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H. R. 3439

To prohibit a jurisdiction that defunds the police from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit a jurisdiction that defunds the police from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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 “Defund Cities that
5 Defund the Police Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFUNDING JURISDICTION DEFINED.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **DEFUNDING STATE.**—The term “defunding
4 State” means a State that—

5 (A) abolishes or disbands a State law en-
6 forcement agency with no intention of reconsti-
7 tuting the State law enforcement agency; or

8 (B) significantly reduces a State law en-
9 forcement agency’s budget, provided that the
10 State did not face a significant decrease in rev-
11 enues in the previous fiscal year.

12 (2) **DEFUNDING LOCALITY.**—The term
13 “defunding locality” means a political subdivision of
14 a State (other than a rural police department)
15 that—

16 (A) is in an urbanized area, as defined by
17 the United States Census Bureau; and

18 (B)(i) abolishes or disbands the police de-
19 partment with no intention of reconstituting the
20 jurisdiction’s police department; or

21 (ii) significantly reduces the police depart-
22 ment’s budget, provided that the jurisdiction
23 did not face a significant decrease in revenues
24 in the previous fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFUNDING JURISDICTIONS INELIGIBLE FOR CER-**
2 **TAIN FEDERAL FUNDS.**

3 (a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
4 GRANTS.—

5 (1) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ECO-
6 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—Section 201(b) of the Pub-
7 lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965
8 (42 U.S.C. 3141(b)) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
12 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(4) the area in which the project is to be car-
15 ried out is not a defunding State or defunding local-
16 ity (as defined in section 2 of the Defund Cities that
17 Defund the Police Act of 2025).”.

18 (2) GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND ADMINISTRA-
19 TIVE EXPENSES.—Section 203(a) of the Public
20 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42
21 U.S.C. 3143(a)) is amended by adding at the end
22 the following: “A defunding jurisdiction (as defined
23 in section 2 of the Defund Cities that Defund the
24 Police Act of 2025) may not be deemed an eligible
25 recipient under this subsection.”.

1 (3) SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—Section 205(a)
2 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act
3 of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3145(a)) is amended—

4 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
5 the end;

6 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
7 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(4) will be carried out in an area that does not
10 contain a defunding State or defunding locality (as
11 defined in section 2 of the Defund Cities that
12 Defund the Police Act of 2025).”.

13 (4) GRANTS FOR TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND
14 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 207 of the Public
15 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42
16 U.S.C. 3147) is amended by adding at the end the
17 following:

18 “(d) INELIGIBILITY OF DEFUNDING STATES OR
19 DEFUNDING LOCALITIES.—Grant funds under this sec-
20 tion may not be used to provide assistance to a defunding
21 State or defunding locality (as defined in section 2 of the
22 Defund Cities that Defund the Police Act of 2025). If a
23 State is a defunding State during the period for which
24 it receives amounts under this section, the Secretary shall
25 direct the State to immediately return to the Secretary

1 any such amounts that the State received for that period,
2 and shall reallocate amounts returned for grants under
3 this section to localities within the same State that are
4 not defunding localities.”.

5 (b) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.—
6 Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act
7 of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) is amended—

8 (1) in section 102(a) (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)), by
9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(25) The term ‘defunding State or locality’
11 has the meaning given such term in section 2 of the
12 Defund Cities that Defund the Police Act of 2025.”;
13 and

14 (2) in section 104 (42 U.S.C. 5304)—

15 (A) subsection (b)—

16 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking
17 “and” at the end;

18 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
19 paragraph (7); and

20 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (5)
21 the following:

22 “(6) the grantee is not a defunding State or lo-
23 cality and will not become a defunding State or lo-
24 cality during the period for which the grantee re-
25 ceives a grant under this title; and”;

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(n) PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS AGAINST
3 CRIME.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No funds made available to
5 carry out this title may be obligated or expended for
6 any State or unit of general local government that
7 is a defunding State or locality.

8 “(2) RETURNED AMOUNTS.—

9 “(A) STATE.—If a State is a defunding
10 State during the period for which it receives
11 amounts under this title, the Secretary—

12 “(i) shall direct the State to imme-
13 diately return to the Secretary any such
14 amounts that the State received for that
15 period; and

16 “(ii) shall reallocate amounts returned
17 under clause (i) for grants under this title
18 to localities within the same State that are
19 not defunding localities.

20 “(B) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-
21 MENT.—If a unit of general local government is
22 a defunding locality during the period for which
23 it receives amounts under this title, any such
24 amounts that the unit of general local govern-
25 ment received for that period—

1 “(i) in the case of a unit of general
2 local government that is not in a non-
3 entitlement area, shall be returned to the
4 Secretary for grants under this title to
5 States and other units of general local gov-
6 ernment that are not defunding localities;
7 and

8 “(ii) in the case of a unit of general
9 local government that is in a nonentitle-
10 ment area, shall be returned to the Gov-
11 ernor of the State for grants under this
12 title to other units of general local govern-
13 ment in the State that are not defunding
14 localities.

15 “(C) REALLOCATION RULES.—In reallo-
16 cating amounts under subparagraphs (A) and
17 (B), the Secretary shall—

18 “(i) apply the relevant allocation for-
19 mula under subsection (b) or (d) of section
20 106, with all defunding States and local-
21 ities excluded; and

22 “(ii) shall not be subject to the rules
23 for reallocation under section 106(e).”.

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