, as compared to the  
16      number cited, arrest, or jailed during the term of  
17      the grant;

18           (3) the reasons for such citing, arresting, or  
19      jailing; and

20           (4) demographic data of individuals cited, ar-  
21      rested, or jailed or referred by State or local law en-  
22      forcement officers, disaggregated by race, ethnicity,  
23      age, gender, disability status, and socioeconomic sta-  
24      tus.



1 (h) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—A State shall  
2 use Federal funds received under this section only to sup-  
3 plement the funds that would, without such Federal funds,  
4 be made available from State and local sources, and not  
5 to supplant such funds.

6 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 are authorized to be appropriated to implement this sec-  
8 tion \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022  
9 through 2026.

10 **SEC. 204. FIRST RESPONDER HIRING GRANTS.**

11 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall  
12 carry out a grant program under which the Secretary  
13 makes grants to community-based organizations, health  
14 departments, States, units of local government, Indian  
15 tribal governments, other public and private entities, and  
16 multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia for the purposes  
17 described under subsection (b).

18 (b) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—A grant awarded  
19 under subsection (a) may be used to—

20 (1) hire and train first responders, including li-  
21 censed social workers, mental health counselors, sub-  
22 stance use counselors, community health workers,  
23 and school nurses and counselors, for public safety  
24 and emergency crisis response in communities and  
25 schools across the nation;

1           (2) procure equipment, technology, support sys-  
2           tems, or pay overtime, to increase the number of  
3           first responders available to a community;

4           (3) increase the number of first responders in-  
5           volved in activities that are focused on interaction  
6           with members of the community on crisis response  
7           and community violence and trauma prevention;

8           (4) provide training to first responders to en-  
9           hance their conflict resolution, mediation, problem  
10          solving, service, and other skills needed to work in  
11          partnership with members of the community;

12          (5) develop and implement innovative programs  
13          that support members of the community to work  
14          with community-based organizations, emergency first  
15          responders, and State, Tribal, and local officials in  
16          community violence and trauma prevention efforts;

17          (6) establish and implement innovative pro-  
18          grams to increase and enhance community violence  
19          and trauma prevention programs involving survivors  
20          of crime and youth;

21          (7) establish school-based partnerships by em-  
22          ploying and retaining first responders in pre-Kinder-  
23          garten, elementary, and secondary schools to support  
24          trauma-informed care, behavioral and mental health

1 services, and to operate school-based health centers  
2 in local schools;

3 (8) establish, implement, and coordinate com-  
4 munity violence and trauma prevention programs  
5 with other Federal programs that serve the commu-  
6 nity and community members to better address the  
7 comprehensive needs of the community and its mem-  
8 bers; and

9 (9) **【**permit Tribal governments receiving direct  
10 services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to access  
11 the program under this section for use in accordance  
12 with paragraphs (1) through (XX).**】** **【**NOTE: This  
13 seems as it would be more of an eligible recipient  
14 component. Who else is eligible to be awarded a  
15 grant under this section?**】**

16 (c) **LIMITATION ON GRANT FUNDS.**—Funds made  
17 available under this section may be used only to carry out  
18 programs, services, or activities that use qualified ap-  
19 proaches to community safety.

20 (d) **REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF FUNDING.**—  
21 **【**To be supplied**】**.

22 (e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
23 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
24 \$2,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022  
25 through 2026.