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To address the homelessness and housing crises, to move toward the goal of providing for a home for all Americans, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Housing for All Act of 2023”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—ADDRESSING THE HOUSING SHORTAGE

- Sec. 101. Housing Trust Fund.
- Sec. 102. Section 202 supportive housing for the elderly program.
- Sec. 103. Section 811 supportive housing for people with disabilities.
- Sec. 104. HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
- Sec. 105. Technical assistance for navigating Federal and State housing funding sources.
- Sec. 106. Permanent authorization of United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and establishment of racial equity commission.

TITLE II—ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

- Sec. 201. Expansion of housing choice voucher program.
- Sec. 202. Project-based rental assistance.
- Sec. 203. Emergency solutions grant program.
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- Sec. 205. Program administration, training, technical assistance, and capacity building.
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TITLE III—INVESTING IN INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS

- Sec. 301. Safe parking program grants.
- Sec. 302. Hotel, motel, and commercial acquisitions and conversions to permanent housing.
- Sec. 303. Eviction protection grant program.
- Sec. 304. Mobile crisis intervention teams grants.
- Sec. 305. Library consortium pilot grants.
- Sec. 306. Report on inclusive transit-oriented development to enhance climate mitigation and disaster resiliency.
- Sec. 307. Establishing an innovation pilot within the carbon reduction program.
- Sec. 308. Making infill housing and other transportation efficiency projects eligible for RAISE grants.
- Sec. 309. Homelessness and behavioral health care coordination.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.**—The term
 4 “at risk of homelessness” has the meaning given the
 5 term in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Home-
 6 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).

7 (2) **HOMELESS; HOMELESS PERSON.**—The
 8 terms “homeless” and “homeless person” have the
 9 meanings given those terms in section 103 of the

1 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
2 U.S.C. 11302).

3 (3) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBALLY DESIGNATED
4 HOUSING ENTITY.—The terms “Indian Tribe” and
5 “tribally designated housing entity” have the mean-
6 ings given those terms in section 4 of the Native
7 American Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-
8 tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

9 (4) JUSTICE SYSTEM-INVOLVED.—The term
10 “justice system-involved” includes individuals who
11 are or have been incarcerated or held in municipal,
12 State, or Federal jails, prisons, juvenile facilities, or
13 other types of detention facilities, who have been
14 held in pre-trial or post-conviction detention, who
15 have an arrest or conviction regardless of whether
16 they were detained or incarcerated, who have been
17 held in immigration detention, or, with respect to
18 youth, who are or have been held in the custody of
19 the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the Depart-
20 ment of Health and Human Services.

21 (5) POPULATION AT HIGHER RISK OF HOME-
22 LESSNESS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “population
24 at higher risk of homelessness” means a group
25 of individuals that is defined by a common

1 characteristic and that has been found to expe-
2 rience homelessness, housing instability, or to
3 be cost-burdened at a rate higher than that of
4 the general public.

5 (B) HIGHER RATE.—Information that may
6 be used in demonstrating such a higher rate in-
7 cludes data generated by the Federal Govern-
8 ment, by State or municipal governments, by
9 peer-reviewed research, and by organizations
10 having expertise in working with or advocating
11 on behalf of homeless, housing unstable, or
12 cost-burdened groups.

13 (C) INCLUDED POPULATIONS.—Such term
14 shall include populations for which such higher
15 rate has already been demonstrated, including
16 Asian, Black, Latino, Native American, Native
17 Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and other commu-
18 nities of color, individuals with disabilities, in-
19 cluding mental health disabilities, elderly indi-
20 viduals, foster and former foster youth, lesbian,
21 gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individ-
22 uals, gender non-binary and gender non-con-
23 forming individuals, veterans, and such addi-
24 tional communities and individuals as the Sec-

1 retary may include after receiving public com-
2 ment.

3 (6) PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY.—The term
4 “public housing agency” has the meaning given the
5 term in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Hous-
6 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6)).

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

9 **TITLE I—ADDRESSING THE**
10 **HOUSING SHORTAGE**

11 **SEC. 101. HOUSING TRUST FUND.**

12 Section 1338(a) of the Federal Housing Enterprises
13 Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C.
14 4568(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
16 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Hous-
17 ing Trust Fund \$45,000,000,000 for each of fiscal
18 years 2024 through 2033.”.

19 **SEC. 102. SECTION 202 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE EL-**
20 **DERLY PROGRAM.**

21 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
22 retary for fiscal year 2024, to remain available until Sep-
23 tember 30, 2033—

24 (1) \$2,500,000,000 for the supportive housing
25 for the elderly program authorized under section 202

1 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q),
2 which shall be used—

3 (A) for capital advance awards in accord-
4 ance with section 202(c)(1) of the Housing Act
5 of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(1)) to recipients
6 that are eligible under that Act;

7 (B) for section 8 project-based rental as-
8 sistance contracts in accordance with section 8
9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
10 U.S.C. 1437f), for capital advance projects; and

11 (C) for service coordinators;

12 (2) \$15,000,000, to provide technical assistance
13 to support State-level efforts to improve the design
14 and delivery of voluntary supportive services for resi-
15 dents of any housing assisted under the Housing Act
16 of 1959 (Public Law 101–625) and other housing
17 supporting low-income older adults; and

18 (3) \$125,000,000 for the costs to the Secretary
19 of administration and oversight.

20 **SEC. 103. SECTION 811 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE**
21 **WITH DISABILITIES.**

22 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
23 retary for fiscal year 2024, to remain available until Sep-
24 tember 30, 2033—

1 (1) \$900,000,000 for capital advances, includ-
2 ing amendments to capital advance contracts, for
3 supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as
4 authorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez
5 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013),
6 for project rental assistance for supportive housing
7 for persons with disabilities under subsection (d)(2)
8 of such section 811 (42 U.S.C. 8013), for project as-
9 sistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the
10 Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(h)), and for
11 project rental assistance to State housing finance
12 agencies and other appropriate entities as authorized
13 under subsection (b)(3) of such section 811 (42
14 U.S.C. 8013);

15 (2) \$15,000,000 for providing technical assist-
16 ance to support State-level efforts to integrate hous-
17 ing assistance and voluntary supportive services for
18 residents of housing receiving such assistance; and

19 (3) \$87,000,000 for the costs to the Secretary
20 of administration and oversight.

21 **SEC. 104. HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM.**

22 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
24 year 2024, to remain available until September 30,
25 2033—

1 (1) \$40,000,000,000, for activities and assist-
2 ance for the HOME Investment Partnerships Pro-
3 gram (in this section referred to as the “HOME
4 program”), as authorized under title II of the Cran-
5 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42
6 U.S. 12721 et seq.);

7 (2) \$100,000,000 to make new awards to or in-
8 crease prior awards to existing technical assistance
9 providers, including for technical assistance to
10 grantees regarding best practices for coordination of
11 available funds provided under this section with
12 other forms of assistance, such as with project-based
13 rental assistance; and

14 (3) \$360,000,000 for the costs to the Secretary
15 of administration and oversight of the HOME pro-
16 gram and the Housing Trust Fund established
17 under section 1338(a) of the Federal Housing En-
18 terprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of
19 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4568(a)).

20 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—Notwithstanding subsections
21 (c) and (d)(1) of section 212 of the Cranston-Gonzalez
22 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12742), eligi-
23 ble grantees may use not more than 15 percent of their
24 allocations under this section for administrative and plan-
25 ning costs.

1 **SEC. 105. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NAVIGATING FED-**
2 **ERAL AND STATE HOUSING FUNDING**
3 **SOURCES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
5 a grant program to provide technical assistance to States
6 relating to the understanding of the relationship between
7 Federal and State housing funding sources and how to
8 best use those sources to finance housing projects in the
9 State, such as permanent supportive housing, including
10 resources, tools, and products that—

11 (1) provide assistance on coordinating a single
12 application for multiple funding sources;

13 (2) provide assistance on consolidating funding
14 sources and implementing reporting requirements at
15 the State level; and

16 (3) support staff capacity within State housing
17 finance agencies to maintain the collaborations and
18 systems necessary to better align types of funding
19 with need and expand access to housing stability.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums
22 as may be necessary, to remain available until expended,
23 to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 106. PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES**
2 **INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS**
3 **AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RACIAL EQUITY**
4 **COMMISSION.**

5 Title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) in section 208 (42 U.S.C. 11318), by strik-
8 ing the first sentence and inserting the following:
9 “There is authorized to be appropriated for each fis-
10 cal year \$10,000,000 to carry out this title.”; and

11 (2) by striking section 209 (42 U.S.C. 11319)
12 and inserting the following:

13 **“SEC. 209. RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION.**

14 **“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—**

15 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**There is established a com-
16 mission to be known as the Commission on Racial
17 Equity in Housing (in this section referred to as the
18 ‘Commission’) to support the Council with efforts to
19 conduct research into, collect, analyze, and make
20 publicly available data on, and provide leadership
21 and coordination for furthering racial equity in
22 housing, examining the impacts of structural racism
23 on housing and homelessness, and the effectiveness
24 of intervention strategies to address these impacts.

1 “(2) REPORTING.—The Commission shall re-
2 report to the Executive Director of the Council and
3 work in partnership with employees of the Council.

4 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be
6 composed of 14 members, who shall be—

7 “(A) appointed by the Executive Director
8 of the Council not later than January 1, 2024;
9 and

10 “(B) fairly balanced in terms of points of
11 view represented and background experience.

12 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each member of the
13 Commission shall have—

14 “(A) proven expertise in directing, assem-
15 bling, or applying capital resources from a vari-
16 ety of sources to the successful development of
17 affordable housing, assisted living facilities, or
18 health care facilities;

19 “(B) lived experience with homelessness; or

20 “(C) demonstrated experience in—

21 “(i) homeless services, affordable
22 housing, or housing law; and

23 “(ii) racial equity work.

1 “(3) CO-CHAIRPERSONS.—The Executive Direc-
2 tor shall appoint 2 co-chairpersons of the Commis-
3 sion from among the members of the Commission.

4 “(4) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy on the Com-
5 mission shall not affect its powers and shall be filled
6 in the manner in which the original appointment was
7 made.

8 “(5) PROHIBITION OF PAY.—Members of the
9 Commission shall serve without pay.

10 “(6) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the
11 Commission shall receive travel expenses, including
12 per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with
13 sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States
14 Code.

15 “(7) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
16 the Commission shall constitute a quorum but a
17 lesser number may hold hearings.

18 “(8) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet
19 at the call of the co-chairpersons of the Commission.

20 “(c) DIRECTOR AND STAFF.—

21 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall have a
22 Director who shall be—

23 “(A) appointed by the co-chairpersons of
24 the Commission; and

1 “(B) paid at a rate not to exceed the rate
2 of basic pay payable for level V of the Executive
3 Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United
4 States Code.

5 “(2) STAFF.—The Commission may appoint
6 personnel as appropriate subject to the provisions of
7 title 5, United States Code, governing appointments
8 in the competitive service, and who shall be paid in
9 accordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and
10 subchapter III of chapter 53 of that title relating to
11 classification and General Schedule pay rates.

12 “(3) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Coun-
13 cil may procure temporary and intermittent services
14 to support the work of the Commission under sec-
15 tion 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at
16 rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equiva-
17 lent of the maximum annual rate of basic pay pay-
18 able for the General Schedule.

19 “(4) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon re-
20 quest of the Council and the Commission, the head
21 of any Federal department or agency may detail, on
22 a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of that
23 department or agency to the Commission to assist it
24 in carrying out its duties under this section.

25 “(d) DUTIES.—The Commission shall—

1 “(1) work with the Council to make rec-
2 ommendations, inform, and participate in efforts to
3 conduct research into, collect, analyze, and make
4 publicly available data on, and provide leadership
5 and coordination for furthering racial equity in
6 housing, examining the impacts of structural racism
7 on housing and homelessness, and the effectiveness
8 of intervention strategies to address these impacts;
9 and

10 “(2) work with the Council to implement the
11 Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Home-
12 lessness.

13 “(e) REPORTS.—The Council shall submit to Con-
14 gress, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,
15 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Sec-
16 retary of Transportation, the Secretary of Education, the
17 Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-
18 retary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
19 the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the
20 Secretary of the Interior, the Chair of the Federal Re-
21 serve, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Director of
22 the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Chair of the Federal
23 Deposit Insurance Corporation, and such other individuals
24 as the Commission determines relevant an annual report
25 on research findings with recommendations to improve ra-

1 cial equity in housing and to disrupt processes that pre-
 2 serve and reinforce racism and racial disparities in hous-
 3 ing and homelessness services.

4 “(f) TERMINATION.—Section 1013 of title 5, United
 5 States Code, shall not apply to the Commission.

6 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 7 is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-
 8 essary to carry out this section.”.

9 **TITLE II—ADDRESSING** 10 **HOMELESSNESS**

11 **SEC. 201. EXPANSION OF HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PRO-** 12 **GRAM.**

13 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD.—The term “eligible
 15 household” means a family who initially—

16 (A) has an income that does not exceed 50
 17 percent of the maximum income limitation for
 18 extremely low-income families established by the
 19 Secretary pursuant to section 3(b)(2)(C) of the
 20 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
 21 1437a(b)(2)(C)); or

22 (B) is an extremely low-income family that
 23 includes an individual who is an individual who
 24 is a recipient of supplemental security income

1 benefits under title XVI of the Social Security
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.).

3 (2) EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME FAMILY;
4 STATE.—The terms “extremely low-income family”
5 and “State” have the meanings given those terms in
6 section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
7 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

8 (b) EXPANDED VOUCHERS.—

9 (1) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of
10 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
11 priated, for providing incremental vouchers for rent-
12 al assistance under section 8(o) of the United States
13 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) in ac-
14 cordance with this section for each of fiscal years
15 2024 through 2027, the amount necessary to fund—

16 (A) the number of incremental vouchers
17 required to be allocated under paragraph (2);

18 (B) annual renewals of the vouchers allo-
19 cated under paragraph (2); and

20 (C) administrative fees for vouchers allo-
21 cated under paragraph (2).

22 (2) ALLOCATION.—

23 (A) INCREMENTAL VOUCHERS.—The Sec-
24 retary shall allocate 500,000 incremental vouch-
25 ers in fiscal year 2024 and 1,000,000 incre-

1 mental vouchers in increments of 500,000 in
2 each calendar year from 2025 through 2027
3 under this section to public housing agencies
4 pursuant to section 213(d) of the Housing and
5 Community Development Act of 1974 (42
6 U.S.C. 1439(d)).

7 (B) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary
8 shall, by notice in the Federal Register, estab-
9 lish selection criteria under section 213(d) of
10 the Housing and Community Development Act
11 of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 1439(d)) that prioritizes
12 housing needs among eligible households and
13 severe housing hardship, such as experiencing
14 homelessness, overcrowding, or evictions.

15 (c) ENTITLEMENT TO VOUCHERS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that
17 is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
18 any family that is otherwise eligible for tenant-based
19 rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United
20 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o))
21 shall be entitled to that rental assistance during any
22 period that the family is an eligible household.

23 (2) FUNDING.—There is appropriated, out of
24 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
25 priated, such sums as may be necessary—

1 (A) to provide assistance under section
2 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
3 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) in accordance with the en-
4 titlement under paragraph (1) of this sub-
5 section for each eligible household in the
6 amount determined under such section 8(o);
7 and

8 (B) to provide administrative fees under
9 section 8(q) of the United States Housing Act
10 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(q)) in connection
11 with each voucher for assistance provided pur-
12 suant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

13 **SEC. 202. PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addi-
15 tion to amounts otherwise available, there is authorized
16 to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2024,
17 to remain available until September 30, 2033—

18 (1) \$14,500,000,000 for the project-based rent-
19 al assistance program, as authorized under section
20 8(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
21 U.S.C. 1437f(b)), subject to the terms and condi-
22 tions of subsection (b) of this section;

23 (2) \$40,000,000 for providing technical assist-
24 ance to recipients of or applicants for project-based

1 rental assistance or to States allocating the project-
2 based rental assistance; and

3 (3) \$200,000,000 for the costs to the Secretary
4 of administration and oversight.

5 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

6 (1) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding section 8(a)
7 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
8 U.S.C. 1437f(a)), the Secretary may use amounts
9 made available under this section—

10 (A) to provide assistance payments with
11 respect to newly constructed housing, existing
12 housing, or substantially rehabilitated non-hous-
13 ing structures for use as new multifamily hous-
14 ing in accordance with this section and the pro-
15 visions of section 8 of the United States Hous-
16 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f); and

17 (B) for performance-based contract admin-
18 istrators for project-based assistance under sec-
19 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of
20 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), for carrying out this
21 section and section 8 of the United States
22 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

23 (2) PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
25 make assistance payments using amounts made

1 available under this section pursuant to con-
2 tracts with owners or prospective owners who
3 agree to construct housing, to substantially re-
4 habilitate existing housing, to substantially re-
5 habilitate non-housing structures for use as new
6 multifamily housing, or to attach the assistance
7 to newly constructed housing in which some or
8 all of the units shall be available for occupancy
9 by very low-income families in accordance with
10 the provisions of section 8 of the United States
11 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), under
12 terms determined by the Secretary.

13 (B) PRIORITY.—In awarding contracts
14 pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall
15 give priority to owners or prospective owners of
16 multifamily housing projects located or to be lo-
17 cated in areas of high opportunity, as defined
18 by the Secretary, in areas experiencing eco-
19 nomic growth or rising housing prices to pre-
20 vent displacement or secure affordable housing
21 for low-income households, or that serve people
22 at risk of homelessness or that integrate addi-
23 tional units that are accessible for persons with
24 mobility impairments and persons with hearing

1 or visual impairments beyond those required by
2 applicable Federal accessibility standards.

3 **SEC. 203. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
6 year 2024 \$5,000,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
7 tember 30, 2033, to make grants under the emergency so-
8 lutions grant program authorized under subtitle B of title
9 IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
10 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).

11 (b) MAXIMUM ALLOCATION FOR EMERGENCY SHEL-
12 TER ACTIVITIES.—A recipient of a grant using amounts
13 appropriated under subsection (a) in any fiscal year may
14 not use an amount of the assistance for emergency shelter
15 activities that exceeds the greater of—

16 (1) 40 percent of the aggregate amount of that
17 assistance provided for the grantee for that fiscal
18 year; or

19 (2) the amount expended by the grantee for
20 emergency shelter activities during fiscal year 2010.

21 **SEC. 204. CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT PROGRAM.**

22 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
24 year 2024 \$15,000,000,000, to remain available until the
25 end of fiscal year 2033, to make grants under the Con-

1 tinuum of Care Program authorized under subtitle C of
2 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.).

4 (b) MINIMUM ALLOCATION FOR PERMANENT HOUS-
5 ING FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH
6 DISABILITIES.—Of amounts appropriated under sub-
7 section (a) for a fiscal year, not less than 50 percent shall
8 be used for permanent housing for homeless individuals
9 with disabilities and homeless families that include such
10 an individual who is an adult or a minor head of household
11 if no adult is present in the household.

12 (c) PRIORITIZATION OF CONTINUUM OF CARE.—In
13 awarding grants using amounts appropriated under sub-
14 section (a), the Secretary shall prioritize funding for appli-
15 cants that provide documentation of coordination with cer-
16 tain systems serving young people and can answer ques-
17 tions regarding how the applicant works with child welfare
18 organizations, the juvenile and adult justice system, and
19 institutions of mental and physical health to ensure that
20 participants in the programs are not released into home-
21 lessness.

1 **SEC. 205. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, TRAINING, TECH-**
2 **NICAL ASSISTANCE, AND CAPACITY BUILD-**
3 **ING.**

4 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
5 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2024, to re-
6 main available until expended—

7 (1) \$1,000,000,000 to the Secretary for the
8 costs to the Secretary of administering and over-
9 seeing the implementation of this title and the pro-
10 grams of the Department of Housing and Urban
11 Development generally and new awards or increasing
12 prior awards to provide training, technical assist-
13 ance, and capacity building related to the programs
14 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
15 ment;

16 (2) \$5,000,000 to the United States Inter-
17 agency Council on Homelessness for necessary ex-
18 penses in carrying out the functions of the Council
19 pursuant to title II of the McKinney-Vento Home-
20 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.); and

21 (3) \$10,000,000 to the Secretary for necessary
22 salaries and expenses of the Office of the Inspector
23 General of the Department of Housing and Urban
24 Development in carrying out chapter 4 of title 5,
25 United States Code.

1 **SEC. 206. GAO REPORT ON EVICTION DATA.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
4 shall submit to Congress a report that examines—

5 (1) with respect to eviction moratoriums during
6 the COVID–19 pandemic—

7 (A) how eviction moratoriums have con-
8 tributed to housing stability;

9 (B) an analysis of formal and informal
10 evictions during the periods in which the mora-
11 toriums were in effect; and

12 (C) an economic analysis of how the evic-
13 tion moratoriums saved public funds, such as
14 by reducing shelter costs;

15 (2) whether women, Black, Hispanic, and other
16 minority renters disproportionately faced eviction
17 during the COVID–19 pandemic, and an accounting
18 of the disproportionate risk of eviction faced by vet-
19 erans, children, the elderly, and individuals living
20 with disabilities during the COVID–19 pandemic;

21 (3) the barriers that exist to collecting the data
22 related to paragraphs (1) and (2);

23 (4) the barriers that exist to collecting,
24 digitizing, and standardizing data from the begin-
25 ning to the end of the eviction process, such as pre-
26 eviction information, the renter’s race or ethnicity,

1 age and gender, as well as the composition of the
2 household and landlord data; and

3 (5) a study of the relationship between emer-
4 gency rental assistance distribution and eviction pat-
5 terns, as well as how emergency rental assistance af-
6 fected evictions, during the periods in which the
7 eviction moratoriums were in effect during the
8 COVID–19 pandemic.

9 **TITLE III—INVESTING IN INNO-**
10 **VATIVE COMMUNITY-DRIVEN**
11 **SOLUTIONS**

12 **SEC. 301. SAFE PARKING PROGRAM GRANTS.**

13 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
15 ty” means—

16 (A) a unit of general purpose local govern-
17 ment;

18 (B) an Indian Tribe or a tribally des-
19 igned housing entity;

20 (C) a nonprofit organization that provides
21 services to homeless persons; or

22 (D) a collaborative applicant or other orga-
23 nization or entity funded under the Continuum
24 of Care Program under subtitle C of title IV of

1 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.).

3 (2) ESSENTIAL SERVICE.—The term “essential
4 service” means an essential service described in sec-
5 tion 576.102 of title 24, Code of Federal Regula-
6 tions, or any successor regulation.

7 (3) SAFE PARKING PROGRAM.—The term “safe
8 parking program” means a program that—

9 (A) provides a homeless person living in a
10 vehicle, including a motor home, with a safe
11 place to park the vehicle overnight to facilitate
12 a transition to more stable housing; and

13 (B) provides permanent rehousing services
14 and essential services.

15 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
16 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary shall establish a grant program to provide amounts
18 to eligible entities for costs associated with—

19 (1) the establishment and operation of a new
20 safe parking program; or

21 (2) the operation of a safe parking program in
22 existence as of the date on which amounts are pro-
23 vided.

24 (c) GRANT TERM.—The term of a grant awarded
25 under subsection (b) shall be 5 years.

1 (d) AMOUNT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the 5-year term of a
3 grant awarded under subsection (b), the Secretary
4 shall distribute 20 percent of the grant amounts
5 each year.

6 (2) CAP.—An eligible entity may not receive
7 more than \$5,000,000 in grant amounts under sub-
8 section (b).

9 (e) APPLICATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
11 grant under subsection (b), an eligible entity shall
12 submit an application to the Secretary at the time,
13 in the manner, and containing the information that
14 the Secretary requires, including a description of
15 how the eligible entity will use any amounts received.

16 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give pri-
17 ority to applications from eligible entities that serve
18 homeless persons in underserved areas (as defined in
19 section 81.2 of title 24, Code of Federal Regula-
20 tions, or any successor regulation).

21 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—Except as provided in sub-
22 section (h), any eligible entity that is awarded a grant
23 under subsection (b) shall use the grant amounts for costs
24 associated with—

1 (1) establishing and operating a safe parking
2 program;

3 (2) providing permanent rehousing assistance to
4 families using the safe parking program, such as
5 case management services;

6 (3) employing staff who maintain the safety
7 and health of participants in the safe parking pro-
8 gram and monitor program compliance with subtitle
9 C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
10 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.), if applicable;

11 (4) establishing and maintaining the operation
12 of hygiene facilities and restrooms for homeless per-
13 sons;

14 (5) maintaining the vehicles of homeless per-
15 sons using a safe parking program and providing
16 gas for those persons to use their vehicles for activi-
17 ties that will help them obtain or maintain housing,
18 including—

19 (A) driving to work, school, or medical ap-
20 pointments; and

21 (B) searching for a home; or

22 (6) entering data and information into a home-
23 less management information system (as that term
24 is used in section 402(f)(3) of the McKinney-Vento
25 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360a(f)(3))).

1 (g) MULTIPLE LOCATIONS.—An eligible entity may
2 use amounts provided under subsection (b) to establish or
3 continue operating a safe parking program at multiple lo-
4 cations.

5 (h) ALTERNATIVE USE OF FUNDS.—If an eligible en-
6 tity determines that a safe parking program is no longer
7 necessary, the eligible entity may, after approval from the
8 Secretary, use amounts provided under subsection (b) for
9 activities that are eligible for the use of Emergency Solu-
10 tions Grants Program amounts under section 415 of the
11 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
12 11374).

13 (i) REHOUSING AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERV-
14 ICES.—A homeless person who makes use of a safe park-
15 ing program established or operated using amounts
16 awarded under subsection (b) shall not be required to ac-
17 cept case management or rehousing services offered as
18 part of the program.

19 (j) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

20 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the last day of the second fiscal year beginning
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary shall submit to Congress an initial report on
24 the impact of grants awarded under subsection (b),

1 including, to the extent determinable, any data
2 about—

3 (A) the number of homeless persons living
4 in vehicles in the geographic region over which
5 the eligible entity has jurisdiction, or in which
6 the eligible entity operates, during each of the
7 7 previous years;

8 (B) the demographics and number of
9 homeless persons who choose to participate in a
10 safe parking program; and

11 (C) the number of homeless persons who
12 choose to participate in a safe parking program
13 and exit into permanent housing.

14 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the last day of the fifth fiscal year beginning
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary shall submit to Congress a final report on the
18 impact of grants awarded under subsection (b), in-
19 cluding, to the extent determinable, any data de-
20 scribed in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of para-
21 graph (1) of this subsection.

22 (k) TERMINATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—The Sec-
23 retary may not award a grant under subsection (b) after
24 the last day of the fifth fiscal year beginning after the
25 date of enactment of this Act.

1 (l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$25,000,000 for each of the first 5 fiscal years beginning
4 after the date of enactment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 302. HOTEL, MOTEL, AND COMMERCIAL ACQUISITIONS**
6 **AND CONVERSIONS TO PERMANENT HOUS-**
7 **ING.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
10 year 2024, \$500,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
11 tember 30, 2033, for—

12 (1) projects related to the acquisition, rehabili-
13 tation, renovation, or conversion of transitional
14 housing, temporary shelters, and other spaces, such
15 as hotels, motels, government-owned properties, and
16 commercial business spaces such as shopping malls,
17 to address urgent safety and public health needs for
18 individuals experiencing homelessness and housing
19 instability, provided that the funds are used for non-
20 congregate shelter or creating more permanent sup-
21 portive housing; and

22 (2) supportive services for individuals housed in
23 the spaces described in paragraph (1), including—

1 (A) activities listed in section 401(29) of
2 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 11360(29));

4 (B) housing counseling; and

5 (C) homeless prevention services.

6 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall have au-
7 thority to issue such regulations or other notices, guid-
8 ance, forms, instructions, and publications as may be nec-
9 essary or appropriate to carry out the programs, projects,
10 or activities authorized under this section, including to en-
11 sure that such programs, projects, or activities are com-
12 pleted in a timely and effective manner.

13 **SEC. 303. EVICTION PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
15 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
16 year 2024, \$800,000,000, to remain available until Sep-
17 tember 30, 2033, for an eviction protection grant program
18 established by the Secretary to support experienced legal
19 service providers in providing legal assistance at no cost
20 to low-income tenants at risk of or subject to eviction.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall have au-
22 thority to issue such regulations or other notices, guid-
23 ance, forms, instructions, and publications as may be nec-
24 essary or appropriate to carry out the programs, projects,
25 or activities authorized under this section, including to en-

1 sure that such programs, projects, or activities are com-
2 pleted in a timely and effective manner.

3 **SEC. 304. MOBILE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS GRANTS.**

4 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General
5 may make grants to States, units of local government,
6 public and community defender systems, and nonprofit or-
7 ganizations to create or expand mobile crisis intervention
8 teams to address homelessness and reduce recidivism.

9 (b) APPLICATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—An entity seeking a grant
11 under this section shall submit to the Attorney Gen-
12 eral an application at such time, in such manner,
13 and containing such information as the Attorney
14 General may reasonably require, including an assur-
15 ance described in paragraph (2).

16 (2) ASSURANCE DESCRIBED.—An assurance de-
17 scribed in this paragraph is an assurance that—

18 (A) the entity has in place a policy pro-
19 tecting employees, individuals, and communities
20 served by the entity from discrimination under
21 applicable civil rights laws; and

22 (B) the policy described in subparagraph
23 (A) includes protection from discrimination on
24 the basis of gender-related identity, appearance,
25 mannerisms, or other gender-related character-

1 istics of an individual, regardless of the individ-
2 ual’s designated sex at birth.

3 (3) NONPROFIT EXPERTISE.—In addition to the
4 assurance described in paragraph (2), a nonprofit
5 organization seeking a grant under this section shall
6 demonstrate in the application submitted under this
7 subsection that the organization has a proven his-
8 tory of—

9 (A) successful engagement with popu-
10 lations experiencing homelessness and housing
11 instability, including members of a population
12 at higher risk of homelessness; or

13 (B) assisting communities to engage in al-
14 ternatives to penalizing homelessness.

15 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives a grant
16 under this section may use funds received under this sec-
17 tion for creating, supporting, expanding, or studying mo-
18 bile crisis intervention teams that are trained to provide
19 stabilization services to individuals with an urgent medical
20 or psychological need, as an alternative to a law enforce-
21 ment response, which teams may include healthcare pro-
22 fessionals, mental health professionals, addiction coun-
23 selors, housing referral specialists, groups serving or rep-
24 resenting justice system-involved or homeless individuals,
25 and other related resource providers.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$50,000,000 for the first fiscal year beginning after the
4 date of enactment of this Act and for each of the 9 suc-
5 ceeding fiscal years thereafter.

6 **SEC. 305. LIBRARY CONSORTIUM PILOT GRANTS.**

7 Part A of title V of the Public Health Service Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 290aa et seq.) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

10 **“SEC. 506B. LIBRARY CONSORTIUM PILOT GRANTS.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
13 tity’ means—

14 “(A) an eligible library;

15 “(B) a library agency that is an official
16 agency of a State or other unit of government
17 and is charged by the law governing it with the
18 extension and development of public library
19 services within its jurisdiction;

20 “(C) an eligible library consortium; or

21 “(D) a library association that exists on a
22 permanent basis, serves libraries or library pro-
23 fessionals on a national, regional, State, or local
24 level, and engages in activities designed to ad-

1 vance the well-being of libraries and the library
2 profession.

3 “(2) ELIGIBLE LIBRARY.—The term ‘eligible li-
4 brary’ means—

5 “(A) a public library;

6 “(B) an elementary or secondary school li-
7 brary;

8 “(C) a library that is operated by an insti-
9 tution of higher education;

10 “(D) a research library or archive that is
11 not an integral part of an institution of higher
12 education and that makes publicly available li-
13 brary services and materials that are suitable
14 for scholarly research and not otherwise avail-
15 able; or

16 “(E) a Tribal library.

17 “(3) ELIGIBLE LIBRARY CONSORTIUM.—The
18 term ‘eligible library consortium’ means a local,
19 statewide, regional, interstate, or international coop-
20 erative association of library entities that provides
21 for the systematic and effective coordination of the
22 resources of eligible libraries, and information cen-
23 ters that work to improve the services delivered to
24 the clientele of these libraries.

1 “(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—From amounts made avail-
2 able under this section for a fiscal year, the Assistant Sec-
3 retary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligi-
4 ble entities to enable those eligible entities to carry out
5 pilot programs to address the needs of homeless individ-
6 uals or individuals at risk of homelessness.

7 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity receiv-
9 ing funds under this section may use such funds to
10 provide programs or resources that address the
11 needs of homeless individuals or individuals at risk
12 of homelessness by—

13 “(A) connecting them with resources to
14 help them transition to stable, independent or
15 supported living, through the eligible entity’s
16 own activities or through subgrants to eligible
17 libraries, as appropriate;

18 “(B) providing homeless individuals or in-
19 dividuals at risk of homelessness with programs
20 on issues such as health, mortgage or rental as-
21 sistance, and applying for government benefits;
22 or

23 “(C) partnering with other community or-
24 ganizations or the locality’s department of pub-

1 lic health for outreach activities and connec-
2 tions to other relevant services.

3 “(2) CRITERIA FOR SUBGRANTS.—In awarding
4 a subgrant under this section, an eligible entity
5 shall—

6 “(A) require eligible libraries desiring a
7 subgrant to submit an application containing—

8 “(i) the estimated number of homeless
9 individuals or individuals at risk of home-
10 lessness that will be served under the
11 homelessness-related programs to be fund-
12 ed by the subgrant; and

13 “(ii) any other criteria established by
14 the grantee in the application submitted
15 under subsection (d); and

16 “(B) give preference to eligible libraries
17 that propose to carry out programs or develop
18 resources that integrate existing Federal or
19 State programs that serve homeless individuals
20 or individuals at risk of homelessness.

21 “(d) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a
22 grant under this section shall submit an application at
23 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
24 tion as the Assistant Secretary may require. Each applica-
25 tion shall include—

1 “(1) a description of the homelessness-related
2 programs or resources that the eligible entity will
3 support (in accordance with subsection (c)(1)) either
4 through its own activities or through subgrants to
5 eligible libraries;

6 “(2) a description of how community or govern-
7 mental partners will be involved in the homelessness-
8 related programs or resources provided by the eligi-
9 ble entity; and

10 “(3) in the case of projects that the eligible en-
11 tity intends to carry out through subgrants—

12 “(A) a description of how the eligible enti-
13 ty will make subgrants, including any priorities
14 or considerations that will be applied in making
15 such subgrants;

16 “(B) a description of how the eligible enti-
17 ty will disseminate, in a timely manner, infor-
18 mation regarding the subgrants, and the appli-
19 cation process for such subgrants;

20 “(C) a description of the criteria that the
21 eligible entity will require for the programs car-
22 ried out by subgrantees with funds awarded by
23 that eligible entity; and

24 “(D) an assurance that each eligible li-
25 brary that receives a subgrant will use the

1 funds from that subgrant to provide programs
2 that primarily serve homeless individuals or in-
3 dividuals at risk of homelessness.

4 “(e) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
5 the Assistant Secretary—

6 “(1) shall consult with the Director of the Insti-
7 tute of Museum and Library Services and the Sec-
8 retary of Housing and Urban Development; and

9 “(2) may consult with the Interagency Council
10 on Homelessness or any other appropriate Federal
11 agency or office to help ensure that funds are dis-
12 bursed and utilized effectively.

13 “(f) REPORTS.—Each eligible entity receiving a grant
14 under this section for a fiscal year shall prepare and sub-
15 mit a report to the Assistant Secretary, in such form and
16 containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary
17 may reasonably require to determine the extent to which
18 funds provided under this section have been effective in
19 carrying out the purposes of this section.

20 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$10,000,000 for the first fiscal year beginning after the
23 date of enactment of this section and for each of the 9
24 succeeding fiscal years thereafter.”.

1 **SEC. 306. REPORT ON INCLUSIVE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DE-**
 2 **VELOPMENT TO ENHANCE CLIMATE MITIGA-**
 3 **TION AND DISASTER RESILIENCY.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
 5 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-
 6 port on how to add a focus to housing programs of the
 7 Department of Housing and Urban Development on—

8 (1) infill projects that better connect people to
 9 jobs and transit and reduce greenhouse gas emis-
 10 sions; and

11 (2) supporting developers and local govern-
 12 ments constructing units on existing or underused
 13 urban land close to city amenities and transpor-
 14 tation.

15 **SEC. 307. ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATION PILOT WITHIN**
 16 **THE CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

17 Section 175(c) of title 23, United States Code, is
 18 amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
 20 subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (2)” and
 21 inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) INNOVATION PILOT.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to eligible
 25 projects under paragraphs (1) and (2), funds
 26 apportioned to a State under section 104(b)(7)

1 may be used for innovative strategies to reduce
2 transportation emissions, including associated
3 infrastructure improvements that will increase
4 the share of nonmotorized trips and improve
5 the efficiency of existing surface transportation
6 infrastructure to address carbon reduction.

7 “(B) NOTICE.—Not later than 120 days
8 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
9 the Secretary shall provide notice and guidance
10 for interested entities to participate in activities
11 under subparagraph (A).

12 “(C) EXCLUSION.—Funds used to carry
13 out a project under subparagraph (A) may not
14 be used on a project that increases net capacity
15 for vehicular travel.”.

16 **SEC. 308. MAKING INFILL HOUSING AND OTHER TRANS-**
17 **PORTATION EFFICIENCY PROJECTS ELIGI-**
18 **BLE FOR RAISE GRANTS.**

19 Section 6702(a)(3) of title 49, United States Code,
20 is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at
22 the end;

23 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as sub-
24 paragraph (I); and

1 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(H) a project or series of projects to re-
4 duce transportation emissions, including associ-
5 ated infrastructure improvements to support
6 infill development or transit-oriented develop-
7 ment, and to increase nonmotorized trips, sub-
8 ject to the conditions that—

9 “(i) the project or series of projects
10 shall directly improve the efficiency of ex-
11 isting surface transportation infrastruc-
12 ture; and

13 “(ii) the Federal share for the project
14 or series of projects shall be used to fund
15 only the elements of the project or series
16 that provide public benefits; and”.

17 **SEC. 309. HOMELESSNESS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE**
18 **COORDINATION.**

19 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.—The term “behav-
21 ioral health” includes mental health and substance
22 use.

23 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
24 ty” means an entity described in section 402(c)(4)

1 that is eligible for a competitive grant under sub-
2 section (b).

3 (3) PERSON EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.—

4 The term “person experiencing homelessness” has
5 the same meaning as the terms “homeless”, “home-
6 less individual”, and “homeless person”, as defined
7 in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
8 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302).

9 (4) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER.—The term
10 “substance use disorder” means the disorder that
11 occurs when the recurrent use of alcohol or drugs,
12 or both, causes clinically significant impairment, in-
13 cluding health problems, disability, and failure to
14 meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

15 (5) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term “Tribal
16 organization”—

17 (A) has the meaning given the term in sec-
18 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and
19 Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 3504);
20 and

21 (B) includes entities that serve Native Ha-
22 waiians, as defined in section 338K(c) of the
23 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254s(c)).

24 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—The
25 Secretary, in consultation with the working group estab-

1 lished under subsection (c), shall establish a grant pro-
2 gram to award competitive grants to eligible entities to
3 build or increase the capacity of the eligible entity for the
4 better coordination of health care and homelessness serv-
5 ices for people—

6 (1) experiencing homelessness and significant
7 behavioral health issues, including substance use dis-
8 order; and

9 (2) who are voluntarily seeking assistance.

10 (c) WORKING GROUP.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
12 tablish an interagency working group to provide ad-
13 vice to the Secretary in carrying out the program es-
14 tablished under subsection (b).

15 (2) COMPOSITION.—The working group estab-
16 lished under paragraph (1) shall include representa-
17 tives from the Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development, the United States Interagency Council
19 on Homelessness, the Department of Health and
20 Human Services, the Department of Agriculture,
21 and Bureau of Indian Affairs, to be appointed by
22 the heads of such agencies.

23 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF ASSISTANCE TOOLS.—

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment

1 of this Act, the working group established under
2 paragraph (1) shall—

3 (A) develop training, tools, and other tech-
4 nical assistance materials that simplify home-
5 lessness services for providers of health care
6 and simplify health care services for providers
7 of homelessness services by identifying the basic
8 elements the health and homelessness sectors
9 need to understand about the other; and

10 (B) circulate the materials described in
11 subparagraph (A) to interested entities, particu-
12 larly eligible entities that apply for grants
13 awarded pursuant to this section.

14 (d) CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
16 5-year grants to eligible entities, which shall be used
17 only to build or increase capacities to coordinate
18 health care and homelessness services.

19 (2) PROHIBITION.—None of the proceeds from
20 the grants awarded pursuant to this subsection may
21 be used to pay for—

22 (A) health care, with the exception of ef-
23 forts to increase the availability of Naloxone
24 and provide training for the administration of
25 Naloxone; or

1 (B) rent.

2 (3) AMOUNT.—The amount awarded to an eligi-
3 ble entity under a grant under this subsection shall
4 not exceed \$500,000.

5 (4) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
6 grant under this subsection, an entity shall—

7 (A) be—

8 (i) a governmental entity at the coun-
9 ty, city, regional, or locality level;

10 (ii) an Indian Tribe, a tribally des-
11 ignated housing entity, a Tribal organiza-
12 tion, or an urban Indian organization;

13 (iii) a public housing agency admin-
14 istering housing choice vouchers; or

15 (iv) a continuum of care or nonprofit
16 organization designated by the continuum
17 of care;

18 (B) be responsible for homelessness serv-
19 ices;

20 (C) provide such assurances as the Sec-
21 retary shall require that, in carrying out activi-
22 ties with amounts from the grant, the entity
23 will ensure that services are culturally com-
24 petent, meet the needs of the people being
25 served, and follow trauma-informed best prac-

1 tices to address those needs using a harm re-
2 duction approach; and

3 (D) demonstrate how the capacity of the
4 entity to coordinate health care and homeless-
5 ness services to better serve people experiencing
6 homelessness and significant behavioral health
7 issues, including substance use disorder, can be
8 increased through—

9 (i) the designation of a governmental
10 official as a coordinator for making con-
11 nections between health and homelessness
12 services and developing a strategy for
13 using those services in a holistic way to
14 help people experiencing homelessness and
15 behavioral health conditions such as sub-
16 stance use disorder, including those with
17 cooccurring conditions;

18 (ii) improvements in infrastructure at
19 the systems level;

20 (iii) improvements in technology for
21 voluntary remote monitoring capabilities,
22 including internet and video, which can
23 allow for more home- and community-
24 based behavioral health care services and
25 ensure such improvements maintain effec-

1 tive communication requirements for per-
2 sons with disabilities and program access
3 for persons with limited English pro-
4 ficiency;

5 (iv) improvements in connections to
6 health care services delivered by providers
7 experienced in behavioral health care and
8 people experiencing homelessness;

9 (v) efforts to increase the availability
10 of Naloxone and provide training for the
11 administration of Naloxone; and

12 (vi) any additional activities identified
13 by the Secretary that will advance the co-
14 ordination of homelessness assistance,
15 housing, and behavioral health care serv-
16 ices and other health care services.

17 (5) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—An eligible entity
18 receiving a grant under this subsection may use the
19 grant to cover costs related to—

20 (A) hiring system coordinators; and

21 (B) administrative costs, including staffing
22 costs, technology costs, and other such costs
23 identified by the Secretary.

24 (6) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—An eligible enti-
25 ty receiving a grant under this subsection may dis-

1 tribute all or a portion of the grant amounts to pri-
2 vate nonprofit organizations, other government enti-
3 ties, public housing agencies, tribally designated
4 housing entities, or other entities as determined by
5 the Secretary to carry out programs and activities in
6 accordance with this section.

7 (7) OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS.—

8 (A) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 6
9 years after the date on which grant amounts
10 are first received by an eligible entity under this
11 subsection, the eligible entity shall submit to
12 the Secretary a report on the activities carried
13 out under the grant, which shall include, with
14 respect to activities carried out with grant
15 amounts in the community served—

16 (i) measures of outcomes relating to
17 whether people experiencing homelessness
18 and significant behavioral health issues, in-
19 cluding substance use disorder, who sought
20 help from an entity that received a grant—

21 (I) were housed and did not ex-
22 perience intermittent periods of home-
23 lessness;

24 (II) were voluntarily enrolled in
25 treatment and recovery programs;

1 (III) experienced improvements
2 in their health;

3 (IV) obtained access to specific
4 primary care providers; and

5 (V) have health care plans that
6 meet their individual needs, including
7 access to mental health and substance
8 use disorder treatment and recovery
9 services;

10 (ii) how grant funds were used; and

11 (iii) any other matters determined ap-
12 propriate by the Secretary.

13 (B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
14 this paragraph may be construed to condition
15 the receipt of future housing and other services
16 by individuals assisted with activities and serv-
17 ices provided with grant amounts on the out-
18 comes detailed in the reports submitted under
19 this paragraph.

20 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029,
23 of which not less than 5 percent of such funds shall be

- 1 awarded to Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing en-
- 2 titles, and Tribal organizations.

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