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To direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a grant program to award amounts to eligible entities to pay for the cost of certain home maintenance or repair projects for veteran homeowners, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 9, 2024

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York 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 “Safe Housing Assist-
5 ance for Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SAFE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR VET-**
2 **ERANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of
5 Housing and Urban Development shall establish a grant
6 program to be known as the “Safe Housing Assistance
7 Program for Veterans” to award grants on a competitive
8 basis to 10 county community development agencies to
9 provide subgrants to eligible veteran homeowners to pay
10 for certain home maintenance or repair projects.

11 (b) ELIGIBLE USES.—A county community develop-
12 ment agency shall use grant amounts awarded under this
13 section to provide competitive subgrants of not more than
14 \$15,000 to eligible veteran homeowners to pay for the cost
15 of a home maintenance or repair project on the property
16 of such homeowner, including—

17 (1) a mechanical repair, including a repair with
18 respect to—

19 (A) water supply;

20 (B) plumbing;

21 (C) a heating system; or

22 (D) an electrical system;

23 (2) a structural repair, including a repair with
24 respect to—

25 (A) a roof;

26 (B) a foundation;

1 (C) a porch; or

2 (D) stairs;

3 (3) the installation of any safety- or energy-re-
4 lated item, including—

5 (A) a deadbolt lock;

6 (B) a smoke detector;

7 (C) a grab bar;

8 (D) a storm window; or

9 (E) insulation; and

10 (4) the reduction of lead-based paint hazards.

11 (c) REPORT.—On the date that is 5 years after the
12 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
13 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
14 port that includes a description of—

15 (1) the county community development agencies
16 that were awarded amounts under this section;

17 (2) how such agencies utilized such amounts;
18 and

19 (3) the projects completed by eligible veteran
20 homeowners with amounts provided under this sec-
21 tion.

22 (d) APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
24 out this section using the unobligated amounts ap-
25 propriated under title II of division F of the Consoli-

1 dated Appropriations Act, 2024 to the Office of In-
2 spector General.

3 (2) GRANT AMOUNTS.—Of the unobligated
4 amounts described in paragraph (1), the Secretary
5 shall use \$15,000,000 to make grants of \$375,000
6 under this section to each of the county community
7 development agencies selected under subsection (a)
8 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
11 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Financial Services
14 of the House of Representatives;

15 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
16 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

17 (C) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of
18 the House of Representatives; and

19 (D) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of
20 the Senate.

21 (2) COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGEN-
22 CY.—The term “county community development
23 agency” means an entity that—

1 (A) is established or recognized by a coun-
2 ty government to promote, within such coun-
3 ty—

- 4 (i) economic development;
- 5 (ii) affordable housing;
- 6 (iii) infrastructure improvement; or
- 7 (iv) any other community development
8 activity; and

9 (B) demonstrates that there are not less
10 than 100 eligible veteran homeowners in the
11 service area of the agency.

12 (3) ELIGIBLE VETERAN HOMEOWNER.—The
13 term “eligible veteran homeowner” means an indi-
14 vidual who—

15 (A) is a veteran;

16 (B) for at least 1 year, has owned and oc-
17 cupied the property on which a home mainte-
18 nance or repair project described in subsection
19 (b) will be carried out;

20 (C) is current on any taxes owed on such
21 property;

22 (D) has homeowners insurance for such
23 property; and

24 (E) has an annual gross income that is
25 less than—

1 (i) in the case of a household size of
2 1, \$53,100;

3 (ii) in the case of a household size of
4 2, \$60,700;

5 (iii) in the case of a household size of
6 3, \$68,300;

7 (iv) in the case of a household size of
8 4, \$75,850;

9 (v) in the case of a household size of
10 5, \$81,950;

11 (vi) in the case of a household size of
12 6, \$88,000;

13 (vii) in the case of a household size of
14 7, \$94,100; or

15 (viii) in the case of a household size of
16 8 or more, \$100,150.

17 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

19 (5) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the
20 meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38,
21 United States Code.

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