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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Behavioral Health Cri-  
5 sis Care Centers Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR ONE-STOP CRISIS FACILI-**  
2 **TIES.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Health and  
4 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-  
5 retary”), in consultation with the Secretary of Housing  
6 and Urban Development, the Attorney General, the Sec-  
7 retary of the Interior, and the heads of any other relevant  
8 Federal agencies, shall award grants to eligible entities in  
9 the amounts determined pursuant to subsection (d) for the  
10 purpose of establishing, operating, or expanding one-stop  
11 crisis facilities.

12 (b) **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**—Activities funded  
13 through a grant under this section for establishing, oper-  
14 ating, or expanding a one-stop crisis facility may include—

15 (1) acquiring, constructing, or developing facili-  
16 ties;

17 (2) acquiring supplies or equipment;

18 (3) training, hiring, and retaining staff;

19 (4) establishing, operating, or expanding serv-  
20 ices provided at a one-stop crisis facility, including—

21 (A) health care services, including behav-  
22 ioral health and substance use disorder treat-  
23 ment, including medication for opioid use dis-  
24 order;

25 (B) counseling;

1 (C) case management services and recovery  
2 oriented supports;

3 (D) housing assistance, including financial  
4 assistance for housing;

5 (E) legal services; and

6 (F) other wrap-around services, not limited  
7 to services that are clinical in nature, provided  
8 as part of a one-stop crisis facility;

9 (5) coordinating with governmental and non-  
10 governmental partners (including local crisis re-  
11 sponse, law enforcement, fire services, emergency  
12 medical services, health care entities, workforce de-  
13 velopment programs, aging, disability, and senior  
14 services, community-based organizations, faith-based  
15 organizations, civic organizations, housing authori-  
16 ties, continuum of care programs, immigrant and  
17 refugee assistance organizations, veteran service or-  
18 ganizations, deflection initiatives led by first re-  
19 sponders, evidence-based jail diversion programs,  
20 such as law enforcement-assisted diversion pro-  
21 grams, children and family organizations, and other  
22 entities involved in the provision of wrap-around  
23 services, not limited to clinical services);

24 (6) conducting outreach services to engage with  
25 vulnerable and high-need communities, including in-

1       dividuals living at public or federally assisted hous-  
2       ing facilities or receiving Federal housing assistance,  
3       youths, and unhoused individuals; and

4               (7) planning system-wide coordination with  
5       other entities involved in crisis response.

6       (c) SUBGRANTS.—A recipient of a grant under this  
7       section may use such grant to award subgrants to non-  
8       governmental entities for the purpose of providing one-  
9       stop crisis facility services, including those described in  
10      paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) of subsection (b).

11      (d) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNTS.—

12              (1) METROPOLITAN CITIES.—Of the total  
13      amount made available for a fiscal year pursuant to  
14      subsection (g)(2)(A), the Secretary shall award to  
15      each metropolitan city receiving a grant under this  
16      section an amount that bears the same proportion to  
17      such total amount as the population of such metro-  
18      politan city bears to the total population of all met-  
19      ropolitan cities receiving grants under this section.

20              (2) NONENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOV-  
21      ERNMENT.—Of the total amount made available for  
22      a fiscal year pursuant to subsection (g)(2)(B), the  
23      Secretary shall award to each nonentitlement unit of  
24      local government receiving a grant under this section  
25      an amount that bears the same proportion to such

1 total amount as the population of such nonentitle-  
2 ment unit of local government bears to the total  
3 population of all nonentitlement units of local gov-  
4 ernment receiving grants under this section.

5 (3) COUNTIES.—The Secretary shall award to  
6 each county receiving a grant under this section—

7 (A) of half of the amount made available  
8 for a fiscal year pursuant to subsection  
9 (g)(2)(C), an amount that is equal for each  
10 such county; and

11 (B) of the remaining half of the amount  
12 made available for a fiscal year pursuant to  
13 subsection (g)(2)(C), an amount that bears the  
14 same proportion to such remaining half as the  
15 population of such county bears to the total  
16 population of all counties receiving grants  
17 under this section.

18 (4) STATES.—The Secretary shall award to  
19 each State receiving a grant under this section—

20 (A) of half of the amount made available  
21 for a fiscal year pursuant to subsection  
22 (g)(2)(D), an amount that is equal for each  
23 such State; and

24 (B) of the remaining half of the amount  
25 made available for a fiscal year pursuant to

1 subsection (g)(2)(D), an amount that bears the  
2 same proportion to such remaining half as the  
3 population of such State bears to the total pop-  
4 ulation of all States receiving grants under this  
5 section.

6 (5) INDIAN TRIBES.—The Secretary shall  
7 award to each Indian Tribe receiving a grant under  
8 this section—

9 (A) of 25 percent of the amount made  
10 available for a fiscal year pursuant to sub-  
11 section (g)(2)(E), an amount that is equal for  
12 each such Indian Tribe; and

13 (B) of 75 percent of the amount made  
14 available for a fiscal year pursuant to sub-  
15 section (g)(2)(E), an amount determined by the  
16 Secretary of the Interior.

17 (6) TERRITORIES.—Of the total amount made  
18 available for a fiscal year pursuant to subsection  
19 (g)(2)(F), the Secretary shall award to each terri-  
20 tory receiving a grant under this section an amount  
21 that bears the same proportion to such total amount  
22 as the population of such territory bears to the total  
23 population of all territories receiving grants under  
24 this section.

25 (e) APPLICATION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—To seek a grant under this  
2           section, an eligible entity shall submit an application  
3           to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
4           accompanied by such information as the Secretary  
5           may require.

6           (2) PLAN.—Such an application shall include a  
7           plan for how the grant funds will be used, includ-  
8           ing—

9                   (A) how such plan is informed by stake-  
10           holders in the community, especially people with  
11           lived experiences with a behavioral health crisis,  
12           people with disabilities, and community organi-  
13           zations that work with these communities;

14                   (B) how the recipient will collaborate with  
15           community-based organizations to connect indi-  
16           viduals with appropriate services in a timely  
17           and direct manner;

18                   (C) how the recipient will establish a hous-  
19           ing first policy strategy for adults experiencing  
20           homelessness and a transitional housing, wrap-  
21           around services strategy for youth in crisis;

22                   (D) how the recipient will prioritize equi-  
23           table access for people facing language, cul-  
24           tural, disability-related, and other barriers, in-

1 cluding how staff will be trained in cultural  
2 competency and trauma-informed care;

3 (E) how the recipient will work in conjunc-  
4 tion with crisis response systems, law enforce-  
5 ment, fire services, emergency medical services,  
6 homeless outreach, community health workers,  
7 and emergency departments to divert individ-  
8 uals experiencing a behavioral health or sub-  
9 stance use crisis to the one-stop crisis facility;

10 (F) how the recipient will consult with peo-  
11 ple with lived experience with a behavioral  
12 health crisis to design centers that have a  
13 “home-like” environment that is accessible;

14 (G) how the recipient will work in conjunc-  
15 tion with continuum of care programs and  
16 housing providers to connect individuals at as-  
17 sisted housing facilities with the one-stop crisis  
18 facility to receive supportive services; and

19 (H) how the recipient intends to create  
20 programming and services specific to the needs  
21 of youth.

22 (f) NONDISCRIMINATION.—No person in the United  
23 States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color,  
24 religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation  
25 and gender identity), or disability, be excluded from par-

1 participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to  
2 discrimination under any program or activity funded, in  
3 whole or in part, with funds made available under this Act.

4 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The terms “county”, “metropolitan city”,  
6 and “nonentitlement unit of local government” have  
7 the meanings given to such terms in section 603(g)  
8 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 803(g)).

9 (2) The term “eligible entity” means a metro-  
10 politan city, a nonentitlement unit of local govern-  
11 ment, a county, a State, an Indian Tribe, or a terri-  
12 tory.

13 (3) The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning  
14 given to the term “Indian tribe” in section 102 of  
15 the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of  
16 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5130).

17 (4) The term “one-stop crisis facility” means a  
18 facility that provides, at a single location—

19 (A) on-site services for behavioral health  
20 and substance use disorder;

21 (B) housing services; and

22 (C) coordination with health care services,  
23 housing services, legal aid, or other case man-  
24 agement or wrap-around services available in  
25 the community.

1           (5) The term “State” means each State of the  
2       United States and the District of Columbia.

3           (6) The term “territory” means the Common-  
4       wealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Is-  
5       lands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern  
6       Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

7       (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
9       appropriated to carry out this section  
10      \$11,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026  
11      through 2030.

12          (2) RESERVATION.—Of the amounts authorized  
13      to be appropriated by paragraph (1)—

14           (A) \$3,000,000,000 shall be for grants to  
15      metropolitan cities;

16           (B) \$1,000,000,000 shall be for grants to  
17      nonentitlement units of local government;

18           (C) \$3,000,000,000 shall be for grants to  
19      counties;

20           (D) \$2,000,000,000 shall be for grants to  
21      States;

22           (E) \$2,000,000,000 shall be for grants to  
23      Indian Tribes; and

1 (F) \$500,000,000 shall be for grants to  
2 territories.

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