

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 23

AN ACT

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 23

AN ACT

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Tornado Shelters Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

4 Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community De-
5 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(24) the construction or improvement of tor-
13 nado-safe shelters for residents of manufactured
14 housing, and the provision of assistance (including
15 loans and grants) to nonprofit and for-profit entities
16 (including owners of manufactured housing parks)
17 for such construction or improvement, except that—

18 “(A) a shelter assisted with amounts pro-
19 vided pursuant to this paragraph may be lo-
20 cated only in a neighborhood (including a man-
21 ufactured housing park) that—

22 “(i) contains not less than 20 manu-
23 factured housing units that are within such
24 proximity to the shelter that the shelter is
25 available to the residents of such units in
26 the event of a tornado;

1 “(ii) consists predominantly of per-
2 sons of low and moderate income; and

3 “(iii) is located within a State in
4 which a tornado has occurred during the
5 fiscal year for which the amounts to be
6 used under this paragraph were made
7 available or any of the 3 preceding fiscal
8 years, as determined by the Secretary after
9 consultation with the Director of the Fed-
10 eral Emergency Management Agency;

11 “(B) such a shelter shall comply with
12 standards for construction and safety as the
13 Secretary, after consultation with the Director
14 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
15 shall provide to ensure protection from torna-
16 does;

17 “(C) such a shelter shall be of a size suffi-
18 cient to accommodate, at a single time, all occu-
19 pants of manufactured housing units located
20 within the neighborhood in which the shelter is
21 located; and

22 “(D) amounts may not be used for a shel-
23 ter as provided under this paragraph unless
24 there is located, within the neighborhood in
25 which the shelter is located (or, in the case of

1 a shelter located in a manufactured housing
2 park, within 1,500 feet of such park), a warn-
3 ing siren that is operated in accordance with
4 such local, regional, or national disaster warn-
5 ing programs or systems as the Secretary, after
6 consultation with the Director of the Federal
7 Emergency Management Agency, considers ap-
8 propriate to ensure adequate notice of occu-
9 pants of manufactured housing located in such
10 neighborhood or park of a tornado; and”.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 In addition to any amounts otherwise made available
13 for grants under title I of the Housing and Community
14 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), there
15 is authorized to be appropriated for assistance only for
16 activities pursuant to section 105(a)(24) of such Act
17 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.

Passed the House of Representatives July 21, 2003.

Attest:

Clerk.