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To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. TONKO, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. POCAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SIRES, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIALS PILOT PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means
7 a nonprofit organization that applies for a grant
8 under this section.

9 (2) ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIAL.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy effi-
2 ciency material” means a material (including a
3 product, equipment, or system) the installation
4 of which results in a reduction in use of energy
5 or fuel.

6 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy effi-
7 ciency material” includes—

8 (i) a roof or lighting system or compo-
9 nent of the system;

10 (ii) a window;

11 (iii) a door, including a security door;

12 (iv) a heating, ventilation, or air con-
13 ditioning system or component of the sys-
14 tem (including insulation and wiring and
15 plumbing improvements needed to serve a
16 more efficient system); and

17 (v) a renewable energy generation or
18 heating system, including a solar, photo-
19 voltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (in-
20 cluding wood pellet) system or component
21 of the system.

22 (3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit
24 building” means a building operated and owned
25 by a nonprofit organization.

1 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit
2 building” includes a building described in sub-
3 paragraph (A) that is—

- 4 (i) a hospital;
5 (ii) a youth center;
6 (iii) a school;
7 (iv) a social-welfare program facility;
8 (v) a facility of a faith-based organiza-
9 tion; or
10 (vi) any other nonresidential and non-
11 commercial structure.

12 (4) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
13 “nonprofit organization” means an organization that
14 is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
15 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under sec-
16 tion 501(a) of such Code.

17 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Energy.

19 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-
21 tablish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit orga-
22 nizations to purchase energy efficiency materials to install
23 in nonprofit buildings.

24 (c) GRANTS.—

1 (1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a
2 grant under the pilot program established under
3 subsection (b) if an applicant submits to the Sec-
4 retary an application at such time, in such form,
5 and containing such information as the Secretary
6 may prescribe.

7 (2) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining
8 whether to award a grant under the pilot program
9 established under subsection (b), the Secretary shall
10 apply performance-based criteria, which shall give
11 priority to applicants based on—

12 (A) the energy savings expected to be
13 achieved;

14 (B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of the
15 energy efficiency materials that are proposed to
16 be purchased;

17 (C) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-
18 urement, and verification of energy savings; and

19 (D) the financial need of the applicant.

20 (3) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT
21 AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section
22 shall not exceed \$200,000.

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

- 1 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024,
- 2 to remain available until expended.

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