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To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize competitive grants to support programs that address needs of fishing communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2015

Mr. KEATING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORESIDE COMMERCIAL FISHING SUPPORT**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Magnuson-Stevens
6 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
7 1851 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 321. SHORESIDE COMMERCIAL FISHING SUPPORT**
2 **GRANTS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make com-
4 petitive grants to persons eligible under subsection (b) to
5 support, pursuant to the national standard set forth in
6 section 301(8), programs that address needs of fishing
7 communities by—

8 “(1) providing health promotion and disease
9 prevention services, including—

10 “(A) preventive health services and assess-
11 ments;

12 “(B) mental health services and assess-
13 ments;

14 “(C) substance abuse prevention, treat-
15 ment, rehabilitation, and education; or

16 “(D) immunization services;

17 “(2) providing financial planning education and
18 other services to improve the financial stability of
19 families and small businesses, including regarding
20 budgeting, forecasting, retirement planning, college
21 financing, or estate planning;

22 “(3) supporting positive community response to
23 tragedies at sea; or

24 “(4) workforce development training, includ-
25 ing—

1 “(A) community health worker training for
2 fishing community members;

3 “(B) apprentice programs to train inexpe-
4 rienced fishermen participating in sustainable
5 fisheries; and

6 “(C) volunteer oil handling classes taught
7 by an experienced commercial vessel operator.

8 “(b) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—Any municipality, port
9 authority, other appropriate public entity, not-for-profit
10 organization, or other qualified person, that provides
11 shoreside commercial fishing support shall be eligible for
12 a grant under this section.

13 “(c) SURVEY OF NEEDS.—The Secretary shall con-
14 duct demographic surveys of commercial fishermen and
15 their family members to identify needs of fishing commu-
16 nities that can be addressed by grants authorized by this
17 section.

18 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
19 grants under this section there is authorized to be appro-
20 priated to the Secretary \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal
21 years 2016 through 2025.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
23 in the first section is amended by adding at the end the
24 following:

“Sec. 321. Shoreside commercial fishing support grants.”.