

~~1 in this section, and any recommendations of the Secretary
2 for future congressional action with respect to revising
3 categorical exclusions or exemptions under title 24, Code
4 of Federal Regulations.~~

5 **SEC. 207. GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**
6 **ASSOCIATED WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
9 ty” means—

10 (A) a State, insular area, metropolitan
11 city, or urban county, as those terms are de-
12 fined in section 102 of the Housing and Com-
13 munity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
14 5302); or

15 (B) a regional planning agency or con-
16 sortia of regional planning agencies.

17 (2) HOUSING PLAN.—The term “housing plan”
18 means a plan to, with respect to an area within the
19 jurisdiction of an eligible entity—

20 (A) increase the amount of available hous-
21 ing to meet the demand for such housing and
22 any projected increase in the demand for such
23 housing;

24 (B) increase the affordability of housing;

1 (C) increase the accessibility of housing for
2 people with disabilities, including location-effi-
3 cient housing;

4 (D) preserve or improve the quality of
5 housing;

6 (E) reduce barriers to housing develop-
7 ment; and

8 (F) coordinate with transportation-related
9 agencies.

10 (3) HOUSING STRATEGY.—The term “housing
11 strategy” means a housing strategy required under
12 section 105 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
13 fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705).

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

16 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
18 tablish a program to award grants on a competitive basis
19 to eligible entities to assist planning and implementation
20 activities associated with affordable housing, except that
21 such grant awards may not be used for construction, alter-
22 ation, or repair work.

23 (c) USE OF AMOUNTS.—

24 (1) BY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES.—If an
25 eligible entity that receives amounts under this sec-

1 tion is an eligible entity described in subsection
2 (a)(1)(B), the eligible entity shall use those amounts
3 to assist planning activities with respect to afford-
4 able housing, including—

5 (A) the development of housing plans;

6 (B) the substantial improvement of State
7 or local housing strategies;

8 (C) the development of new regulatory re-
9 quirements and processes;

10 (D) updating zoning codes;

11 (E) increasing the capacity to conduct
12 housing inspections;

13 (F) increasing the capacity to reduce bar-
14 riers to housing supply elasticity and housing
15 affordability;

16 (G) the development of local or regional
17 plans for community development; and

18 (H) the substantial improvement of com-
19 munity development strategies, including strate-
20 gies designed to—

21 (i) increase the availability of afford-
22 able housing and access to affordable hous-
23 ing;

24 (ii) increase access to public transpor-
25 tation; and

1 (iii) advance sustainable or location-
2 efficient community development goals.

3 (2) BY STATES, INSULAR AREAS, METROPOLI-
4 TAN CITIES, AND URBAN COUNTIES.—If an eligible
5 entity that receives amounts under this section is an
6 eligible entity described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the
7 eligible entity shall use those amounts to—

8 (A) implement and administer housing
9 strategies and housing plans;

10 (B) implement and administer any plans to
11 increase housing choice, address disparities in
12 housing needs, and provide greater access to
13 opportunity;

14 (C) fund any community investments that
15 support goals identified in a housing strategy or
16 housing plan;

17 (D) implement and administer regulatory
18 requirements and processes with respect to re-
19 formed zoning codes;

20 (E) increase the capacity to conduct hous-
21 ing inspections;

22 (F) increase the capacity to reduce bar-
23 riers to housing supply elasticity and housing
24 affordability;

1 (G) implement and administer local or re-
2 gional plans for community development; and

3 (H) fund any planning to increase—

4 (i) the availability of affordable hous-
5 ing and access to affordable housing;

6 (ii) access to public transportation;

7 and

8 (iii) any location-efficient community
9 development goals.

10 (3) USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—A eligi-
11 ble entity that receives amounts under this section
12 may not use more than 10 percent of those amounts
13 for administrative costs.

14 (d) COORDINATION.—To the extent practicable, the
15 Secretary shall coordinate with the Administrator of the
16 Federal Transit Administration in carrying out this sec-
17 tion.

18 (e) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—After the expira-
19 tion of the 5-year period beginning on the date of enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary may not newly establish
21 a program as described in this section.

22 (f) SUNSET.—The program established under this
23 section shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after
24 the date of enactment of this Act.