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# H. R. 1917

[Report No. 117-]

To modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mrs. FLETCHER (for herself and Mr. MCCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

# **A BILL**

To modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, 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 “Hazard Eligibility and  
5 Local Projects Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF AC-**  
7 **QUISITION OR RELOCATION PROJECTS.**

8        (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE FOR INITIATED**  
9 **PROJECTS.—**

10            (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding any other  
11 provision of law, an entity seeking assistance under  
12 a hazard mitigation assistance program shall be eli-  
13 gible to receive such assistance for a covered project  
14 if the entity—

15                    (A) complies with all other eligibility re-  
16 quirements of the hazard mitigation assistance  
17 program for acquisition or relocation projects,  
18 including extinguishing all incompatible encum-  
19 brances; and

20                    (B) complies with all Federal requirements  
21 for the project.

22            (2) **COSTS INCURRED.—**An entity seeking as-  
23 sistance under a hazard mitigation assistance pro-  
24 gram shall be responsible for any project costs in-  
25 curred by the entity for a covered project if the cov-

1           ered project is not awarded, or is determined to be  
2           ineligible for, assistance.

3           (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-  
4           nitions apply:

5           (1) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered  
6           project” means—

7                   (A) an acquisition or relocation project for  
8                   which an entity began implementation prior to  
9                   grant award under a hazard mitigation assist-  
10                  ance program; and

11                   (B) a project for which an entity initiated  
12                   planning or construction before or after re-  
13                   questing assistance for the project under a haz-  
14                   ard mitigation assistance program qualifying  
15                   for a categorical exemption under the National  
16                   Environmental Policy Act.

17           (2) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PRO-  
18           GRAM.—The term “hazard mitigation assistance  
19           program” means—

20                   (A) the predisaster hazard mitigation  
21                   grant program authorized under section 203 of  
22                   the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
23                   Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

24                   (B) the hazard mitigation grant program  
25                   authorized under section 404 of the Robert T.

1           Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
2           ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170e); and

3           (C) the flood mitigation assistance pro-  
4           gram authorized under section 1366 of the Na-  
5           tional Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
6           4104e).

7           (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to  
8           funds appropriated on or after the date of enactment of  
9           this Act.