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To require the Secretary of Labor to award grants to eligible entities for the provision of transition assistance to members and former members of the Armed Forces who are separated, retired, or discharged from the Armed Forces, and spouses of such members, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Helping Unleash Bene-
3 fits and Services for Veterans Act of 2023” or the “HUBS
4 for Veterans Act of 2023”.

5 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSITION ASSIST-**
6 **ANCE TO MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS**
7 **OF THE ARMED FORCES AFTER SEPARATION,**
8 **RETIREMENT, OR DISCHARGE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Commencing not later than 180
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of Labor shall, in coordination with the Secretary
12 of Veterans Affairs, carry out a program to award grants
13 to eligible entities for the provision of assistance to covered
14 individuals on the transition of a member or former mem-
15 ber of the Armed Forces from service in the Armed Forces
16 to civilian life.

17 (b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this
18 section, a covered individual is—

19 (1) a member of the Armed Forces who is eligi-
20 ble for preseparation counseling under sections 1142
21 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code;

22 (2) a former member of the Armed Forces who
23 is transitioning from service in the Armed Forces to
24 civilian life; or

1 (3) a spouse of a member described in para-
2 graph (1) or a former member described in para-
3 graph (2).

4 (c) DURATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
5 Labor shall carry out the program during the five-year
6 period beginning on the date of the commencement of the
7 program.

8 (d) GRANTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall
10 carry out the program through the award of grants
11 to eligible entities for the provision of assistance de-
12 scribed in subsection (a).

13 (2) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—A grant
14 under this section shall be in an amount that does
15 not exceed 50 percent of the amount required by the
16 eligible entity to provide the services described in
17 subsection (f).

18 (e) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

19 (1) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity seeking
20 a grant under the program shall submit to the Sec-
21 retary of Labor an application therefor at such time,
22 in such manner, and containing such information
23 and assurances as the Secretary, in consultation
24 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, may require.

1 (2) PRIORITY FOR HUBS OF SERVICES.—In
2 awarding grants under the program, the Secretary
3 of Labor shall give priority to an entity that pro-
4 vides multiple forms of services described in sub-
5 section (f).

6 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under
7 the program shall use the grant to coordinate for covered
8 individuals the following:

9 (1) Career and training services, including the
10 provision of such services available through a work-
11 force development system.

12 (2) Mental health services.

13 (3) Legal assistance.

14 (4) Supportive services.

15 (5) Assistance with accessing benefits provided
16 under laws administered by the Secretary of Vet-
17 erans Affairs.

18 (6) Non-clinical case management.

19 (7) Entrepreneurship training.

20 (8) Such other services that may be related to
21 the assistance and services set forth in this sub-
22 section as the Secretary of Labor determines may
23 lead directly to successful transition to civilian life.

24 (g) INCLUSION IN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PRO-
25 GRAM COUNSELING.—The Secretary concerned shall in-

1 clude in the information provided to a member of the
2 Armed Forces during Transition Assistance Program in-
3 formation regarding any recipient of a grant under this
4 section that is located in the community in which that
5 member will reside after separation, retirement, or dis-
6 charge from the Armed Forces.

7 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out
9 this section.

10 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “eligible entity” means any non-
12 profit organization (including a veterans service or-
13 ganization), State board, or local board, that the
14 Secretary of Labor determines, in consultation with
15 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, is suitable for re-
16 ceipt of a grant under the program pursuant to re-
17 ceipt by the Secretary of Labor of an application
18 submitted under subsection (e)(1).

19 (2) The term “nonprofit organization” means
20 an organization that is described in section
21 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and
22 is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of
23 such Code.

1 (3) The term “Secretary concerned” has the
2 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10,
3 United States Code.

4 (4) The terms “training services” and “work-
5 force development system” have the meaning given
6 such terms in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation
7 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

8 (5) The term “Transition Assistance Program”
9 means the Transition Assistance Program under sec-
10 tions 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

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