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116TH CONGRESS
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To require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to States in eradicating the Asian giant hornet, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRIJALVA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Murder Hornet Eradi-
5 cation Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. MURDER HORNET ERADICATION PROGRAM.**

2 (a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-
3 rior shall establish a program to provide financial assist-
4 ance to States for management, research, and public edu-
5 cation activities necessary to—

6 (1) eradicate the Asian giant hornet; and

7 (2) restore bee populations damaged by the
8 Asian giant hornet.

9 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—A State is eligible to receive funds
10 under this section if such State has demonstrated to the
11 Secretary sufficient need for a program to implement
12 measures to eradicate the Asian giant hornet.

13 (c) COST SHARING.—

14 (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
15 the costs of the program may not exceed 75 percent
16 of the total costs of the program.

17 (2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-
18 eral share of the costs of the program may be pro-
19 vided in the form of in-kind contributions of mate-
20 rials or services.

21 (d) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—
22 Not more than 5 percent of financial assistance provided
23 by the Secretary under this section may be used for ad-
24 ministrative expenses.

25 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For fi-
26 nancial assistance under this section, there is authorized

1 to be appropriated to the Secretary \$4,000,000 for each
2 of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ASIAN GIANT HORNET.—The term “Asian
5 giant hornet” means a *Vespa mandarinia*.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
9 the several States, the District of Columbia, and the
10 territories and insular possessions of the United
11 States.