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1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Dream
3 Downpayment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE UNDER**
5 **HOME PROGRAM.**

6 (a) DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.—Sub-
7 title E of title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Af-
8 fordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12821) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 **“Subtitle E—Other Assistance**

11 **“SEC. 271. DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

12 “(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may make
13 grants to participating jurisdictions to assist low-income
14 families to achieve homeownership, in accordance with this
15 section.

16 “(b) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Amounts made avail-
17 able under this section may be used only for downpayment
18 assistance toward the purchase of single family housing
19 by low-income families who are first-time homebuyers. For
20 purposes of this title, the term ‘downpayment assistance’



1 means assistance to help a family acquire a principal resi-
2 dence.

3 “(c) HOUSING STRATEGY.—To be eligible to receive
4 a grant under this section for a fiscal year, a participating
5 jurisdiction shall include in its comprehensive housing af-
6 fordability strategy under section 105 for such year—

7 (1) a description of the use of the grant
8 amounts; and

9 (2) a plan for conducting targeted outreach to
10 residents and tenants of public housing, trailer
11 parks, and manufactured housing, and to other fam-
12 ilies assisted by public housing agencies, for the pur-
13 pose of ensuring that grant amounts provided under
14 this section to a participating jurisdiction are used
15 for downpayment assistance for such residents, ten-
16 ants, and families.

17 “(d) FORMULA ALLOCATION.—For each fiscal year,
18 the Secretary shall allocate any amounts made available
19 for assistance under this section for the fiscal year in ac-
20 cordance with a formula, which shall be established by the
21 Secretary, that considers a participating jurisdiction’s
22 need for and prior commitment to assistance to home-
23 buyers. The formula may include minimum and maximum
24 allocation amounts. In considering a participating jurisdic-
25 tion’s prior year’s commitment to assistance to home-



1 buyers, the formula shall consider amounts committed to
2 such purpose under the HOME investment partnerships
3 program, the community development block grant pro-
4 gram, mortgage revenue bonds, and prior year's funding
5 from State and local governments, provided that the data
6 underlying such funding is uniform, verifiable, and accu-
7 rate by the State and local government, and shall consider
8 other factors that the Secretary determines to be appro-
9 priate.

10 “(e) REALLOCATION.—If any amounts allocated to a
11 participating jurisdiction under this section become avail-
12 able for reallocation, the amounts shall be reallocated to
13 other participating jurisdictions in accordance with the
14 formula established pursuant to subsection (d), except
15 that if a local participating jurisdiction failed to receive
16 amounts allocated under this section and is located in a
17 State that is a participating jurisdiction, the funds shall
18 be reallocated to the State.

19 “(f) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
21 vided in this section, grants under this section shall
22 not be subject to the provisions of this title.

23 “(2) APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—In addition to
24 the requirements of this section, grants under this
25 section shall be subject to the provisions of title I,



1 sections 215(b), 218, 219, 221, 223, 224, and
2 226(a) of subtitle A of this title, and subtitle F of
3 this title.

4 “(3) REFERENCES.—In applying the require-
5 ments of subtitle A referred to in paragraph (2)—

6 “(A) any references to funds under subtitle
7 A shall be considered to refer to amounts made
8 available for assistance under this section; and

9 “(B) any references to funds allocated or
10 reallocated under section 217 or 217(d) shall be
11 considered to refer to amounts allocated or re-
12 allocated under subsection (d) or (e) of this sec-
13 tion, respectively.

14 “(g) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Notwithstanding sec-
15 tion 212(c), a participating jurisdiction may use funds
16 under subtitle A for administrative and planning costs of
17 the jurisdiction in carrying out this section, and the limita-
18 tion in section 212(c) shall be based on the total amount
19 of funds available under subtitle A and this section.

20 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005.”.

23 (b) RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND DOWNPAYMENT
24 ASSISTANCE.—Subtitle F of title II of the Cranston-Gon-
25 zalez National Affordable Housing Act is amended by in-



1 inserting after section 290 (42 U.S.C. 12840) the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 291. RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND DOWNPAYMENT**
4 **ASSISTANCE.**

5 “The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Prop-
6 erty Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 shall not apply to
7 downpayment assistance under this title.”.

