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To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to public housing agencies and owners of other federally assisted housing to cover the costs of removing and replacing lead-based water service pipes for federally assisted housing projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2021

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. JONES, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RUSH, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. MENG, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SIRES, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. BARRAGÁN) 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 “Lead Abatement for
5 Families Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. LEAD ABATEMENT FOR FAMILIES.**

7 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LEAD WATER SERVICE
8 LINES.—

9 (1) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Housing and
10 Urban Development, in consultation with public
11 housing agencies, owners of other federally assisted
12 housing, and the Administrator of the Environ-
13 mental Protection Administration shall, not later
14 than the expiration of the 24-month period begin-
15 ning upon the date of the enactment of this Act, un-
16 dertake and complete a review of all public housing
17 projects and all other federally assisted housing
18 projects to identify any such projects for which the
19 source of potable water is a lead-based water service
20 pipe or pipes.

21 (2) REPORT.—Upon completion of the review
22 required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
23 submit a report to the Congress setting forth the re-
24 sults of the review and identifying any projects for

1 which the source of potable water is a lead-based
2 water service pipe or pipes.

3 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
5 grants to public housing agencies and owners of
6 other federally assisted housing to cover the eligible
7 costs of fully removing and replacing lead-based
8 water service pipes for housing projects identified
9 pursuant to the review under subsection (a) or oth-
10 erwise identified by the Secretary.

11 (2) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Amounts from a grant
12 under this subsection may be used only for costs of
13 fully removing and replacing a lead-based water
14 service pipe for a housing project.

15 (3) ASSURANCES.—The Secretary shall require
16 each public housing agency and owner of other fed-
17 erally assisted housing receiving a grant under this
18 subsection for a housing project to make such assur-
19 ances and enter into such agreements as the Sec-
20 retary considers necessary to ensure that—

21 (A) the lead-based water service pipes for
22 the project that will be fully removed and re-
23 placed using such grant amounts are identified;
24 and

1 (B) all work to fully remove and replace
2 such pipes is completed before the expiration of
3 the 24-month period beginning upon the initial
4 availability to the agency or owner of such
5 grant amounts.

6 (4) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—The amount of
7 grant under this subsection with respect to a hous-
8 ing project may not exceed the estimate of the Sec-
9 retary of the full cost of removing and replacing the
10 lead-based water service pipes for the project identi-
11 fied pursuant to paragraph (3)(A).

12 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Upon the expiration of the 6-
13 year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
14 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report
15 identifying the housing projects for which lead-based
16 water service pipes were removed and replaced using
17 grants under subsection (b) and analyzing the effective-
18 ness of the program for such grants.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
20 following definitions shall apply:

21 (1) HOUSING PROJECT.—The term “housing
22 project” means a public housing project or a project
23 that is other federally assisted housing.

24 (2) OTHER FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.—
25 The term “other federally assisted housing” has the

1 meaning given the term “federally assisted housing”
2 in section 683 of the Housing and Community De-
3 velopment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13641), except
4 that such term does not include any public housing
5 project described in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-
6 tion.

7 (3) LEAD-BASED WATER SERVICE PIPE.—The
8 term “lead-based water service pipe” means, with re-
9 spect to a housing project, a pipe or other conduit
10 that—

11 (A) is used to supply potable water for the
12 housing project from outside the project; and

13 (B) does not satisfy the definition of “lead-
14 free” established under section 1417 of the Safe
15 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–6).

16 (4) PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “public hous-
17 ing” has the meaning given such term in section
18 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
19 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

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

22 (e) RULES; GUIDANCE.—The Secretary, after con-
23 sultation with the Administrator of the Environmental
24 Protection Administration, may issue any interpretative
25 rules or guidance necessary to carry out this section.

1 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated for grants under subsection
3 (b)—

- 4 (1) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
5 (2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and
6 (3) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

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