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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to local governments for the training of local law enforcement officers on public health threats arising from violations of building codes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. GRANTS TO TRAIN LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF-**
4 **FICERS ON PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of
7 Housing and Urban Development and the heads of other

1 relevant agencies engaged in regulating building codes de-
2 termined necessary by the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services, shall award grants to local governments
4 for the training of local enforcement officers on public
5 health threats arising from violations of building codes.

6 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A local government receiving
7 a grant under this section shall use the grant to—

8 (1) develop and implement a training program
9 for local enforcement officers on recognizing and re-
10 sponding to public health threats described in sub-
11 section (a);

12 (2) partner with other local governments to col-
13 laborate on such training;

14 (3) in carrying out paragraphs (1) and (2), co-
15 ordinate with relevant offices and agencies of the
16 Federal, State, and local government, such as a pub-
17 lic health department; and

18 (4) carry out any other activities deemed appro-
19 priate by the Secretary for training described in sub-
20 section (a).

21 (c) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant under subsection
22 (a), a local government shall submit an application to the
23 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing
24 such information as the Secretary may require.

1 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
2 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to applicants based
3 on—

4 (1) their capacity to provide the training de-
5 scribed in subsection (a); and

6 (2) prioritizing areas where threats have been
7 identified.

8 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “enforce-
9 ment officers” means those carrying out enforcement ac-
10 tivities and implement the latest published editions of rel-
11 evant consensus-based codes, specifications, and standards
12 that incorporate the latest hazard-resistant designs and
13 establish minimum acceptable criteria for the design, con-
14 struction, and maintenance of residential structures and
15 facilities.

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