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To amend the Public Health Service Act, to establish within the Office of Minority Health, the position of Outreach Coordinator, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 title may be cited as the “Grant Assistance and
5 Technical Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH COORDINATOR.**

7 Section 1707(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 300u–6(d)) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

1 “(5) OUTREACH COORDINATOR.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out sub-
3 section (b), the Secretary shall establish within
4 the Office, the position of Outreach Coordi-
5 nator. The Outreach Coordinator shall be ap-
6 pointed by the Secretary, and shall report di-
7 rectly to the Director in the Office of Minority
8 Health.

9 “(B) DUTIES.—The duties of the Outreach
10 Coordinator shall consist of assisting commu-
11 nity-based organizations navigate the applica-
12 tion for, and any associated conditions on the
13 receipt of, funding available to nongovernmental
14 organizations under grant programs adminis-
15 tered by the Secretary.

16 “(C) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance
17 under subparagraph (B), the Outreach Coordi-
18 nator shall give priority to community-based or-
19 ganizations that—

20 “(i) have had a significant impact on
21 the community served by the organization
22 involved, with respect to providing cul-
23 turally competent and culturally specific
24 care;

1 “(ii) demonstrate a connection to
 2 marginalized groups in the community
 3 served by the organization involved; and
 4 “(iii) have less experience in applying
 5 for an receiving funding described in sub-
 6 paragraph (B).”.

7 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZA-**
 8 **TIONS.**

9 Section 1707(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42
 10 U.S.C. 300u–6(e)) is amended by adding at the end the
 11 following:

12 “(4) ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGA-
 13 NIZATIONS.—The Deputy Assistant Secretary shall
 14 award grants to State and local public health enti-
 15 ties for purposes of—

16 “(A) coordinating with community-based
 17 organizations for the purposes of public health
 18 messaging and assisting in carrying out pro-
 19 grams administered by the Secretary;

20 “(B) hiring and training employees of such
 21 entities;

22 “(C) subgranting funds to community-
 23 based organizations to carry out programs to
 24 promote health priorities in marginalized com-
 25 munities; and

1 “(D) providing technical assistance to such
2 organizations to meet reporting requirements
3 under grant programs administered by the Sec-
4 retary.”.

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