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H. R. 4936

To establish a grant program to provide temporary housing to homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself and Mr. CISNEROS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Bridge to End Home-
5 lessness Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing
8 and Urban Development (in this Act referred to as the
9 “Secretary”) shall establish a competitive grant program
10 to provide grants to eligible entities under subsection (b)

1 to provide interim housing to individuals experiencing
2 homelessness.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
4 under subsection (a), an entity shall—

5 (1) be a governmental entity at the county, city,
6 regional, or locality level;

7 (2) submit a plan for targeted outreach to indi-
8 viduals experiencing homelessness within the juris-
9 diction of the entity or a partner of the entity; and

10 (3) submit to the Secretary an application that
11 includes a plan and assurances to provide for—

12 (A) identifying unused property or land
13 that—

14 (i) is located within the entity’s juris-
15 diction or partner entity’s jurisdiction; and

16 (ii) will be converted into a facility for
17 interim housing for such individuals;

18 (B) furnishing such facility with on-site
19 mental health, employment, substance use dis-
20 order, and wellness resources, except that for
21 services that cannot be furnished on-site, the
22 plan shall provide for direct linkage to transpor-
23 tation services to appointments for such serv-
24 ices;

1 (C) accommodation of service animals and
2 pets at such facility;

3 (D) permanent, on-site supervision of such
4 facility;

5 (E) coordination of such facility with pub-
6 lic services agencies and law enforcement; and

7 (F) keeping the administrative entity for
8 the local Continuum of Care under subtitle C of
9 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
10 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) in-
11 formed.

12 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Each entity provided a grant
13 under this section shall—

14 (1) employ trauma-informed principles;

15 (2) employ a Housing First approach that
16 prioritizes permanent housing to people experiencing
17 homelessness; and

18 (3) provide connections to permanent housing
19 as a part of any case management provided.

20 (d) GRANT FUNDS.—An entity provided a grant
21 under this section shall receive—

22 (1) not more than \$10,000,000 in the first year
23 of the grant, to remain available until expended, for
24 costs of acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or

1 repurposing of a property to be used as an interim
2 housing facility; and

3 (2) not more than \$2,000,000 in each of the 5
4 subsequent years for costs associated with providing
5 services at such facility.

6 (e) PARTNERSHIPS.—An entity may enter into a
7 partnership with providers of services for the interim
8 housing facility established with grant amounts under this
9 section, including local health agencies, medical, mental
10 health, and substance use treatment providers, employ-
11 ment services providers, housing providers, and such other
12 service providers as necessary.

13 (f) MEASURES OF OUTCOMES.—

14 (1) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall de-
15 velop measures of outcomes to be applied by recipi-
16 ents of grants under this section in evaluating the
17 effectiveness of programs carried out under this sec-
18 tion.

19 (2) ANNUAL SUBMISSION OF DATA.—Each eligi-
20 ble entity described in subsection (b) that receives a
21 grant under this section shall annually submit to the
22 Secretary a report that includes data to evaluate the
23 success of the program carried out by the entity
24 based on whether such program is achieving the pur-
25 poses of the program. Such reports shall utilize the

1 measures of outcomes under paragraph (1) in a rea-
2 sonable manner to demonstrate the progress of the
3 program in achieving such purposes.

4 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act—

6 (1) for fiscal year 2020, \$100,000,000; and

7 (2) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021
8 through 2025.

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