

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6367

To provide grants to small business development centers, women’s business centers, and chapters of the Service Corps of Retired Executives to allow telework and create marketing materials in response to COVID–19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2020

Mr. SCHNEIDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Small Business

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 “Entrepreneurial Devel-
5 opment COVID–19 Response Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT**
2 **UNDER THE WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 During the 3-month period beginning on the date of
5 the enactment of this section, the requirement relating to
6 obtaining cash contributions from non-Federal sources
7 under section 29(c)(1) of the Small Business Act (15
8 U.S.C. 656(c)(1)) is waived for any recipient of assistance
9 under such section 29.

10 **SEC. 3. GRANTS TO SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-**
11 **TERS, WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS, AND**
12 **CHAPTERS OF THE SERVICE CORPS OF RE-**
13 **TIRED EXECUTIVES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small
15 Business Administration shall provide grants to small
16 business development centers, women's business centers,
17 and chapters of the Service Corps of Retired Executives
18 for the purposes described in subsection (b).

19 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant funds under this section
20 shall be used for the following:

21 (1) To purchase laptops, software, and other re-
22 lated technical or electronic equipment to ensure
23 that employees of small business development cen-
24 ters, women's business centers, and chapters of the
25 Service Corps of Retired Executives may telework
26 and provide remote customer service in response to

1 a public health emergency declared because of
2 COVID–19.

3 (2) To create marketing materials for employ-
4 ees of small business development centers, women’s
5 business centers, and chapters of the Service Corps
6 of Retired Executives to educate customers on avail-
7 able training and counseling resources relevant to a
8 public health emergency declared because of
9 COVID–19.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

11 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
12 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
13 ness Administration.

14 (2) SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECU-
15 TIVES.—The term “Service Corps of Retired Execu-
16 tives” means the Service Corps of Retired Execu-
17 tives established under section 8(b)(1)(B) of the
18 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B)).

19 (3) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-
20 TER.—The term “small business development cen-
21 ter” has the meaning given in section 3 of the Small
22 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

23 (4) WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER.—The term
24 “women’s business center” means a women’s busi-

1 ness center as described under section 29 of the
2 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656).

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 to the Admin-
5 istrator to carry out this Act, of which not less than
6 \$15,000,000 shall be used for grants to small business de-
7 velopment centers.

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