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To establish a Federal Coordinating Council on Community Safety and Empowerment to make grants for projects to improve the health, education, and safety of the residents of economically distressed communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 1994

Miss COLLINS of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Community Safety and
5 Empowerment Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the ex-
8 ecutive office of the President a Federal Coordinating

1 Council on Community Safety and Empowerment (herein-
2 after in this Act referred to as the “Federal Coordinating
3 Council”) in the Executive Office of the President com-
4 posed of the following members:

5 (1) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
6 ices.

7 (2) The Secretary of Education.

8 (3) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
9 opment.

10 (4) The Secretary of Labor.

11 (5) The Attorney General of the United States.

12 The President shall appoint the chairman of the Federal
13 Coordinating Council.

14 (b) DUTIES.—The Council shall—

15 (1) promulgate rules establishing standards and
16 procedures for receiving grants under section 3;

17 (2) make grants under section 3; and

18 (3) conduct annual reviews under section 6.

19 (c) STAFF.—The Council shall hire sufficient staff in
20 accordance with title 5, United States Code.

21 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**

22 (a) PURPOSES.—The Federal Coordinating Council
23 shall make grants to public and nonprofit private entities
24 to carry out 1 or more of the following projects to improve

1 the health, education, and safety of the residents of eco-
2 nomically distressed communities:

3 (1) Projects to prevent gangs and to combat the
4 influence gangs have on the youth in the community.

5 (2) Projects to assist first-time juvenile offend-
6 ers to avoid future offenses.

7 (3) Projects to prevent other forms of juvenile
8 delinquency.

9 (4) Projects to prevent the abuse of alcohol and
10 other drugs.

11 (5) Projects to provide child care for the chil-
12 dren of parents who are attending school, or would
13 like to attend school.

14 (6) Physical fitness, exercise, sports, and pre-
15 ventative health care projects for youth.

16 (7) Projects to promote community service,
17 community action, and problem solving, and a sense
18 of civic responsibility among youth.

19 (8) Projects to provide parents with information
20 about the social, psychological, and physical develop-
21 ment of their children and with non-financial sup-
22 port for their roles in promoting the positive devel-
23 opment of their children.

1 (9) Projects to help youth enjoy and appreciate
2 learning, particularly projects that emphasize writ-
3 ing, reading, mathematics, science, and humanities.

4 (10) Projects that prepare at-risk youth for
5 adulthood, including continuing education, complet-
6 ing high school, employment, parenthood, and civic
7 participation.

8 (11) Projects to prevent or remedy neglect,
9 abuse, or exploitation of youth and adults unable to
10 protect their own interests.

11 (12) Projects to preserve, rehabilitate, or re-
12 unite families, particularly projects that emphasize
13 fatherhood and reunite fathers with children.

14 (13) Projects to assist residents in achieving or
15 maintaining economic self-sufficiency, including
16 entrepreneurship.

17 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT.—A grant made under
18 this section shall be distributed to a grantee in 1 or more
19 annual installments of not less than \$25,000 each during
20 a period not to exceed 3 years.

21 **SEC. 4. NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**

22 (a) AGREEMENT.—The Federal Coordinating Council
23 may make a grant under section 3 only if the applicant
24 involved agrees to make available (either directly or
25 through donations from public or private entities) non-

1 Federal contributions toward the cost of the project for
2 which the grant is requested. The amount of the non-Fed-
3 eral contributions shall be not less than—

4 (1) 25 percent of the cost of the project for the
5 1st year in which all or part of the grant is distrib-
6 uted; and

7 (2) 50 percent of the cost of the project in any
8 subsequent year in which any part of the grant is
9 distributed.

10 (b) EXCEPTION.—The Federal Coordinating Council
11 may waive the matching requirements for applicants who
12 meet certain criteria established by the Council.

13 (c) TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Federal
14 contributions required in paragraph (1) may be in cash
15 or in kind, fairly evaluated, including buildings, equip-
16 ment, or services, except that services assisted or sub-
17 sidized to any significant extent by the Federal Govern-
18 ment may not be included in determining the amount of
19 non-Federal contributions.

20 **SEC. 5. APPLICATIONS.**

21 To be eligible to receive a grant under section 3, a
22 public entity or a nonprofit private entity shall submit to
23 the Federal Coordinating Council an application that con-
24 tains—

1 (1) information demonstrating that the appli-
2 cant has used the resources in the community in
3 planning the project for which the grant is re-
4 quested;

5 (2) information demonstrating that the project
6 is supported by individuals or organizations in the
7 community that are not directly involved with the
8 project, which may include universities, medical fa-
9 cilities, and other private and public entities;

10 (3) an assurance that the applicant will use
11 other resources in the community in carrying out the
12 project, which may include local businesses, univer-
13 sities, medical facilities, and other private and public
14 entities; and

15 (4) such other information and assurances as
16 the Federal Coordinating Council may require by
17 rule.

18 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REVIEW.**

19 (a) **CONTENT.**—After each year in which any part of
20 a grant made under section 3 is distributed, the Federal
21 Coordinating Council may conduct a review of the project
22 for which the grant is made. The review shall include an
23 assessment of whether the grantee is complying with the
24 assurances contained in the application for the grant.

1 (b) CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If
2 the Federal Coordinating Council finds that a grantee is
3 not complying with the assurances contained in the appli-
4 cation for the grant, the Federal Coordinating Council
5 shall suspend distribution of the grant until the grantee
6 provides sufficient documentation to satisfy the Federal
7 Coordinating Council that it will comply with the assur-
8 ances contained in the application. The grant shall be ter-
9 minated if the grantee does not provide the documentation
10 within 1 year after the grant is suspended.

11 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

12 For purposes of this Act:

13 (1) ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMU-
14 NITY.—The term “economically distressed commu-
15 nity” means a community—

16 (A) in which a high percentage of residents
17 are members of low-income families with chil-
18 dren; and

19 (B) in which there is pervasive poverty, un-
20 employment, and general economic distress.

21 (2) COUNCIL.—The term the “Council” means
22 the Federal Coordinating Council on Community
23 Safety and Empowerment.

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000
3 for each of 3 fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1994
4 to carry out this Act.

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