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# H. R. 2963

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Financial Services

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## 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. GRANT PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY CAREGIVERS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
5 Department of Housing and Urban Development a pro-  
6 gram to provide grants to eligible nonprofit organizations  
7 for start-up and ongoing operational costs associated with

1 providing specialized housing and social services for quali-  
2 fied relatives who are raising a child.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant award under  
4 this program, an eligible nonprofit organization shall sub-  
5 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such  
6 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary  
7 may require.

8 (c) NEED-BASED; COMPETITION.—A grant award  
9 under the program shall be need-based and made available  
10 on a competitive basis.

11 (d) LIMIT ON ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED.—The Sec-  
12 retary may select no more than 5 eligible organizations  
13 to receive a grant award under the program.

14 (e) DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS.—A grant award  
15 under the program shall be distributed during the fiscal  
16 years referenced in subsection (g).

17 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

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

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

22 (B) is attending school and is not more  
23 than 19 years of age.

24 (2) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible non-  
2 profit organization” means an organization  
3 that—

4 (i) provides specialized housing and  
5 social services for qualified relatives who  
6 are raising a child; and

7 (ii) is described in section 501(c)(3) of  
8 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is  
9 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of  
10 such Code.

11 (B) POLITICAL DIVISIONS INCLUDED.—

12 Such term includes organizations that provide  
13 such services in each of the several States, the  
14 District of Columbia, and any commonwealth,  
15 territory, or possession of the United States.

16 (3) RAISING A CHILD.—The term “raising a  
17 child” means, with respect to an individual, that the  
18 individual—

19 (A) resides with the child; and

20 (B) is the primary caregiver for the  
21 child—

22 (i) because the biological or adoptive  
23 parents of the child do not reside with the  
24 child or are unable or unwilling to serve as  
25 the primary caregiver for the child; and

1 (ii) regardless of whether the indi-  
2 vidual has a legal relationship to the child  
3 (such as guardianship or legal custody) or  
4 is caring for the child informally and has  
5 no such legal relationship with the child.

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

8 (5) QUALIFIED RELATIVE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified  
10 relative” means, with respect to a child, an in-  
11 dividual who is—

12 (i) 65 years of age or older;

13 (ii) is not a parent of the child by  
14 blood or marriage; and

15 (iii) is a relative of the child by blood  
16 or marriage.

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 re-  
20 lative of the family who adopted the child.

21 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
22 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act  
23 \$20,000,000 for fiscal years 2012 through 2016.