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# H. R. 4577

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Park District Community Support Grant Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Park District Commu-  
5       nity Support Grant Program Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT PRO-**  
7       **GRAM.**

8       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish  
9       a Park District Community Support Grant Program

1 under which the Secretary may award grants to eligible  
2 entities for projects to—

3 (1) maintain land and water for parks and  
4 other outdoor recreation purposes;

5 (2) operate new or renovate existing outdoor  
6 recreation facilities; and

7 (3) build, operate, maintain, or refurbish indoor  
8 or outdoor facilities owned and operated, in whole or  
9 in part by a park district and used by or to support  
10 the public.

11 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving a  
13 grant under subsection (a), an eligible entity shall  
14 provide matching funds in the form of cash or in-  
15 kind contributions in an amount equal to not less  
16 than 100 percent of the amounts made available  
17 under the grant.

18 (2) SOURCES.—The matching amounts referred  
19 to in paragraph (1) may include amounts made  
20 available from State, local, nongovernmental, or pri-  
21 vate sources.

22 (3) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive all or  
23 part of the matching requirement under paragraph  
24 (1) if the Secretary determines that—

1           (A) no reasonable means are available  
2           through which an applicant can meet the  
3           matching requirement; and

4           (B) the probable benefit of such project  
5           outweighs the public interest in such matching  
6           requirement.

7       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
9           ty” means a special purpose district, including park  
10          districts.

11          (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
12          the Secretary of the Interior.

13       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
14       are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
15       \$100,000,000 to carry out this section.

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