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# H. R. 9370

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to create a grant program to fund existing consumer voucher matching programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to create a grant program to fund existing consumer voucher matching programs.

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 “Bring our Small Busi-  
5       nesses Back Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. CONSUMER VOUCHER MATCHING PROGRAM.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
8       date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of  
9       the Small Business Administration shall create a grant  
10      program (in this section referred to as the “Program”)

1 under which the Administrator shall, subject to appropria-  
2 tions, make grants to eligible entities described in sub-  
3 section (b)(1) for the uses specified under subsection (c).

4 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this Pro-  
6 gram, an eligible entity is a unit of local government  
7 that—

8 (A) has a consumer voucher matching pro-  
9 gram for small business concerns that have ex-  
10 perience a loss in revenue as a result of the  
11 COVID–19 pandemic;

12 (B) has within the jurisdiction of such unit  
13 of local government, as determined by the Di-  
14 rector of the Bureau of the Census in the 2017  
15 Economic Census—

16 (i) total retail sales less than or equal  
17 to \$13,000,000; or

18 (ii) total accommodation and food  
19 service sales less than or equal to  
20 \$2,500,000; and

21 (C) submits an application in accordance  
22 with paragraph (2) of this subsection.

23 (2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for a grant  
24 under the Program, a unit of local government shall  
25 submit to the Administrator an application, in such

1 form, at such time, and containing such information  
2 as the Administrator determines appropriate, includ-  
3 ing—

4 (A) a plan that includes information on  
5 how such unit of local government will use  
6 funds in accordance with subsection (c);

7 (B) information proving that small busi-  
8 ness concerns within such unit of local govern-  
9 ment lost revenue as a result of the COVID–19  
10 pandemic;

11 (C) the number of individuals such unit of  
12 local government expects to serve under the  
13 Program; and

14 (D) how the grant will be used to affect  
15 the development of small business concerns that  
16 were negatively affected by the COVID–19 pan-  
17 demic.

18 (c) ELIGIBLE USES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—A unit of local government  
20 that receives a grant under this Program shall use  
21 grant amounts to fund a consumer voucher match-  
22 ing program.

23 (2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 10 percent of  
24 the grant funds received under the Program may be

1       used for the administration of a consumer voucher  
2       matching program.

3       (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Each unit of local  
4       government receiving a grant under the Program shall, on  
5       an annual basis, submit to the Administrator of the Small  
6       Business Administration a report on—

7               (1) which small business concerns participated  
8       in a consumer voucher matching program funded by  
9       the Program;

10              (2) the number of individuals served by a con-  
11       sumer voucher matching program;

12              (3) any changes to economic development indi-  
13       cators as a result of the activities supported by the  
14       use of grant funds under the Program, including—

15                   (A) any increase in the total revenue of  
16       small business concerns within such unit of  
17       local government; and

18                   (B) any increase in the number of small  
19       business concerns participating in a consumer  
20       voucher matching program; and

21              (4) the amount of funds received under the  
22       Program used for the administration of a consumer  
23       voucher matching program.

24       (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
25       authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of the

1 Small Business Administration \$100,000,000 for each of  
2 the fiscal years 2023 and 2024 to carry out this section.

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—

4 (1) CONSUMER VOUCHER MATCHING PRO-  
5 GRAM.—The term “consumer voucher matching pro-  
6 gram” means a program that was established prior  
7 to the date of the enactment of this Act under which  
8 funds contributed by an individual are matched by  
9 a unit of local government for the purpose of ex-  
10 penditure at small business concerns within the ju-  
11 risdiction of such unit of local government.

12 (2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term  
13 “small business concern” has the meaning given  
14 such term under section 3 of the Small Business Act  
15 (15 U.S.C. 632).

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