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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MENG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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prevention grant, and for other purposes.

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-Based Ap-
5 proaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Act of
6 2026”.

7 **SEC. 2. HATE CRIME PREVENTION GRANT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—On the date of enactment of this
9 Act, subject to the availability of appropriations, the At-

1 torney General shall establish a hate crime prevention
2 grant program, under which community-based organiza-
3 tions shall be awarded grants only for the purposes de-
4 scribed in subsection (c).

5 (b) APPLICATION.—A community-based organization
6 shall submit to the Attorney General an application at
7 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
8 tion as the Attorney General may require.

9 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant awarded under this
10 section may be used—

11 (1) to further community-based strategies for
12 conflict resolution and community empowerment and
13 education;

14 (2) to develop and implement non-carceral sen-
15 tencing and juvenile hate crime diversion programs;

16 (3) to establish and implement culturally in-
17 formed and linguistically appropriate public edu-
18 cation campaigns on the collection of data and pub-
19 lic reporting of hate crimes;

20 (4) to implement and facilitate educational
21 classes and community service for defendants con-
22 victed of hate crimes directly related to the commu-
23 nity harmed by the offense;

24 (5) to employ safety ambassadors to escort vul-
25 nerable community members in public places;

1 (6) to provide culturally informed and linguistically
2 tically accessible support for victims or surviving
3 families of hate crimes, including mental health support;
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5 (7) to provide upstander, intervenor, and de-escalation
6 trainings in multiple languages; and

7 (8) to implement such other community-based
8 strategies deemed appropriate for members of communities
9 targeted by crimes on the basis of their
10 race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation,
11 gender, gender identity, or disability, and other
12 vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities.
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14 (d) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—
15 The term “community-based organization” means a public
16 or private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness
17 that—

18 (1) is embedded within or led by and serves a
19 community targeted by hate crimes; and

20 (2) provides educational, public health, and social
21 services as well as assistance to victims and related
22 services in that community.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
25 \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2027 through 2031.

1 **SEC. 3. REMOVAL OF GRANT AMOUNT LIMIT FOR SUPPORT**
2 **FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**
3 **AND PROSECUTIONS.**

4 (a) IMPROVING GRANT PARTICIPATION.—Section
5 4704(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2010 (34 U.S.C. 30503(b)) is amended by—

7 (1) by striking paragraph (5); and

8 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
9 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively.