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Mr. SERRANO 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 “Generational Resi-
5 dences and Nurturing Dwellings Act” or the “GRAND
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALIZED HOUSING FOR EL-**
2 **DERLY CAREGIVERS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
4 Department of Housing and Urban Development a pro-
5 gram to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit organiza-
6 tions to expand the supply of specialized housing for quali-
7 fied relatives raising a child.

8 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
9 shall preclude a recipient of assistance under a program
10 established under subsection (a) from applying for or re-
11 ceiving financial assistance under any other program es-
12 tablished in the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
13 opment.

14 (c) APPLICATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive as-
16 sistance under the program established under sub-
17 section (a), an eligible nonprofit organization shall
18 submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
19 in such manner, and containing such information as
20 the Secretary may require, which shall include a de-
21 scription of how the eligible nonprofit organization
22 will serve the housing needs of low-income families
23 in a particular geographic area.

24 (2) TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—To
25 be eligible to receive assistance to provide tenant-
26 based rental assistance as described in subsection

1 (d)(2), an application submitted under paragraph
2 (1) shall include assurances that the eligible non-
3 profit organization will coordinate with a public
4 housing agency in administering any such assistance
5 received under this Act, as required by the Sec-
6 retary.

7 (d) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance under this
8 section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible non-
9 profit organizations that plan to use such assistance as
10 described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (f).

11 (e) LIMIT ON ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED.—For each
12 fiscal year, the Secretary may select not more than 5 eligi-
13 ble nonprofit organizations to receive assistance under the
14 program under this section.

15 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of assistance under
16 this program shall use such assistance for the following
17 purposes:

18 (1) NEW HOUSING.—To finance the construc-
19 tion, reconstruction, moderate or substantial reha-
20 bilitation, or acquisition of a structure or a portion
21 of a structure to be used as specialized housing.

22 (2) OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND SUPPORTIVE
23 SERVICES.—To provide assistance for ongoing oper-
24 ational expenses of any specialized housing, includ-

1 ing costs of supportive services required for such
2 housing.

3 (3) RENTAL VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.—To pro-
4 vide tenant-based rental assistance under section
5 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
6 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for entities that meet the require-
7 ments under such section for use only by qualified
8 relatives who are raising a child and are eligible for
9 such assistance for rental of a dwelling unit that
10 qualifies as specialized housing.

11 (4) ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT RENTAL AS-
12 SISTANCE.—To provide project rental assistance
13 under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959
14 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(b)(2)) for entities that meet the
15 requirements under such section in connection with
16 dwelling units that—

17 (A) qualify as specialized housing; and

18 (B) are made available for occupancy only
19 by qualified relatives who are raising a child
20 and are eligible for occupancy in such housing,
21 except that notwithstanding section 202(k)(1)
22 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
23 1701q(k)(1)), such qualified relatives may in-
24 clude elderly persons (as such term is defined
25 in section 3 of this Act).

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) CHILD.—The term “child” means an indi-
4 vidual who—

5 (A) is not attending school and is not more
6 than 18 years of age; or

7 (B) is attending school and is not more
8 than 19 years of age.

9 (2) ELDERLY PERSON.—The term “elderly per-
10 son” means a person who is 60 years of age or
11 more.

12 (3) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible non-
14 profit organization” means an organization
15 that—

16 (i) provides specialized housing and
17 supportive services for qualified relatives
18 who are raising a child; and

19 (ii) is described in section 501(c)(3) of
20 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is
21 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of
22 such Code.

23 (B) POLITICAL DIVISIONS INCLUDED.—

24 Such term includes organizations that provide
25 such services in each of the several States, the

1 District of Columbia, and any commonwealth,
2 territory, or possession of the United States.

3 (4) LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.—The term “low-in-
4 come families” has the meaning given such term in
5 section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
6 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

7 (5) QUALIFIED RELATIVE.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified
9 relative” means an individual who is an elderly
10 person and, with respect to a child, who—

11 (i) is not a parent of the child by
12 blood or marriage; and

13 (ii) is—

14 (I) a relative of the child by
15 blood or marriage; or

16 (II) a legal guardian of the child.

17 (B) ADOPTED CHILDREN.—In the case of
18 a child who was adopted, the term includes an
19 individual who, by blood or marriage, is a rel-
20 ative of the family who adopted the child.

21 (6) RAISING A CHILD.—The term “raising a
22 child” means, with respect to an individual, that the
23 individual—

24 (A) resides with the child; and

1 (B) is the primary caregiver (or is, to-
2 gether with a spouse or other household mem-
3 ber, a primary caregiver) for the child—

4 (i) because the biological or adoptive
5 parents of the child do not reside with the
6 child or are unable or unwilling to serve as
7 the primary caregiver for the child; and

8 (ii) regardless of whether the indi-
9 vidual has a legal relationship to the child
10 (such as guardianship or legal custody).

11 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

13 (8) SPECIALIZED HOUSING.—The term “spe-
14 cialized housing” means housing that—

15 (A) is affordable (as the Secretary shall
16 define for purposes of this Act) for low-income
17 families;

18 (B) is restricted to occupancy only by low-
19 income families;

20 (C) is designed to meet the special physical
21 needs of elderly persons;

22 (D) accommodates the provision of sup-
23 portive services that are expected to be needed,
24 either initially or over the useful life of the

1 housing, by elderly persons and children that
2 the housing is intended to serve; and

3 (E) provides a range of such services that
4 are tailored to the needs of elderly persons and
5 children occupying such housing.

6 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
8 this Act \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2017 through
9 2021.

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