

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 247

AN ACT

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Tornado Shelters Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(a) of the Housing
5 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
6 5305(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking “and” at the
8 end;

9 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(24) the construction or improvement of
14 tornado- or storm-safe shelters for manufactured
15 housing parks and residents of other manufactured
16 housing, the acquisition of real property for sites for
17 such shelters, and the provision of assistance (in-
18 cluding loans and grants) to nonprofit or for-profit
19 entities (including owners of such parks) for such
20 construction, improvement, or acquisition, except
21 that a shelter assisted with amounts made available
22 pursuant to this paragraph shall be located in a
23 neighborhood consisting predominantly of persons of
24 low and moderate income, except that a shelter as-
25 sisted with amounts made available pursuant to this
26 paragraph may not be made available exclusively for

1 use of the residents of a particular manufactured
2 housing park or of other manufactured housing, but
3 shall generally serve the residents of the area in
4 which it is located; and”.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
6 tion to any amounts otherwise made available for grants
7 under title I of the Housing and Community Development
8 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), there is authorized
9 to be appropriated for assistance only for activities pursu-
10 ant to section 105(a)(24) of such Act \$50,000,000 for fis-
11 cal year 2002.

12 **SEC. 3. USE OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS.**

13 (a) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT
14 AND PRODUCTS.—It is the sense of the Congress that, to
15 the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products
16 purchased with funds made available for the activities au-
17 thorized under the amendment made by this Act should
18 be American-made.

19 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In providing financial
20 assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any enti-
21 ty using funds made available for the activities authorized
22 under the amendment made by this Act, the Secretary of
23 Housing and Urban Development, to the greatest extent

- 1 practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing
- 2 the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

Passed the House of Representatives March 22,
2001.

Attest:

Clerk.

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