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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for the purpose of establishing, operating, or expanding one-stop crisis facilities, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Behavioral Health Cri-
5 sis Care Centers Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR ONE-STOP CRISIS FACILI-**
2 **TIES.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
5 retary”), in consultation with the Secretary of Housing
6 and Urban Development, the Attorney General of the
7 United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and the heads
8 of any other relevant Federal agencies, shall award grants
9 to eligible entities in the amounts determined pursuant to
10 subsection (d) for the purpose of establishing, operating,
11 or expanding one-stop crisis facilities.

12 (b) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Activities funded
13 through a grant under this section for establishing, oper-
14 ating, or expanding a one-stop crisis facility may include—

15 (1) acquiring, constructing, or developing facili-
16 ties;

17 (2) acquiring supplies or equipment;

18 (3) training, hiring, and retaining staff;

19 (4) establishing, operating, or expanding serv-
20 ices provided at a one-stop crisis facility, including—

21 (A) health care services, including behav-
22 ioral health and substance use disorder treat-
23 ment;

24 (B) counseling or case management serv-
25 ices;

1 (C) housing assistance, including financial
2 assistance for housing;

3 (D) legal services; and

4 (E) other wrap-around services provided as
5 part of a one-stop crisis facility;

6 (5) coordinating with governmental and non-
7 governmental partners, including local crisis re-
8 sponse, law enforcement, health care entities, work-
9 force development programs, aging, disability, and
10 senior services, community-based organizations,
11 housing authorities, continuum of care programs,
12 immigrant and refugee assistance organizations, vet-
13 eran service organizations, evidence-based diversion
14 programs such as law enforcement-assisted diversion
15 programs, children and family organizations, and
16 other entities involved in the provision of wrap-
17 around services;

18 (6) conducting outreach services to engage with
19 vulnerable and high-need communities, including in-
20 dividuals at public and federally assisted housing fa-
21 cilities, youths, and unhoused individuals; and

22 (7) planning system-wide coordination with
23 other entities involved in crisis response.

24 (c) SUBGRANTS.—A recipient of a grant under this
25 section may use such grant to award subgrants to non-

1 governmental entities for the purpose of providing one-
2 stop crisis facility services, including those described in
3 paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) of subsection (b).

4 (d) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNTS.—

5 (1) METROPOLITAN CITIES.—Of the total
6 amount made available for a fiscal year pursuant to
7 subsection (g)(2)(A), the Secretary shall award to
8 each metropolitan city receiving a grant under this
9 section an amount that bears the same proportion to
10 such total amount as the population of such metro-
11 politan city bears to the total population of all met-
12 ropolitan cities receiving grants under this section.

13 (2) NONENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOV-
14 ERNMENT.—Of the total amount made available for
15 a fiscal year pursuant to subsection (g)(2)(B), the
16 Secretary shall award to each nonentitlement unit of
17 local government receiving a grant under this section
18 an amount that bears the same proportion to such
19 total amount as the population of such nonentitle-
20 ment unit of local government bears to the total
21 population of all nonentitlement units of local gov-
22 ernment receiving grants under this section.

23 (3) COUNTIES.—The Secretary shall award to
24 each county receiving a grant under this section—

1 (A) of half of the amount made available
2 for a fiscal year pursuant to subsection
3 (g)(2)(C), an amount that is equal for each
4 such county; and

5 (B) of the remaining half of the amount
6 made available for a fiscal year pursuant to
7 subsection (g)(2)(C), an amount that bears the
8 same proportion to such remaining half as the
9 population of such county bears to the total
10 population of all counties receiving grants
11 under this section.

12 (4) STATES.—The Secretary shall award to
13 each State receiving a grant under this section—

14 (A) of half of the amount made available
15 for a fiscal year pursuant to subsection
16 (g)(2)(D), an amount that is equal for each
17 such State; and

18 (B) of the remaining half of the amount
19 made available for a fiscal year pursuant to
20 subsection (g)(2)(D), an amount that bears the
21 same proportion to such remaining half as the
22 population of such State bears to the total pop-
23 ulation of all States receiving grants under this
24 section.

1 (5) INDIAN TRIBES.—The Secretary shall
2 award to each Indian Tribe receiving a grant under
3 this section—

4 (A) of 25 percent of the amount made
5 available for a fiscal year pursuant to sub-
6 section (g)(2)(E), an amount that is equal for
7 each such Indian Tribe; and

8 (B) of 75 percent of the amount made
9 available for a fiscal year pursuant to sub-
10 section (g)(2)(E), an amount determined by the
11 Secretary of the Interior.

12 (6) TERRITORIES.—Of the total amount made
13 available for a fiscal year pursuant to subsection
14 (g)(2)(F), the Secretary shall award to each terri-
15 tory receiving a grant under this section an amount
16 that bears the same proportion to such total amount
17 as the population of such territory bears to the total
18 population of all territories receiving grants under
19 this section.

20 (e) APPLICATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—To seek a grant under this
22 section, an eligible entity shall submit an application
23 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
24 accompanied by such information as the Secretary
25 may require.

1 (2) PLAN.—Such an application shall include a
2 plan for how the grant funds will be used, includ-
3 ing—

4 (A) how such plan is informed by stake-
5 holders in the community;

6 (B) how the recipient will collaborate with
7 community-based organizations to connect indi-
8 viduals with appropriate services;

9 (C) how the recipient will establish a hous-
10 ing first policy strategy for adults experiencing
11 chronic homeless and a transitional housing,
12 wrap around services strategy for youth in cri-
13 sis;

14 (D) how the recipient will prioritize equi-
15 table access for people with language, cultural,
16 and other barriers, including how staff will be
17 trained in cultural competency and trauma-in-
18 formed care;

19 (E) how the recipient will work in conjunc-
20 tion with crisis response systems, law enforce-
21 ment, and emergency departments to steer indi-
22 viduals experiencing a behavioral health or sub-
23 stance use crisis to the one-stop crisis facility;

24 (F) how the recipient will work in conjunc-
25 tion with continuum of care programs and

1 housing providers to steer individuals at as-
2 sisted housing facilities to the one-stop crisis fa-
3 cility to receive supportive services; and

4 (G) how the recipient intends to create
5 programming and services specific to the needs
6 of youth.

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The terms “county”, “metropolitan city”,
9 and “nonentitlement unit of local government” have
10 the meanings given to such terms in section 603(g)
11 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 803(g)).

12 (2) The term “eligible entity” means a metro-
13 politan city, a nonentitlement unit of local govern-
14 ment, a county, a State, an Indian Tribe, or a terri-
15 tory.

16 (3) The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning
17 given to the term “Indian tribe” in section 102 of
18 the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of
19 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5130).

20 (4) The term “one-stop crisis facility” means a
21 facility that provides, at a single location—

22 (A) on-site services for behavioral health
23 and substance use disorder;

24 (B) housing services; and

1 (C) coordination with health care services,
2 housing services, legal aid, or other case man-
3 agement or wrap-around services available in
4 the community.

5 (5) The term “State” means each State of the
6 United States and the District of Columbia.

7 (6) The term “territory” means the Common-
8 wealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Is-
9 lands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern
10 Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

11 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
13 appropriated to carry out this section
14 \$11,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
15 through 2027.

16 (2) RESERVATION.—Of the amounts authorized
17 to be appropriated by paragraph (1)—

18 (A) \$3,000,000,000 shall be for grants to
19 metropolitan cities;

20 (B) \$1,000,000,000 shall be for grants to
21 nonentitlement units of local government;

22 (C) \$3,000,000,000 shall be for grants to
23 counties;

24 (D) \$2,000,000,000 shall be for grants to
25 States;

- 1 (E) \$2,000,000,000 shall be for grants to
2 Indian Tribes; and
3 (F) \$500,000,000 shall be for grants to
4 territories.

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