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AN ACT

To provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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 “9/11 Memorial Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

1 (1) COVERED MEMORIAL.—The term “covered
2 memorial” means a memorial located in the United
3 States established to commemorate the events of,
4 and honor the victims of, the terrorist attacks on the
5 World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Air-
6 lines Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, at the site
7 of the attacks.

8 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
9 ty” means the official organization, as in existence
10 on the date of enactment of this Act—

11 (A) the focus of which is the operations
12 and preservation of a covered memorial; and

13 (B) which is an organization described in
14 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
15 of 1986 and exempt from taxation under
16 501(a) of that Code.

17 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of the Interior.

19 **SEC. 3. COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR COVERED MEMORIALS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-
21 propriations, the Secretary shall award to eligible entities
22 competitive grants of varying amounts, as determined by
23 the Secretary, to be used by the eligible entity solely for
24 the purposes described in subsection (b).

1 (b) PURPOSES.—A grant awarded under subsection
2 (a) shall be used by an eligible entity for the operation,
3 security, and maintenance of a covered memorial.

4 (c) DEADLINE FOR AWARD.—If the Secretary, after
5 review of an application from an eligible entity, determines
6 to award a grant to the eligible entity, the Secretary shall
7 award the grant not later than 60 days after the date of
8 receipt of the completed application.

9 (d) AVAILABILITY.—Grant funds made available
10 under this section shall remain available until expended.

11 (e) CRITERIA.—In awarding grants under this sec-
12 tion, the Secretary shall give greatest weight in the selec-
13 tion of eligible entities using the following criteria:

14 (1) The needs of the eligible entity, and ability
15 and commitment of the eligible entity to use grant
16 funds, with respect to ensuring the security and
17 safety of visitors of the covered memorial.

18 (2) The ability of the eligible entity to match
19 the amount of the grant, on at least a 1-to-1 basis,
20 with non-Federal assets from non-Federal sources,
21 including cash or durable goods and materials fairly
22 valued, as determined by the Secretary.

23 (3) The greatest number of visitors that would
24 benefit.

1 (4) The ability and commitment of an eligible
2 entity to use grant funds—

3 (A) to preserve the grounds at the covered
4 memorial; and

5 (B) to educate future generations.

6 (5) The ability and commitment of an eligible
7 entity to use grant funds to increase the numbers of
8 economically disadvantaged visitors to the covered
9 memorial.

10 (f) LIMITATION.—No grant shall be awarded under
11 this section—

12 (1) for use at a covered memorial that does not
13 provide for—

14 (A) free admission to all facilities and mu-
15 seums associated with the covered memorial for
16 active and retired members of the military, reg-
17 istered first responders to the attacks of Sep-
18 tember 11, 2001, and family members of vic-
19 tims of the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

20 (B) dedicated free admission hours for the
21 general public at least once a week; or

22 (2) to an eligible entity that does not allow for
23 annual Federal audits of the financial statements of
24 the eligible entity, including revenues associated with
25 ticket sales, charitable donations, grants, and all ex-

1 penditures on salaries and operations, which shall be
2 subject to review by the Secretary and made avail-
3 able to the public.

4 (g) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the end
5 of each calendar year for which an eligible entity obligates
6 or expends any amounts made available under a grant
7 under this section, the eligible entity shall submit to the
8 Secretary and the appropriate committees of Congress a
9 report that—

10 (1) specifies the amount of grant funds obli-
11 gated or expended for the preceding fiscal year;

12 (2) specifies any purposes for which the funds
13 were obligated or expended; and

14 (3) includes any other information that the Sec-
15 retary may require to more effectively administer the
16 grant program under this section.

Passed the House of Representatives September 12,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.

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