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# H. R. 8768

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants available to support State, Tribal, and local firearm destruction activities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CASE, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Restoring Trust in  
5 Public Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may make  
8 grants to an eligible entity for activities related to firearm

1 destruction. For purposes of this section, the term “eligi-  
2 ble entity” means a State, Tribal government, or unit of  
3 local government, or any law enforcement agency thereof.

4 (b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Not later than 180  
5 days after such amounts are appropriated, the Attorney  
6 General shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to eli-  
7 gible entities whose applications are approved under sub-  
8 section (c) to assist such applicants in firearm destruction.

9 (c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
10 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit an appli-  
11 cation to the Attorney General at such time and con-  
12 taining such information as the Attorney General may rea-  
13 sonably require, including—

14 (1) a description of how the applicant will use  
15 the grant to carry out firearm destruction;

16 (2) a description of community partners and or-  
17 ganizations contracted by or working with the eligi-  
18 ble entity and their roles in supporting a State or  
19 Tribal government or a unit of local government’s  
20 programs and initiatives related to the acquisition,  
21 disposal, or destruction of a firearm or firearm  
22 parts;

23 (3) certification that funds awarded to the ap-  
24 plicant will be used to destroy firearms fully, includ-  
25 ing all parts and components; and

1           (4) certification that the applicant will make  
2           and maintain records on the firearms and firearm  
3           parts that are destroyed.

4           (d) SUBGRANTS.—States, Tribal governments, and  
5           units of local government that are grantees shall award  
6           subgrants to units of local government or law enforcement  
7           agencies thereof. A unit of local government or law en-  
8           forcement agency thereof seeking a subgrant that does not  
9           receive a grant under this Act may submit an application  
10          to the chief executive of the grantee that is substantially  
11          similar to the application prescribed by the Attorney Gen-  
12          eral.

13          (e) GRANT DURATION.—The duration of a grant  
14          awarded to an eligible entity under this section shall be  
15          two years.

16          (f) PROOF OF FIREARM DESTRUCTION.—The Attor-  
17          ney General shall require that a grantee or subgrantee de-  
18          velop and maintain a written policy on the destruction of  
19          firearms and other weapons including, without limitation,  
20          policies for identifying firearms and other weapons that  
21          are determined to be destroyed, keeping records of those  
22          firearms and other weapons and provide documented proof  
23          of firearm destruction. The Attorney General shall by rule  
24          establish acceptable forms of documented proof of destruc-  
25          tion.

1 (g) USE OF FUNDS.—A grantee may use the grant  
2 for firearm destruction and related activities, including the  
3 following:

4 (1) The purchase or maintenance of equipment  
5 used for firearm destruction, including tools used to  
6 smelt, crush, cut, or shred a firearm and compo-  
7 nents of a firearm.

8 (2) Contracts with businesses that offer firearm  
9 destruction services, provided that they fully destroy  
10 the firearm, including all parts, components, and ac-  
11 cessories of such firearms.

12 (3) The training of staff in firearm destruction.

13 (h) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—An eligible entity shall  
14 use not more than 10 percent of such funds for the admin-  
15 istrative costs of carrying out the grant program under  
16 this Act.

17 (i) SMALL URBAN AND RURAL PREFERENCE.—In  
18 awarding grants, under this Act, the Attorney General  
19 shall set aside one-third of the total appropriated funding  
20 for grants to applicants representing a Metropolitan Sta-  
21 tistical Area (as defined by the Office of Management and  
22 Budget) or rural area.

23 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each of fis-  
25 cal years 2025 through 2030 to carry out this Act.

1 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

2 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
3 the several States, the District of Columbia, or any  
4 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United  
5 States.

6 (2) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “Tribal  
7 government” means the recognized governing body  
8 of an Indian Tribe.

9 (3) FIREARM DESTRUCTION.—The term “fire-  
10 arm destruction” means to destroy a firearm or  
11 other weapon in its entirety by smelting, shredding,  
12 crushing, or cutting and shall include all parts in-  
13 cluding, without limitation, the frame or receiver,  
14 barrel, bolt, and grip of a firearm, as applicable, and  
15 any attachments including, but not limited to, a  
16 sight, scope, silencer, or suppressor, as applicable.

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