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H. R. 2360

To establish a program to increase small business awareness of, and participation in, Small Business Administration programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELGADO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Small Business

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 “Small Business Relief
5 Accessibility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
9 tion” means the Small Business Administration.

1 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
3 ness Administration.

4 (3) COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR SERVICES.—The
5 term “community navigator services” means the out-
6 reach, education, and technical assistance provided
7 by community navigators that target eligible busi-
8 nesses to increase awareness of, and participation in,
9 programs of the Small Business Administration.

10 (4) COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR.—The term “com-
11 munity navigator” means a community organization,
12 community financial institution as defined in section
13 7(a)(36)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
14 636(a)(36)(A)), or other private nonprofit organiza-
15 tion engaged in the delivery of community navigator
16 services.

17 (5) ELIGIBLE BUSINESS.—The term “eligible
18 business” means any small business concern, with
19 priority for small business concerns owned and con-
20 trolled by women (as defined in section 3(n) of the
21 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(n))), small busi-
22 ness concerns owned and controlled by veterans (as
23 defined in section 3(q) of such Act (15 U.S.C.
24 632(q))), and socially and economically disadvan-
25 tagged small business concerns (as defined in section

1 8(a)(4)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
2 637(a)(4)(A))).

3 (6) PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The
4 term “private nonprofit organization” means an en-
5 tity that is described in section 501(c) of the Inter-
6 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax
7 under section 501(a) of such Code.

8 (7) RESOURCE PARTNER.—The term “resource
9 partner” means—

10 (A) a small business development center
11 (as defined in section 3 of the Small Business
12 Act (15 U.S.C. 632));

13 (B) a women’s business center (as de-
14 scribed in section 29 of the Small Business Act
15 (15 U.S.C. 656)); and

16 (C) a chapter of the Service Corps of Re-
17 tired Executives (as defined in section
18 8(b)(1)(B) of the Act (15 U.S.C.
19 637(b)(1)(B))).

20 (8) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
21 “small business concern” has the meaning given
22 under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 25
23 U.S.C. 632).

24 (9) STATE.—The term “State” means a State
25 of the United States, the District of Columbia, the

1 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
2 American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the North-
3 ern Mariana Islands, and Guam, or an agency, in-
4 strumentality, or fiscal agent thereof.

5 (10) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-
6 MENT.—The term “unit of general local govern-
7 ment” means a county, city, town, village, or other
8 general purpose political subdivision of a State.

9 **SEC. 3. COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small
11 Business Administration shall establish a Community
12 Navigator pilot program to make grants to, or enter into
13 contracts or cooperative agreements with, private non-
14 profit organizations, resource partners, States, Tribes,
15 and units of local government to ensure the delivery of
16 free community navigator services to current or prospec-
17 tive owners of eligible businesses in order to improve ac-
18 cess to assistance programs and resources made available
19 because of the COVID–19 pandemic by Federal, State,
20 Tribal, and local entities.

21 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
22 wise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator
23 for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury
24 not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to remain
25 available until expended, for carrying out this section.

1 **SEC. 4. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.**

2 (a) PROMOTION.—The Administrator shall develop
3 and implement a program to promote community navi-
4 gator services to current or prospective owners of eligible
5 businesses.

6 (b) CALL CENTER.—The Administrator shall estab-
7 lish a telephone hotline to offer information about Federal
8 programs to assist eligible businesses and offer referral
9 services to resource partners, community navigators, po-
10 tential lenders, and other persons that the Administrator
11 determines appropriate for current or prospective owners
12 of eligible businesses.

13 (c) OUTREACH.—The Administrator shall—

14 (1) conduct outreach and education, in the 10
15 most commonly spoken languages in the United
16 States, to current or prospective owners of eligible
17 businesses on community navigator services and
18 other Federal programs to assist eligible businesses;

19 (2) improve the website of the Administration
20 to describe such community navigator services and
21 other Federal programs; and

22 (3) implement an education campaign by adver-
23 tising in media targeted to current or prospective
24 owners of eligible businesses.

25 (d) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
26 wise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator

1 for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury
2 not otherwise appropriated, \$75,000,000, to remain avail-
3 able until expended, for carrying out this section.

4 (e) SUNSET.—The authority of the Administrator to
5 make grants under this Act shall terminate on December
6 31, 2025.

