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S. 2842

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for demonstration projects to provide supportive services to older individuals who reside in naturally occurring retirement communities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CARNAHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Senior Self-Sufficiency
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

2 Part A of title IV of the Older Americans Act of 1965
3 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 422. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN NATURALLY OC-**
6 **CURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES.**

7 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Assistant Sec-
8 retary shall award grants to eligible entities to carry out
9 10 demonstration projects to provide comprehensive sup-
10 portive services to older individuals who reside in non-
11 institutional residences in naturally occurring retirement
12 communities to enhance the quality of life of such individ-
13 uals and reduce the need to institutionalize such individ-
14 uals. Those residences for which assistance is provided
15 under section 202 of the National Housing Act of 1959
16 (12 U.S.C. 1701q) in naturally occurring retirement com-
17 munities shall not receive services through a demonstra-
18 tion project under this section if such services would other-
19 wise be provided as part of the assistance received by such
20 residences under such section 202.

21 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—An entity is eligible to re-
22 ceive a grant under this section if such entity is a non-
23 profit public or private agency, organization, or institution
24 that proposes to provide services only in geographical
25 areas considered to be low- or middle-income areas.

26 “(c) PRIORITY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants under
2 this section, the Assistant Secretary shall give pri-
3 ority to eligible entities that provided comprehensive
4 supportive services in fiscal year 2002 to older indi-
5 viduals who resided in noninstitutional residences in
6 naturally occurring retirement communities.

7 “(2) RURAL AREAS.—Two of the 10 grants
8 awarded under this section shall be awarded to eligi-
9 ble entities that propose to provide services to resi-
10 dents in rural areas.

11 “(d) GRANT PERIOD.—Each grant awarded under
12 this section shall be awarded for a period of 4 years, with
13 not more than \$1,000,000 being awarded annually.

14 “(e) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a
15 grant under this section shall submit an application to the
16 Assistant Secretary in such form and containing such in-
17 formation as the Assistant Secretary may require, includ-
18 ing a plan for continuing services provided under the grant
19 after the grant expires.

20 “(f) LIMITATIONS.—

21 “(1) COST-SHARING.—An eligible entity receiv-
22 ing a grant under this section may require cost-shar-
23 ing from individuals receiving services only in a
24 manner consistent with the requirements of title III.

1 “(2) CONSTRUCTION.—An entity may not use
 2 funds received under a grant under this section to
 3 construct or permanently improve (other than re-
 4 modeling to make facilities accessible to older indi-
 5 viduals) any building or other facility.

6 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT
 8 COMMUNITY.—The term ‘naturally occurring retire-
 9 ment community’ means a geographical area in
 10 which not less than 40 percent of the noninstitu-
 11 tional residences are occupied for not less than 10
 12 years by heads of households who are older individ-
 13 uals, but does not include residences for which as-
 14 sistance is provided under section 202 of the Na-
 15 tional Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q). The
 16 definition provided for in the previous sentence may
 17 be modified by the Secretary as such definition re-
 18 lates to grants for rural areas.

19 “(2) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term ‘sup-
 20 portive services’ means services offered to residents
 21 that may include—

22 “(A) case management;

23 “(B) health services and education;

24 “(C) nutrition services, nutrition edu-
 25 cation, meals, and meal delivery;

1 “(D) transportation services;

2 “(E) home and personal care services;

3 “(F) continuing adult education;

4 “(G) information and referral services; and

5 “(H) any other services and resources ap-

6 propriate to enhance the quality of life of resi-

7 dents and reduce the need to institutionalize

8 such individuals.

9 “(h) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Assistant Sec-
10 retary may not make a grant to an eligible entity under
11 this section unless that entity agrees that, with respect
12 to the costs to be incurred by the entity in carrying out
13 the program for which the grant was awarded, the entity
14 will make available in cash or in-kind (directly or through
15 donations from public or private entities) non-Federal con-
16 tributions equaling 5 percent of Federal funds provided
17 under the grant for the second year that such grant is
18 provided, 10 percent of Federal funds provided under the
19 grant for the third year that such grant is provided, and
20 15 percent of Federal funds provided under the grant for
21 the fourth year that such grant is provided.

22 “(i) REPORT.—Not later than the beginning of the
23 fourth year of distributing grants under this section, the
24 Assistant Secretary shall evaluate services provided with
25 funds under this section and submit a report to Congress

1 summarizing the results of such evaluation and recom-
2 mending what services should be taken in the future.

3 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
5 not more than \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003
6 through 2006.”.

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