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H. R. 6873

To authorize supplemental funding for supportive housing for the elderly,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2020

Ms. PORTER (for herself and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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for the elderly, and for other purposes.

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 “Emergency Housing
5 Assistance for Older Adults Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUS-**
7 **ING FOR THE ELDERLY.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated \$1,202,000,000 for fiscal

1 year 2020 for assistance for supportive housing for the
2 elderly, of which—

3 (1) \$845,000,000 shall be for rental assistance
4 under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12
5 U.S.C. 1701q) or section 8 of the United States
6 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), as appro-
7 priate, and for hiring additional staff and for serv-
8 ices and costs, including acquiring personal protec-
9 tive equipment, to prevent, prepare for, or respond
10 to the public health emergency relating to
11 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic
12 for—

13 (A) projects for which assistance is pro-
14 vided under a project rental assistance contract
15 under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of
16 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(2));

17 (B) projects for which a direct loan under
18 section 202 of such Act was made and for
19 which assistance is provided under section 8 of
20 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
21 U.S.C. 1437f); and

22 (C) projects for which project-based assist-
23 ance is provided under such section 8 in which
24 more than 80 percent of tenants are 62 years
25 of age or older;

1 (2) \$50,000,000 shall be for installation of, and
2 service fees for, wireless internet services in projects
3 and individual units described in paragraph (1);

4 (3) \$7,000,000 for a 1-year extension of the
5 Supportive Services Demonstration (SSD) of the
6 Department of Housing and Urban Development,
7 authorized under the heading “Housing for the El-
8 derly” in title II of the Transportation, Housing and
9 Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appro-
10 priations Act, 2014 (division L of Public Law 113–
11 76; 128 Stat. 618); and

12 (4) \$300,000,000 shall be for grants under sec-
13 tion 676 of the Housing and Community Develop-
14 ment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13632) for costs of
15 providing service coordinators for purposes of coordi-
16 nating services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to
17 the public health emergency relating to Coronavirus
18 Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

19 (b) ELIGIBILITY OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PER-
20 SONS WITH DISABILITIES.—Subsection (a) of section 676
21 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992
22 (42 U.S.C. 13632(a)) shall be applied, for purposes of
23 subsection (a) of this section, by substituting “(G), and
24 (H)” for “and (G)”.

25 (c) SERVICE COORDINATORS.—

1 (1) HIRING.—In the hiring of staff using
2 amounts made available pursuant to this section for
3 costs of providing service coordinators, grantees
4 shall consider and hire, at all levels of employment
5 and to the greatest extent possible, a diverse staff,
6 including by race, ethnicity, gender, and disability
7 status. Each grantee shall submit a report to the
8 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development de-
9 scribing compliance with the preceding sentence not
10 later than the expiration of the 120-day period that
11 begins upon the termination of the emergency de-
12 clared on March 13, 2020, by the President under
13 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
14 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) relat-
15 ing to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
16 pandemic.

17 (2) ONE-TIME GRANTS.—Grants made using
18 amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a)
19 for costs of providing service coordinators shall not
20 be renewable.

21 (3) ONE-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts
22 made available pursuant to this section for costs of
23 providing service coordinators that are allocated for
24 a grantee and remain unexpended upon the expira-

1 tion of the 12-month period beginning upon such al-
2 location shall be recaptured by the Secretary.

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