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# H. R. 4456

To establish or expand existing community prosecution programs for gun-related crimes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STABENOW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To establish or expand existing community prosecution programs for gun-related crimes.

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 Gun Pros-  
5 ector Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make  
8 grants to State attorneys general, prosecutors, units of  
9 local government, and Indian tribal prosecutors to estab-  
10 lish or expand existing community prosecution programs

1 for gun-related crimes, including hiring and training pros-  
2 ecutors for such programs.

3 (b) **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.**—The Attorney Gen-  
4 eral should ensure, to the extent possible, that grants  
5 awarded under this Act are distributed equitably between  
6 urban and rural communities.

7 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—To be eligible to receive a grant  
9 under this Act, State attorneys general, prosecutors, units  
10 of local government and Indian tribal prosecutors may  
11 apply for an award to establish or continue existing com-  
12 munity-oriented prosecution programs for gun-related  
13 crimes.

14 (b) **APPLICATION.**—To apply for a grant, an inter-  
15 ested eligible entity shall submit an application to the At-  
16 torney General in such form as the Attorney General shall  
17 prescribe by regulations or guidelines.

18 (c) **CONTENTS.**—Each application shall include the  
19 following:

20 (1) The objectives, and need, including public  
21 safety, for a grant award.

22 (2) A long-term strategy and detailed imple-  
23 mentation plan.

24 (3) Certification of coordination and specific  
25 commitments by the community to be served by the

1 grant to participate in a program described under  
2 paragraph (2).

3 (4) A description of the geographical area to be  
4 served.

5 (5) Identification of related initiatives which  
6 will complement or be coordinated with a program  
7 funded under this Act.

8 (6) An assurance that funds received under this  
9 Act will be used to supplement not supplant other  
10 Federal funds.

11 **SEC. 4. USES OF FUNDS.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Funds provided under this Act  
13 may be used to hire staff, procure equipment, technology,  
14 and support systems or pay overtime in the establishment  
15 of community-oriented prosecution programs for gun-re-  
16 lated crimes if the eligible entity can demonstrate to the  
17 satisfaction of the Attorney General that the expenditures  
18 would result in a successful reduction in gun-related  
19 crime.

20 (b) **LOCAL MATCH.**—The Federal share of a grant  
21 made under this Act may not exceed 75 percent of the  
22 total costs of the program described in the application sub-  
23 mitted pursuant to section 3(b). The Attorney General  
24 may waive, in whole or in part, the requirement of a  
25 matching contribution and may consider in-kind contribu-

1 tions, fairly valued, in lieu of the local matching require-  
2 ment.

3 **SEC. 5. EVALUATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each program or project funded  
5 under this Act shall contain a monitoring component de-  
6 veloped pursuant to guidelines established by the Attorney  
7 General, including the identification and collection of data  
8 regarding the activities and accomplishments of the pro-  
9 gram over the life of the grant award. The Attorney Gen-  
10 eral may require grant recipients to submit written reports  
11 which describe the monitoring process and evaluation re-  
12 sults.

13 (b) INFORMATION ACCESS.—The Attorney General  
14 shall have access to any pertinent documents or records  
15 relating to the program for the purposes of evaluation and  
16 audit.

17 (c) REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.—If the Attorney  
18 General determines, as a result of the reviews described  
19 in this section, that a grant recipient is not in substantial  
20 compliance with the terms and requirements described in  
21 this Act, or with the regulations issued by the Attorney  
22 General, the Attorney General may revoke or suspend  
23 grant funding, in whole or in part after opportunity for  
24 a hearing.

1 **SEC. 6. STUDY.**

2 Not more than one percent of the funds appropriated  
3 to carry out this Act shall be directed to the Attorney Gen-  
4 eral to finance a study evaluating grants made under this  
5 Act. At a minimum, this study shall include the following:

6 (1) The number of grant awards made and the  
7 amount of each grant.

8 (2) The recipients of grants, including the com-  
9 munities in which they are based.

10 (3) The purposes for which the grants were  
11 awarded and used.

12 (4) An evaluation of the achievement of each  
13 recipient's stated goals and objectives.

14 (5) An assessment of the effect the program  
15 had in encouraging and supporting coordinated com-  
16 munity action against gun-related crime.

17 (6) Specific recommendations for further fund-  
18 ing for each grant recipient.

19 (7) Specific recommendations for future oper-  
20 ations of the grant program and its guidelines.

21 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
23 this Act \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

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