

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2454
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Page 955, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 423. METRO ECONOMIES GREEN PROGRAM.**

2 (a) **METRO AREA GREEN ZONES.**—

3 (1) **METRO AREA GREEN ZONE GRANT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**—The Secretary may establish a competitive
5 program to make grants to units of general local
6 government to support and establish green job pro-
7 grams that—

8 (A) target low-income, difficult-to-employ,
9 and formerly incarcerated persons residing in
10 the area or community served by such unit of
11 general local government; and

12 (B) involve local business, academia, trade
13 associations, nonprofits, and other stakeholders
14 in energy-efficient economic development and
15 green job training and creation.

16 (2) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Grants may be made only to
17 units of general local government that—

18 (A) have a population in excess of
19 300,000; and

1 (B) submit to the Secretary a multi-year
2 implementation plan that provides assurances
3 to the Secretary that such unit of general local
4 government will use such grant amounts to
5 carry out the activities under paragraph (4).

6 (3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
7 subsection, the Secretary may give priority to any
8 applicant unit of general local government that pro-
9 vides assurances to the Secretary, or demonstrates
10 to the Secretary, as applicable, that such unit of
11 general local government—

12 (A) has entered, or will enter into partner-
13 ship agreements with local nonprofit organiza-
14 tions, community and technical colleges, orga-
15 nized labor organizations, and local economic
16 development boards to develop and implement a
17 coordinated, systemic, and sustainable strategy
18 to promote economic development through ef-
19 forts to increase green jobs and technologies in
20 low-income communities;

21 (B) has engaged and consulted, or will en-
22 gage and consult with relevant county and
23 State agencies to help develop and implement a
24 strategy to promote economic development

1 through efforts to increase green jobs and tech-
2 nologies in low-income communities;

3 (C) has the ability to complement and con-
4 tribute to national, regional, and State goals re-
5 lated to green jobs and green industries;

6 (D) has a demonstrable commitment to
7 green economic and workforce development;

8 (E) has the ability to coordinate with ac-
9 tivities identified in the Workforce Investment
10 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) and other
11 federally sponsored programs;

12 (F) has a plan to engage local industry
13 and small business in creating green jobs both
14 locally and regionally;

15 (G) is located within a 50 mile radius of
16 a Department of Energy National Energy Lab-
17 oratory and technology centers or a research-in-
18 tensive institution of higher education engaged
19 in energy research or green job creation;

20 (H) has a local unemployment rate at least
21 1.5 times greater than the national rate;

22 (I) has at least 20 percent of the local
23 workforce employed in the lowest-paying eco-
24 nomic sectors;

1 (J) has not less than 35 percent of house-
2 holds that have female head-of-households;

3 (K) has more than 20 parolees, proba-
4 tioners, or parolees and probationers per 1,000
5 residents;

6 (L) serves individuals in families that meet
7 the lower living standard income level, as de-
8 fined by the Department of Labor, Employment
9 and Training Administration;

10 (M) has a local population of which at
11 least 8 percent are classified as high-need with
12 regard to employment opportunities; and

13 (N) meets any other criteria the Secretary
14 determines appropriate.

15 (4) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A unit of general
16 local government receiving a grant under this sub-
17 section may use grant funds to—

18 (A) create model curricula, education, and
19 training opportunities to provide low-income,
20 underserved, or otherwise displaced program
21 participants with skills necessary to acquire
22 long-term green jobs;

23 (B) provide job placement services, in part-
24 nership with local green industries;

1 (C) support program partners, subdivisions
2 of municipal government, small business, and
3 nonprofits for further coordination with na-
4 tional, State, and regional efforts, local indus-
5 try, local small business, and nationally spon-
6 sored activities in the Metro Area Green Zone
7 to support overall program enhancement and
8 expand local and regional green employment op-
9 portunities, including providing—

- 10 (i) stipends;
11 (ii) tax credits;
12 (iii) financing mechanisms; and
13 (iv) technical and other assistance;

14 (D) provide green job creation incentives
15 through support of local businesses and indus-
16 try sectors to create green jobs;

17 (E) provide services such as childcare, al-
18 cohol and drug dependence treatment, and men-
19 tal health services, as necessary, to under-
20 served, low-income, displaced, hard-to-employ,
21 and formerly incarcerated individuals to facili-
22 tate the use of the training and job placement
23 services provided by paragraphs (1) and (2);

24 (F) provide underserved, low-income, dis-
25 placed, hard-to-employ, and formerly incarcer-

1 ated individuals with green jobs and business
2 opportunities; and

3 (G) carry out any other activity the Sec-
4 retary considers appropriate.

5 (5) NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

6 (A) NUMBER.—The Secretary may make
7 grants under this subsection to not more than
8 10 units of general local government.

9 (B) AMOUNT.—Subject to the availability
10 of appropriations, the Secretary shall make a
11 grant to each unit of general local government
12 selected of not more than \$15,000,000 each fis-
13 cal year for 5 years.

14 (6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

15 There is authorized to be appropriated for grants
16 under this subsection \$150,000,000 for each of the
17 fiscal years 2010 through 2015.

18 (b) MINI-METRO GREEN GRANT PROGRAM.—

19 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary may es-
20 tablish a competitive program to make grants to
21 units of general local government eligible under
22 paragraph (2) to support and establish programs
23 that engage smaller communities in green economic
24 and workforce development.

1 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—Grants may be made only to
2 units of general local government that—

3 (A) have a population of not less than
4 50,000 and not more than 125,000; and

5 (B) submit to the Secretary a multi-year
6 implementation plan that provides assurances
7 to the Secretary that such unit of general local
8 government will use such grant amounts to
9 carry out the activities under paragraph (4).

10 (3) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
11 subsection, the Secretary may give priority to any
12 applicant unit of general local government that pro-
13 vides assurances to the Secretary, or demonstrates
14 to the Secretary, as applicable, that such unit of
15 general local government—

16 (A) has a commitment to promoting green
17 jobs and green technologies;

18 (B) has a plan to engage local industry
19 and small business in creating green jobs both
20 locally and regionally;

21 (C) has a local unemployment rate at least
22 25 percent greater than the national rate, or
23 for the 10-year period ending upon application
24 for a grant under this section has a local unem-

1 employment rate at least 10 percent greater than
2 the national rate;

3 (D) serves individuals in families that meet
4 the lower living standard income level, as de-
5 fined by the Department of Labor, Employment
6 and Training Administration;

7 (E) has a population of which more than
8 20 percent are involved in gang activity;

9 (F) has a population of which more than
10 0.5 percent are current parolees;

11 (G) has a high school drop-out rate at
12 least 10 percent greater than the national aver-
13 age;

14 (H) has at least one local publicly funded
15 workforce investment system;

16 (I) has been identified pursuant to State
17 or Federal law as an enterprise zone;

18 (J) has an existing partnership with a local
19 publicly funded workforce investment system;

20 (K) is a designated Environmental Protec-
21 tion Agency Nonattainment area; and

22 (L) meets any other criteria the Secretary
23 determines appropriate.

1 (4) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A unit of general
2 local government receiving a grant under this sub-
3 section may use grant funds to—

4 (A) participate in programs and activities
5 provided by the Metro Area Green Institute es-
6 tablished under subsection (c);

7 (B) provide job placement services, in part-
8 nership with local green industries;

9 (C) provide higher level job skills, and
10 higher paying employment opportunities (in-
11 cluding micro-enterprise business in under-
12 served communities) to low-income and for-
13 merly incarcerated individuals;

14 (D) provide incentives for further coordina-
15 tion with local industry and small business to
16 expand local and regional green jobs;

17 (E) provide services such as childcare, al-
18 cohol and drug dependence treatment, and men-
19 tal health services, as necessary, to under-
20 served, low-income, displaced, hard-to-employ,
21 and formerly incarcerated individuals to facili-
22 tate the use of the training, job placement, and
23 employment services provided by subparagraphs
24 (C) and (D); and

1 (F) carry out any other activity the Sec-
2 retary considers appropriate.

3 (5) NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

4 (A) NUMBER.—The Secretary may make
5 grants under this subsection to not more than
6 10 units of general local government.

7 (B) AMOUNT.—Subject to the availability
8 of appropriations, the Secretary shall make a
9 grant to each unit of general local government
10 selected of not more than \$1,000,000 each fis-
11 cal year for 5 years.

12 (6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13 There is authorized to be appropriated for grants
14 under this subsection \$10,000,000 for each of the
15 fiscal years 2010 through 2015.

16 (c) METRO AREA GREEN INSTITUTE.—

17 (1) GRANT OR CONTRACT AWARD.—The Sec-
18 retary shall select one unit of general local govern-
19 ment or nonprofit organization designated by a unit
20 of general local government to establish and operate
21 a Metro Area Green Institute in accordance with
22 this subsection and may make a grant or enter into
23 a contract under this subsection to provide assist-
24 ance for such Institute.

1 (2) GRANT OR CONTRACT AMOUNT.—The
2 amount provided for a grant or contract under this
3 subsection shall not exceed \$5,000,000 each fiscal
4 year for 5 years.

5 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary may not make
6 a grant or enter into a contract under this sub-
7 section to an applicant unit of general local govern-
8 ment or an applicant nonprofit organization des-
9 igned by a unit of general local government unless
10 the applicant provides assurances to the Secretary,
11 or demonstrates to the Secretary, as applicable, that
12 such unit or designated nonprofit organization—

13 (A) is within a 20-mile radius of at least
14 one Department of Energy National Energy
15 Laboratory and at least one research-intensive
16 institution of higher education;

17 (B) has demonstrable experience with
18 green workforce development and job creation;

19 (C) has an existing green jobs collaborative
20 involving regional, local, county, State, and
21 public and private stakeholders that targets
22 low-income underserved populations residing in
23 metropolitan areas;

24 (D) has entered into or is prepared to
25 enter into a partnership agreement with a De-

1 partment of Energy National Energy Labora-
2 tory and a research-intensive institution of
3 higher education that are within a 20-mile ra-
4 dius of such unit of general local government or
5 the area served by such nonprofit organization
6 designated by a unit of general local govern-
7 ment; and

8 (E) is in a community meeting the criteria
9 under subparagraphs (H) through (N) of sub-
10 section (a)(3).

11 (4) ACTIVITIES.—To carry out the purposes of
12 this section, the Metro Area Green Institute shall—

13 (A) evaluate the efficacy of programs fund-
14 ed under subsections (a), (b), and (d);

15 (B) sponsor workshops and conferences on
16 green jobs, technology transfer, business devel-
17 opment, green economic development strategies
18 for metropolitan economies seeking to engage
19 low-income under-served and other displaced
20 populations, and any other topics relevant to
21 green industries;

22 (C) compile for dissemination to green
23 workforce development and job creation pro-
24 grams nationally, and so disseminate, informa-
25 tion and data related to the programs under

1 subsections (a), (b), and (d), and other related
2 national, regional, and local activities related to
3 green workforce development and economic de-
4 velopment, including best practice data and
5 green worker training techniques;

6 (D) monitor and investigate green work-
7 force development and job creation programs
8 nationally with a focus on initiatives targeting
9 high-poverty communities and high-need com-
10 munities;

11 (E) assess the efficacy of green economic
12 and workforce development programs;

13 (F) create and maintain a certification
14 program to train workers in green jobs;

15 (G) encourage local and municipal govern-
16 ments to engage in workforce development and
17 job creation activities in green industry;

18 (H) provide capacity-building and related
19 technical assistance to green workforce develop-
20 ment initiatives nationally, with emphasis on
21 communities receiving funding under sub-
22 sections (a) and (b); and

23 (I) produce and make available to local
24 governments, nonprofits, academic institutions,
25 and the Department of Housing and Urban De-

1 development literature and media tools codifying
2 best practice techniques and supplemental
3 metadata analysis.

4 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 There is authorized to be appropriated for the grant
6 or contract under this subsection \$5,000,000 for
7 each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2015.

8 (d) ALTERNATIVE GREEN ACADEMIES PROGRAM.—

9 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—

10 The Secretary may establish a competitive program
11 to make grants to units of general local government
12 to support and establish programs that—

13 (A) provide green job training, employment
14 opportunities, and other life skills to high school
15 drop-outs, formerly incarcerated youth, and in-
16 dividuals unable to attend traditional institu-
17 tions of higher education; and

18 (B) involve collaboration between local or
19 municipal governments, community or technical
20 colleges, local businesses, trade associations and
21 others.

22 (2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
23 subsection, the Secretary may give priority to any
24 applicant unit of general local government that pro-
25 vides assurances to the Secretary, or demonstrates

1 to the Secretary, as applicable, that such unit of
2 general local government—

3 (A) has a plan to engage at least one com-
4 munity or technical college in green job train-
5 ing;

6 (B) has a plan to engage local industry,
7 trade associations, and small business in cre-
8 ating green jobs in underserved communities;

9 (C) has projected growth, over the next
10 five years, in net new jobs requiring at min-
11 imum a high school diploma;

12 (D) has an estimated high school drop-out
13 rate of greater than 35 percent based upon
14 2007 statistical data, or 10 percent greater
15 than the national rate;

16 (E) has a local unemployment rate at least
17 1.5 times greater than the national rate;

18 (F) has at least 20 percent of the local
19 workforce employed in the lowest-paying eco-
20 nomic sectors;

21 (G) has not less than 35 percent of house-
22 holds that have female head-of-households;

23 (H) has more than 20 parolees, proba-
24 tioners, or parolees and probationers per 1,000
25 residents;

1 (I) has a local population of which at least
2 8 percent are classified as high-need with re-
3 gard to employment opportunities; and

4 (J) meets any other criteria the Secretary
5 determines appropriate.

6 (3) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—A unit of general
7 local government receiving a grant under this sub-
8 section may use grant funds to collaborate with local
9 community and technical colleges and local busi-
10 nesses, trade associations, and other entities to—

11 (A) establish an inclusive education and
12 training center or centers to serve as an alter-
13 native academy for high school drop-outs, for-
14 merly incarcerated, and other difficult-to-em-
15 ploy individuals;

16 (B) develop curricula to provide program
17 participants with skills necessary to achieve sus-
18 tainable employment in green industries;

19 (C) establish mentorship programs with
20 local green industries and small businesses to
21 provide program participants with access to on-
22 the-job training;

23 (D) provide job placement services, in part-
24 nership with local green industries and small
25 businesses;

1 (E) provide wage stipends to program par-
2 ticipants receiving green job training; and

3 (F) provide services such as childcare, al-
4 cohol and drug dependence treatment, and men-
5 tal health services, as necessary, to under-
6 served, low-income, displaced, hard-to-employ,
7 and formerly incarcerated individuals to facili-
8 tate the use of the training, job placement, and
9 employment provided by paragraphs (1) to (5).

10 (4) NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

11 (A) NUMBER.—The Secretary may make
12 grants under this subsection to not more than
13 10 units of general local government.

14 (B) AMOUNT.—Subject to the availability
15 of appropriations, the Secretary shall make a
16 grant to each unit of general local government
17 selected of \$2,000,000 each fiscal year for 5
18 years.

19 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
20 There is authorized to be appropriated for grants
21 under this subsection \$20,000,000 for each of the
22 fiscal years 2010 through 2015.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) GREEN JOBS.—The term “green jobs”
25 means well-paying, high-skill, career-track jobs that

- 1 contribute directly to preserving or enhancing envi-
2 ronmental quality and promote energy efficiency and
3 energy technology deployment, including jobs involv-
4 ing—
- 5 (A) energy-efficient construction;
 - 6 (B) retrofitting public and private build-
7 ings;
 - 8 (C) installing solar panels, wind turbines,
9 and other low-carbon or carbon-neutral power
10 sources;
 - 11 (D) constructing transit lines;
 - 12 (E) environmental remediation activities;
 - 13 (F) installation of low-carbon infrastruc-
14 ture;
 - 15 (G) landscaping; and
 - 16 (H) developing or deploying—
 - 17 (i) sustainable energy technologies;
 - 18 (ii) low-carbon electricity technologies;
 - 19 (iii) advanced bio-fuels;
 - 20 (iv) carbon dioxide capture and stor-
21 age systems;
 - 22 (v) electric and plug-in hybrid electric
23 vehicles; and
 - 24 (vi) high-efficiency consumer prod-
25 ucts.

1 (2) GREEN INDUSTRY.—The term “green in-
2 dustry” means existing or emerging industry sectors,
3 small businesses, and micro-enterprise initiatives
4 that create or involve green jobs.

5 (3) HIGH NEEDS.—The term “high needs”
6 means, with respect to an individual, an individual
7 who is—

8 (A) unemployed, with a high school degree
9 or lesser educational attainment;

10 (B) working full-time, but living in pov-
11 erty, as determined by national poverty indica-
12 tors; or

13 (C) marginally employed, as defined by the
14 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department
15 of Labor.

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

18 (5) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—
19 The term “unit of general local government” has the
20 meaning given such term in section 102 of the
21 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
22 (42 U.S.C. 5302).

