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# H. R. 3319

To amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with respect to the definition of homeless individual, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2025

Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself and Mr. TORRES of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Women’s and Family  
5       Protection Act of 2025”.

6       **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO**  
7       **HOMELESSNESS DEFINITIONS**

8       **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

9       (a) Section 103(a)(5) of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
10      less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
2       the end; and

3           (2) by inserting at the end the following:

4                   “(D) may reside in indigenous, rural or  
5       marginalized communities as defined by the  
6       Secretary; and”.

7       (b) Section 103(a)(6) of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
8       less Assistance Act is amended—

9           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
10       by striking “unaccompanied”;

11           (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
12       the end;

13           (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period  
14       at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15           (4) by inserting at the end the following:

16                   “(D) may reside in indigenous, rural or  
17       marginalized communities as defined by the  
18       Secretary.”.

19       (c) Section 103(b) of the of the McKinney-Vento  
20       Homeless Assistance Act is amended by adding at the end  
21       the following:

22       “Within the domestic violence definition, the Secretary  
23       shall specifically include women, women with children, sur-  
24       vivors and other persons at risk of gender-based violence  
25       as a recognized term and subpopulation as that term is

1 currently defined in applicable Federal statute and regula-  
2 tions.”.

3 **TITLE II—WOMEN’S AND FAMI-**  
4 **LIES’ EMERGENCY SHELTER**  
5 **PROGRAM**

6 **SEC. 201. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM SET-**  
7 **ASIDE.**

8 Section 412 of the of the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
9 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11372) is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 **“SEC. 412. GRANT ASSISTANCE.**

12 “(a) GRANT ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall make  
13 grants to private nonprofit organizations defined in sub-  
14 section (b) for the purpose of carrying out the activities  
15 described in subsection (c).

16 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary shall make  
17 direct grants to private nonprofit organizations as defined  
18 in 42 U.S.C. 11360 serving high needs populations includ-  
19 ing women and children who are homeless and pregnant,  
20 chronically homeless person, families children and youth,  
21 victims of gendered-based violence or trauma, and other  
22 special needs populations defined by the Secretary includ-  
23 ing seniors and other homeless persons with a history of  
24 gender-based violence or trauma; in accordance with Sec-  
25 tion 101 of this Act.

1       “(c) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Assistance provided  
2 under subsection (a) may be used for the following activi-  
3 ties:

4               “(1) Operating costs defined in 42 U.S.C.  
5 11360.

6               “(2) Outpatient services, including mental  
7 health, substance use, and related services defined in  
8 42 U.S.C. 11360.

9               “(3) Supportive services including childcare,  
10 employment services, case management, food, child  
11 and family therapy and trauma counseling and vic-  
12 tim services defined in 42 U.S.C. 11360.

13               “(4) Housing relocation and stabilization serv-  
14 ices for homeless persons or families or individuals  
15 at risk of homelessness.

16               “(5) Such other services as the Secretary may  
17 designate.

18       “(d) APPLICATION.—An eligible private nonprofit or-  
19 ganization defined in subsection (b) above seeking a grant  
20 under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary an ap-  
21 plication at such time, in such manner, and containing  
22 such information as the Secretary may require.

23       “(e) EVALUATION.—A private nonprofit organization  
24 seeking a grant under this title shall prepare and submit  
25 an evaluation of activities carried out with funds received

1 under such grant to the Secretary at such time, in such  
2 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary  
3 may reasonably require, including a process and outcome  
4 evaluation. At a minimum, such evaluation shall include—

5 “(1) an unduplicated count of the number of  
6 women, children, seniors, victims of gender-based vi-  
7 olence and other special needs populations receiving  
8 services under the grant;

9 “(2) an unduplicated count of the number of  
10 homeless individuals and families receiving house re-  
11 location and stabilization services;

12 “(3) an unduplicated count of the number of in-  
13 dividuals placed in transitional or permanent hous-  
14 ing; and

15 “(4) information on coordination between the  
16 recipients of grants under subsection (a) and State,  
17 local and Tribal entities; victims of violence Con-  
18 tinuum of Care collaborative; and solo applicants;  
19 under 42 U.S.C. Subchapter IV Part C.

20 “(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall  
21 make available technical assistance to private nonprofit or-  
22 ganizations on the special needs of victims and survivors  
23 of gender-based violence including best practice trauma in-  
24 formed service delivery, staff training, recruitment and re-  
25 tention techniques and state of art coordination activities

1 with Part B and Part C entities, and applying for and  
2 obtaining funding for the Department of Housing and  
3 Urban Development, the Department of Health and  
4 Human Services, and related social services programs op-  
5 erated by State, county or local governments.”.

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