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To amend the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to authorize grants to strengthen relationships between health and wellness providers or systems (including for behavioral health) and community-based sexual assault programs to support survivors of sexual assault across the lifespan of the survivor, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Healing Partnerships
5 for Survivors Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS BE-**
2 **TWEEN HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROVIDERS**
3 **OR SYSTEMS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRO-**
4 **GRAMS, DISABILITY PROGRAMS, AND OTHER**
5 **SERVICE PROVIDER OR COMMUNITY-BASED**
6 **SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT**
7 **SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Family Violence Prevention
9 and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following:

11 **“SEC. 315. GRANTS FOR STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH**
12 **SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF**
13 **SEXUAL ASSAULT.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

15 “(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From amounts
16 appropriated under section 303(d) to carry out this
17 section, the Secretary, acting through the Office of
18 Family Violence Prevention and Services, may award
19 grants to eligible entities to develop, implement, and
20 improve systems of support and service provision
21 through partnerships with health and wellness pro-
22 viders or systems, behavioral health programs, dis-
23 ability programs, or other service provider or com-
24 munity-based sexual assault programs.

25 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-
2 ceive a grant under paragraph (1), an entity
3 shall be—

4 “(i) a State sexual assault coalition, a
5 territorial sexual assault coalition, or a
6 tribal coalition;

7 “(ii) a nonprofit community-based
8 sexual assault program, including such a
9 program that is a rape crisis center, cul-
10 turally specific organization, or commu-
11 nity-based organization, with a history of
12 demonstrated work with survivors of sexual
13 assault; or

14 “(iii) an Indian tribe or tribal organi-
15 zation.

16 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

17 “(i) SEXUAL ASSAULT; STATE SEXUAL
18 ASSAULT COALITION; TRIBAL COALITION.—
19 The terms ‘sexual assault’, ‘State sexual
20 assault coalition’, and ‘tribal coalition’
21 have the meanings given such terms in sec-
22 tion 40002 of the Violence Against Women
23 Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291).

24 “(ii) TERRITORIAL SEXUAL ASSAULT
25 COALITION.—The term ‘territorial sexual

1 assault coalition’ means a program ad-
2 dressing sexual violence that is—

3 “(I) an established nonprofit,
4 nongovernmental territorial coalition
5 addressing sexual assault within the
6 territory; or

7 “(II) a nongovernmental organi-
8 zation with a demonstrated history of
9 addressing sexual assault within the
10 territory that proposes to incorporate
11 as a nonprofit, nongovernmental terri-
12 torial coalition.

13 “(3) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
14 grant under paragraph (1), an eligible entity shall
15 submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
16 in such manner, and containing such information as
17 the Secretary determines appropriate.

18 “(4) USE OF FUNDS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that
20 receives a grant under paragraph (1) shall, di-
21 rectly or through subgrants or contracts, de-
22 velop and implement a program for developing
23 partnerships with health and wellness providers
24 or systems, behavioral health programs, dis-
25 ability programs, or other service providers or

1 community-based sexual assault programs to
2 develop trauma-informed, culturally relevant
3 partnerships, training, responses, services, and
4 policies to address and improve the comprehen-
5 sive response to the health and well-being of
6 survivors of sexual assault across the lifespan of
7 the survivor, including adult survivors of child-
8 hood sexual abuse, regardless of age.

9 “(B) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—The pro-
10 gram developed and implemented under sub-
11 paragraph (A) may engage in the following:

12 “(i) The provision of services, includ-
13 ing prevention, screening, linkages to care,
14 and treatment, including therapy, support
15 groups, holistic healing services, somatic
16 approaches, substance-use services and
17 supports, temporary housing assistance,
18 and personal advocacy through case man-
19 agement, and information and referral
20 services.

21 “(ii) Support for an adult survivor of
22 childhood sexual abuse or sexual assault
23 while the survivor receives health care or
24 substance-use treatment services, including
25 recovery and harm reduction support.

1 “(iii) The provision of training for
2 staff and partners associated with deliv-
3 ering services described in clause (i).

4 “(iv) The provision of a trauma-in-
5 formed and culturally relevant or specific
6 health and wellness modality for a survivor
7 of sexual assault.

8 “(v) Such other activities as the Sec-
9 retary determines appropriate.

10 “(5) REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS.—An eligible
11 entity that receives a grant under paragraph (1)
12 shall submit to the Secretary, at such time as shall
13 be reasonably required by the Secretary, a report
14 that—

15 “(A) describes the activities that have been
16 carried out with such grant funds;

17 “(B) includes an evaluation of the impact
18 and effectiveness of such activities; and

19 “(C) provides such additional information
20 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

21 “(6) PRIVACY.—Each eligible entity receiving a
22 grant under paragraph (1) shall ensure that each
23 program developed or implemented with such grant
24 protects victim privacy, confidentiality, and safety in

1 compliance with applicable confidentiality, privacy,
2 and nondisclosure requirements.

3 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appro-
5 priated under section 303(d) for any fiscal year to
6 carry out this section, the Secretary shall award not
7 more than 10 percent of the funds available for the
8 fiscal year to 2 or more eligible entities for the pro-
9 vision of training and technical assistance to grant-
10 ees and potential grantees under subsection (a)(1).

11 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-
13 ceive a grant under paragraph (1), an eligible
14 entity shall—

15 “(i) be a private, nonprofit organiza-
16 tion that focuses primarily on issues re-
17 lated to sexual assault;

18 “(ii) in an application for a grant
19 under paragraph (1), provide documenta-
20 tion to the Secretary demonstrating experi-
21 ence working directly on issues related to
22 sexual assault;

23 “(iii) demonstrate to the Secretary in
24 such application, the strong support of sex-
25 ual assault service programs, including

1 through letters of support, from around
2 the United States for the entity's dem-
3 onstrated history in providing training and
4 technical assistance on issues related to
5 sexual assault.

6 “(B) DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE.—To be
7 eligible to receive a grant under paragraph (1),
8 at least one of the eligible entities applying for
9 the grant shall have—

10 “(i) a demonstrated expertise pri-
11 marily working with culturally specific
12 communities; or

13 “(ii) a demonstrated expertise in ad-
14 dressing, and a primary purpose to ad-
15 dress, the development and provision of
16 culturally specific services.

17 “(3) REQUIRED USES OF FUNDS.—An eligible
18 entity awarded a grant under paragraph (1) shall
19 use the grant—

20 “(A) to provide training and technical as-
21 sistance to entities receiving grants under sub-
22 section (a)(1) for the implementation of pro-
23 grams funded under such subsection;

24 “(B) to conduct evaluations of the pro-
25 grams;

1 “(C) to identify and disseminate best prac-
2 tices that emerge from the programs; and

3 “(D) to carry out any other activity deter-
4 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

5 “(c) FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION.—From amounts
6 appropriated under section 303(e) for any fiscal year, not
7 more than \$5,000,000 for such fiscal year may be used
8 by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other ad-
9 ministrative expenses.

10 “(d) DEFINITION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.—For pur-
11 poses of this section, the term ‘sexual assault’ has the
12 meaning given the term in section 40002 of the Violence
13 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291).”.

14 (b) AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.—Section 304
15 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42
16 U.S.C. 10404(a)(5)) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “and dating violence” each place
18 it appears and inserting “dating violence, and sexual
19 assault”; and

20 (2) by striking “or dating violence” each place
21 it appears and inserting “dating violence, or sexual
22 assault”.

23 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
24 303 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
25 (42 U.S.C. 10403) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
2 section (e); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(d) GRANTS FOR STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH
6 SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL AS-
7 SAULT.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry
8 out section 315 \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
9 through 2030.”.

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