

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE ACT

SECTION-BY-SECTION

SEC 1. Purpose

- Support State governments, local governments, and community-based organizations in implementing non-carceral approaches to community safety;
- Mobilize and coordinate Federal resources to advance a non-carceral strategies to keep communities safe and reduce criminal punishment;
- Expand resources to holistically support survivors of mass incarceration, police violence, harm resulting from detention or deportation based on immigration status, gun violence, gender-based violence, domestic violence, rape and other forms of sexual assault, racist violence, queerphobic violence, transphobic violence, and other forms of violence and abuse.

TITLE I

SEC. 101.

Establishes a Division of Community Safety within the Department of Health and Human Services, the leader of which Division reports directly to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

- The Division shall have responsibility for overseeing activities that promote health approaches to public safety, including:
 - Establish the Health Response Unit:
 - A federal taskforce of first responders that will respond to the mass health crisis as declared by the Secretary of Health, or state Secretary of Health;
 - The mission consists of providing State and local municipalities with capacity support and/or training where a public health emergency exists.

SEC. 102.

Community Advisory Board. Monitor the Division and ensure that grants are flowing to most high priority states, communities and local governments.

- Ensuring that the Division is meeting its purpose and carry an oversight capacity that will audit and report on the Division's tasks; and
- Those serving on the Advisory Board will be reflective of the communities impacted.

SEC. 103.

Federal Health Response Unit. Create a Federal Health Response Unit, or a federal first responders unit that will respond to the mass health crisis and support cities and States that declare a public health emergency.

SEC. 104.

Interagency Task Force. The taskforce will coordinate and promote holistic approaches to community safety between Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Department of Education, Department of Labor, Department of Justice, and Environmental Protection Agency.

TITLE II**SEC. 201.**

Award grants to community-led organizations. on a rolling basis, to support community-based organizations that are designing, implementing, monitoring, or otherwise supporting health approaches to public safety. This will remove decades of barriers of federal funds for grassroots, community organizations to access resources to bring innovative solutions to scale. The Community Safety and Crisis Response Grant for Communities would be authorized at \$2,500,000,000 over five years.

SEC. 202.

Incentivizes local governments to support public safety initiatives through HHS by creating a grant stream awarded to local governments so that they can fund, research, and otherwise support the development of community-led, health

approaches to public safety. The Community Safety and Crisis Response Grant for Local Governments would be authorized at \$2,500,000,000 over five years.

SEC. 203.

Incentivizes states to support public safety initiatives through HHS by creating a grant stream awarded to states so that they can fund, research, and otherwise support the development of community-led, health approaches to public safety. The Community Safety and Crisis Response Grant for States would be authorized at \$2,500,000,000 over five years.

SEC. 204.

Provide hiring grants for first responders by establishing a First Responders Hiring Grant to award competitive grants through HHS and direct resources to community-based organizations and state, local, and tribal governments to hire emergency first responders, such as licensed social workers, mental health counselors, substance use counselors, and peer counselors, in an effort to improve crisis response and increase non-carceral, health-based approaches to public safety. The First Responders Hiring Grant would be authorized at \$2,500,000,000, which would create 50,000 new first responders jobs over the next five years.