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To provide employment opportunities to unemployed individuals in high unemployment areas in programs to repair and renovate essential community facilities.

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Ms. WATERS 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 “Neighborhood Infra-
5 structure Improvement and Inner City Job Creation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 The Secretary of Labor (in this Act referred to as
8 the “Secretary”) shall provide grants to eligible adminis-

1 trative entities described in section 3(a) for the purpose
2 of establishing and carrying out programs that provide
3 employment opportunities to unemployed individuals
4 through payments for labor and related costs associated
5 with the repair and renovation of essential community fa-
6 cilities.

7 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—An administrative entity shall be
9 eligible to receive a grant under section 2 if the entity is—

10 (1) a private industry council (described under
11 section 102 of the Job Training Partnership Act (29
12 U.S.C. 1512)),

13 (2) a unit of general local government,

14 (3) a nonprofit private organization, or

15 (4) in the case of a grant involving a Native
16 American Indian tribe or Alaska Native Village, a
17 grantee designated under subsection (c) or (d) of
18 section 401 of the Job Training Partnership Act, or
19 a consortium of such grantees and the State,

20 that serves 1 or more eligible jurisdictions described under
21 subsection (b).

22 (b) ELIGIBLE JURISDICTION.—An eligible jurisdic-
23 tion described under this subsection is an area which has
24 a poverty rate in excess of 30 percent and which is—

1 (1) a unit of general local government which
2 has a population of 50,000 or more individuals; or

3 (2) a Native American Indian tribe, band, or
4 group located on a Federal or State reservation, the
5 Oklahoma Indians, and any Alaska Native village or
6 group as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settle-
7 ment Act, having a governing body.

8 (c) **PRIORITY.**—In selecting administrative entities
9 described in subsection (a) to receive a grant under section
10 2, priority shall be given to administrative entities that
11 give assurances to the Secretary in the application submit-
12 ted under section 4 that such entities will give priority
13 to individuals who are low-skilled workers in selecting indi-
14 viduals to participate in programs established and carried
15 out by such entities under section 5(a).

16 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION.**

17 The Secretary may not make a grant under section
18 2 to an eligible administrative entity unless the entity sub-
19 mits to the Secretary an application in such form and con-
20 taining such information as the Secretary may require.

21 **SEC. 5. USE OF AMOUNTS.**

22 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection
23 (b), the Secretary may not make a grant under section
24 2 to an eligible administrative entity unless the entity
25 agrees that it will use all amounts received from such

1 grant to establish and carry out a program to provide
2 wages and related employment benefits to eligible individ-
3 uals described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 6 for
4 the purpose of employing such individuals to repair and
5 renovate essential community facilities that are located
6 within the eligible jurisdiction that the entity serves, in-
7 cluding—

8 (1) painting bridges;

9 (2) repairing and renovating public buildings
10 and other community facilities, including public li-
11 braries;

12 (3) repairing and renovating public housing
13 units;

14 (4) repairing water systems and water develop-
15 ment projects;

16 (5) erecting or replacing traffic control signs
17 and removing road sign obstructions;

18 (6) replacing school crossing, intersection, and
19 other road surface markings;

20 (7) repairing roads and streets;

21 (8) repairing and renovating parks and play-
22 grounds;

23 (9) installing and repairing drainage pipes and
24 catch basins in areas subject to flooding;

1 (10) installing graded ramps for individuals
2 with disabilities; and

3 (11) weatherizing community facilities and car-
4 rying out other energy conservation activities.

5 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 25
6 percent of amounts received from a grant under section
7 2 for any fiscal year may be used for the cost of adminis-
8 tration and the acquisition of supplies, tools, and other
9 equipment.

10 **SEC. 6. ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—An individual shall be eligible to
12 participate in a program described in section 5(a) only if
13 the individual—

14 (1) is an unemployed individual at the time of
15 enrollment in such program;

16 (2) has been unemployed, at a minimum, for
17 the duration of the 15-week period immediately pre-
18 ceding the date of such enrollment; and

19 (3) has made a good-faith attempt to obtain
20 employment during such 15-week period.

21 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR SECONDARY
22 SCHOOL-AGE INDIVIDUALS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to meeting the
24 requirements described in subsection (a), a second-
25 ary school-age individual shall be eligible to partici-

1 pate in a program described in section 5(a) only if
2 the individual has not attended a secondary school
3 for any part of the 6-month period immediately pre-
4 ceding the date of enrollment in such program.

5 (2) SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE INDIVIDUAL DE-
6 FINED.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term
7 “secondary school-age individual” means an individ-
8 ual who has attained the age of 16 but has not at-
9 tained the age of 20.

10 (c) PRIORITY.—In selecting individuals described in
11 subsections (a) and (b) to participate in a program de-
12 scribed in section 5(a), priority shall be given to the indi-
13 viduals who, at the time of selection to the program, have
14 exhausted or are otherwise not eligible for unemployment
15 insurance benefits, particularly those individuals who have
16 been unemployed for the longest periods of time preceding
17 the date of their selection to the program.

18 **SEC. 7. NONDISCRIMINATION.**

19 No individual shall be excluded from participation in,
20 denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under,
21 or denied employment in the administration of or in con-
22 nection with any program described in section 5(a) be-
23 cause of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, dis-
24 ability, or political affiliation or belief.

1 **SEC. 8. LABOR STANDARDS.**

2 The labor standards described under section 143 of
3 the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1553) shall
4 apply for purposes of a program established under section
5 5(a).

6 **SEC. 9. MAINTENANCE OF EXPENDITURES.**

7 The Secretary may not make a grant under section
8 2 to an eligible administrative entity unless the entity
9 agrees that it will maintain its aggregate expenditures
10 from all other sources for employing individuals to repair
11 and renovate essential community facilities at or above the
12 average level of such expenditures in the 2 fiscal years
13 preceding the date on which the entity submits an applica-
14 tion under section 4 to the Secretary.

15 **SEC. 10. REPORT.**

16 The Secretary may not make a grant under section
17 2 to an eligible administrative entity unless the entity
18 agrees that it will submit, for any fiscal year in which the
19 entity receives a grant under such section, a report to the
20 Secretary describing the use of such grant and any other
21 information the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

22 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
24 priated to carry out section 2 \$5,000,000,000 for fiscal
25 year 1994 and such sums as may be necessary for each
26 succeeding fiscal year.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Funds authorized to be appro-
2 priated under subsection (a) shall remain available until
3 expended.

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