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To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program to facilitate land acquisitions made to improve water quality, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MURPHY of Florida (for himself and Mr. CLAWSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Federal Partnership
5 for Clean Water Land Acquisition Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLEAN WATER LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
5 the Environmental Protection Agency shall establish a
6 program to facilitate land acquisitions made for the pur-
7 pose of improving water quality.

8 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the pro-
9 gram established under subsection (a), the Administrator
10 may make a grant, in accordance with this section, to any
11 State.

12 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
13 subsection (b), a State shall submit to the Administrator
14 an application at such time, in such form, and containing
15 such information as the Administrator may require.

16 (d) GRANT USE.—A State may use grant amounts
17 provided under subsection (b) only—

18 (1) to acquire private land; and

19 (2) if the acquisition of the land will substan-
20 tially improve, as determined by the Administrator,
21 water quality for an area (including by means of
22 water storage, water treatment, estuary restoration,
23 or ecosystem restoration).

24 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
25 costs of any land acquisition assisted with a grant under
26 subsection (b) shall not exceed 50 percent.

1 (f) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
2 “State” means any governmental entity of the several
3 States, the District of Columbia, or a territory or posses-
4 sion of the United States.

5 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
6 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator for
7 each fiscal year \$750,000,000 to carry out this section.