



HR 7525 – Special District Grant Accessibility Act

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CSDA TEMPLATE SUPPORT LETTER

[Date]

The Honorable [redacted]
U.S. House of Representatives
[redacted] House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support Request – H.R. 7525 *Special District Grant Accessibility Act*

Dear Representative [redacted]:

On behalf of the [redacted], we respectfully request that you support the *Special District Grant Accessibility Act* (H.R. 7525). This important bipartisan legislation was overwhelmingly approved by the House Oversight and Accountability Committee on March 7 and is now awaiting action by the full House. We urge you to work with congressional leadership to ensure that the legislation is considered in a timely fashion.

[Brief description of your district.]

H.R. 7525 would require the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance to federal agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local governments for the purpose of federal financial assistance determinations. The bill also would codify in federal law a long-overdue, formal definition of “special district.”

Special districts are local governments created by the people of a community to deliver specialized services essential to their health, safety, economy, and well-being. In the State of California, there are over 2,000 special districts providing a broad range of essential services and infrastructure.

Despite the significance of special districts throughout the United States, federal law lacks a consistent definition of these special purpose units of local government. As a result, some communities served by special districts face challenges in accessing federal funding opportunities as their local service providers are commonly omitted from the definition of eligible units of local government in legislative proposals that authorize federal programs and funding. Moreover, special districts lack official population figures and are therefore not recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau as “geographic units of government.” As a result, special districts are unable to gain access to certain formula-driven grants and resources.

Again, we urge you to support the *Special District Grant Accessibility Act* and to work with your House colleagues to prioritize passage of this critically important bill. Thank you for considering this request.

[Name]

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cc: California Special Districts Association [via email: advocacy@cdda.net]

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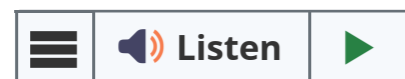
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Introduced in House (03/05/2024)

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. R. 7525**

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2024

Mr. FALLON (for himself and Ms. PETERSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

A BILL

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Special District Grant Accessibility Act”.

SEC. 2. AGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE ON SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS AS GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

(1) OMB GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall issue guidance that clarifies how an agency recognizes a special district as a unit of local government for the purpose of being eligible to receive Federal financial assistance.

(2) AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the guidance is issued pursuant to paragraph (1), the head of each agency shall implement the requirements of such guidance and conform any policy, principle, practice, procedure, or guideline relating to the administration of the Federal financial assistance programs of the agency.

(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report that evaluates agency implementation of and conformity to the guidance issued pursuant to paragraph (1).

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the meaning given the term in section 552 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(3) FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term “Federal financial assistance”—

(A) means assistance that a non-Federal entity receives or administers in the form of a grant, loan, loan guarantee, property, cooperative agreement, interest subsidy, insurance, food commodity, direct appropriation, or other assistance; and

(B) does not include an amount received as reimbursement for services rendered to an individual in accordance with guidance issued by the Director.

(4) SPECIAL DISTRICT.—The term “special district” means a political subdivision of a State, with specified boundaries and significant budgetary autonomy or control, created by or pursuant to the laws of the State, for the purpose of performing limited and specific governmental or proprietary functions that distinguish it as a significantly separate entity from the administrative governance structure of any other form of local government unit within a State.

(5) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, each commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

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