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H. R. 7921

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to rural decentralized water systems grants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL (for herself and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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. RURAL DECENTRALIZED WATER SYSTEMS**
4 **GRANT PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS.**

5 Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
6 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) is amended—

7 (1) by striking the section designation and
8 heading and all that follows through the end of sub-
9 section (b)(1) and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 306E. GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAK-**
2 **ING LOANS AND SUBGRANTS FOR CONSTRUC-**
3 **TION, REFURBISHING, AND SERVICING OF IN-**
4 **DIVIDUALLY OWNED HOUSEHOLD WATER**
5 **WELL SYSTEMS AND HOUSEHOLD DECEN-**
6 **TRALIZED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IN RURAL**
7 **AREAS.**

8 “(a) GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—The
9 Secretary may provide grants to private nonprofit organi-
10 zations for the purpose of providing subgrants and loans
11 in accordance with subsection (b) to individuals for the
12 construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual
13 household water well systems and individually owned
14 household decentralized wastewater systems in rural areas
15 that are or will be owned by the individuals.

16 “(b) LOANS AND SUBGRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A nonprofit organization
18 shall use grant amounts received under subsection
19 (a) to provide—

20 “(A) subgrants for use in accordance with
21 this section to individuals residing in the service
22 area of the nonprofit organization who are
23 members of a household with a combined in-
24 come (for the most recent 12-month period for
25 which the information is available) that is less
26 than 60 percent of the median nonmetropolitan

1 household income for the area, according to the
2 most recent decennial census; and

3 “(B) loans for use in accordance with this
4 section to individuals residing in the service
5 area of the nonprofit organization who are
6 members of a household with a combined in-
7 come (for the most recent 12-month period for
8 which the information is available) that is 60
9 percent or more of the median nonmetropolitan
10 household income for the area, according to the
11 most recent decennial census.”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking
14 “\$15,000” and inserting “\$20,000”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(5) FUNDING TO COVER COST OF PERFORM-
17 ANCE WARRANTIES.—A subgrant provided to an in-
18 dividual under this subsection for an individually
19 owned household decentralized wastewater system
20 may include sufficient additional funding to cover
21 the cost of a performance warranty with a duration
22 of at least 5 years.”; and

23 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “2023” and
24 inserting “2031”.

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