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# H. R. 1798

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Mr. BOST (for himself, Mrs. LURIA, and Mr. HAGEDORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Emergency Rural  
5       Community Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY**  
2 **FACILITIES AND TEMPORARY INSTALLA-**  
3 **TIONS NEEDED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
4 **PANDEMIC.**

5 Section 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated Farm and  
6 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19)) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “this para-  
9 graph” each place it appears and inserting “sub-  
10 paragraph (A)”; and

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

12 “(C) EMERGENCY GRANTS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
14 may make grants during an emergency, as  
15 determined by the Secretary, to any entity  
16 referred to in subparagraph (A) to pur-  
17 chase vehicles, equipment, or services need-  
18 ed for the immediate safe operation of an  
19 essential community facility or a tem-  
20 porary installation necessary to support  
21 the public response to the emergency in a  
22 rural area.

23 “(ii) USE OF GRANT.—The Secretary  
24 shall, by regulation, determine—

25 “(I) the kinds of vehicles, equip-  
26 ment, and supplies which may be pur-

1 chased using a grant made under this  
2 subparagraph; and

3 “(II) the kinds of facilities and  
4 temporary installations for which such  
5 a purchase may be made.

6 “(iii) APPROPRIATION.—

7 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Out of any  
8 money in the Treasury of the United  
9 States not otherwise appropriated,  
10 there are appropriated to the Sec-  
11 retary \$100,000,000 to carry out this  
12 subparagraph.

13 “(II) AVAILABILITY.—The  
14 amount made available by clause (i)  
15 shall remain available through Decem-  
16 ber 31, 2022.”.

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