

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7196

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2022

Mrs. AXNE (for herself and Mr. LUCAS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Flexibility in Address-  
5       ing Rural Homelessness Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER CONTINUUM OF CARE**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Subsection (a) of section 423 of subtitle C of title  
4 IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 11383(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(13) Projects in rural areas that consist of one  
8 or more of the following activities:

9 “(A) Payment of short-term emergency  
10 lodging, including in motels or shelters, directly  
11 or through vouchers.

12 “(B) Repairs to units—

13 “(i) in which homeless individuals and  
14 families will be housed; or

15 “(ii) which are currently not fit for  
16 human habitation.

17 “(C) Staff training, professional develop-  
18 ment, skill development, and staff retention ac-  
19 tivities.”.

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