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To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to modify and upgrade structures to serve as interim and permanent housing to accommodate unhoused individuals with pets, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Providing for
5 Unhoused People with Pets Act of 2022” or the “PUPP
6 Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING STRUCTURES**
2 **TO SERVE AS INTERIM AND PERMANENT**
3 **HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE UNHOUSED IN-**
4 **DIVIDUALS WITH PETS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
6 Urban Development may carry out a program under this
7 section to make grants to eligible entities for providing in-
8 terim and permanent housing that accommodates home-
9 less persons, and homeless families, who have pets.

10 (b) **USE.**—Amounts from a grant under this section
11 may be used only for costs of acquiring, renovating, reha-
12 bilitating, re-purposing, retrofitting, or constructing a
13 property to be used as interim or permanent housing that
14 accommodates homeless persons, and homeless families,
15 who have pets, and for pet-related costs of operating such
16 housing as provided in this section.

17 (c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Interim or permanent housing
18 assisted with amounts from a grant under this Act shall
19 comply with the following requirements:

20 (1) **SERVICES.**—

21 (A) **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.**—Appropriate
22 supportive services, including mental health,
23 employment, substance use disorder, and
24 wellness services, shall be made available to oc-
25 cupants of the housing.

1 (B) VETERINARY SERVICES.—Basic veteri-
2 nary care and behavioral support for pets, in-
3 cluding spay and neuter, basic wellness exami-
4 nations, vaccinations, dental care, heartworm
5 treatment and prevention, flea and tick treat-
6 ment and prevention, and basic medical proce-
7 dures, shall be made available for pets of occu-
8 pants of the housing.

9 (C) LOCATION.—Services required under
10 this paragraph shall be made available on-site
11 in such housing, except that services that can-
12 not be furnished on-site may be made available
13 off-site, but only if direct linkage to transpor-
14 tation services is made available to occupants to
15 access such services.

16 (2) ANIMAL HOUSING.—The housing shall pro-
17 vide accommodations for pets of occupants of the
18 housing that are appropriate for the layout and type
19 of the interim or permanent housing, which may in-
20 clude crates and kennels.

21 (3) COORDINATION.—The manager of the hous-
22 ing shall—

23 (A) coordinate with public services and law
24 enforcement agencies to provide services and

1 safety for the housing, as the Secretary shall
2 require;

3 (B) coordinate with local veterinary service
4 and animal care providers to provide care for
5 pets that accompany occupants of the housing;
6 and

7 (C) in making occupancy available in the
8 housing, coordinate with the administrative en-
9 tity for the Continuum of Care under subtitle
10 C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
11 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) for
12 the area in which the housing is located.

13 (d) APPLICATIONS; PLAN.—

14 (1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall provide
15 for eligible entities to submit applications for grants
16 under this section and shall require such applica-
17 tions to include a plan under paragraph (2).

18 (2) PLAN.—A plan under this paragraph
19 shall—

20 (A) identify existing housing, shelters, or
21 unused structures or land within the area
22 served by the eligible entity submitting the ap-
23 plication that will be used for providing the
24 housing to be assisted under subsection (b) with
25 amounts from a grant under this section;

1 (B) identify the extent of need, in the area
2 of such housing, shelters, structures, or land
3 identified, for interim or permanent housing for
4 homeless persons with pets;

5 (C) identify partnering veterinary service
6 and animal care providers that will provide care
7 for pets that accompany occupants of the hous-
8 ing and any partnering animal welfare organi-
9 zation;

10 (D) include such assurances as the Sec-
11 retary considers necessary to ensure that such
12 housing will be provided using grant amounts,
13 that such housing will accommodate homeless
14 persons, and homeless families, who have pets,
15 and that such housing will comply with the re-
16 quirements under subsection (c); and

17 (E) provide for targeted outreach to indi-
18 viduals experiencing homelessness within the
19 area served by the eligible entity receiving a
20 grant under this section to inform such individ-
21 uals regarding the availability of the housing
22 assisted with grant amounts.

23 (3) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select ap-
24 plications to be awarded such grants on a competi-

1 tive basis, based on criteria that the Secretary shall
2 establish.

3 (e) REPORTS.—Each eligible entity that receives a
4 grant under this section for a fiscal year shall submit a
5 report to the Secretary, not later than 90 days after the
6 end of the fiscal year for which the grant was made, that
7 shall include the following information:

8 (1) A description of the activities undertaken by
9 the eligible entity using such grant amounts.

10 (2) Identification of the costs of each of the
11 services provided in connection with the housing as-
12 sisted with such grant amounts.

13 (3) An assessment of the effectiveness of the
14 program grants under this section and any rec-
15 ommendations for improving the program.

16 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
17 following definitions shall apply:

18 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible enti-
20 ty” means—

21 (i) a unit of general local government;

22 (ii) a nonprofit organization; and

23 (iii) an entity providing housing or
24 shelters for homeless persons.

1 (B) LIMITATION.—Such term does not in-
2 clude an animal wellness or welfare organiza-
3 tion or an animal shelter, except that this sub-
4 paragraph may not be construed to prevent any
5 such organization or shelter from partnering
6 with an eligible entity to provide interim or per-
7 manent housing assisted with amounts from a
8 grant under this Act.

9 (2) HOMELESS.—The term “homeless” has the
10 meaning given such term in section 103 of the
11 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
12 U.S.C. 11302).

13 (3) INTERIM HOUSING.—The term “interim
14 housing” means any housing or shelter that does not
15 provide permanent housing. Such term includes
16 transitional housing (as such term is defined in such
17 section 401) and emergency shelters (as such term
18 is defined in section 321 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19 13351)).

20 (4) PERMANENT HOUSING.—The term “perma-
21 nent housing” has the meaning given such term in
22 section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
23 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).

24 (5) PET.—The term “pet” means any domes-
25 ticated animal that is normally maintained as a com-

1 panion or pet animal near the owner or person who
2 cares for the animal, such as a domestic dog (includ-
3 ing a service dog), domestic cat, ferret, gerbil,
4 mouse, rat, guinea pig, rabbit, or hamster.

5 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

7 (7) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—
8 The term “unit of general local government” has the
9 meaning given such term in the first sentence of
10 paragraph (1) of section 102(a) of the Housing and
11 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
12 5302(a)(1)).

13 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
14 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
15 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026.

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