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# H. R. 2922

To amend the Small Business Act to provide additional grants to small business development centers located in high unemployment districts.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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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 “Small Business Out-  
5 reach Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL GRANT TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESS**  
2 **DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IN HIGH UNEM-**  
3 **EMPLOYMENT DISTRICTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21(a) of the Small Busi-  
5 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 648(a)) is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following:

7 “(7) ADDITIONAL GRANT TO ASSIST SMALL  
8 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IN HIGH UNEM-  
9 PLOYMENT DISTRICTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any applicant that is  
11 funded by the Administration as a Small Busi-  
12 ness Development Center and that is located in  
13 a high unemployment district may apply for an  
14 additional grant to be used solely to promote  
15 programs of the Small Business Administration  
16 and programs of other government agencies  
17 that promote the growth and development of  
18 small businesses.

19 “(B) HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS.—For  
20 purposes of subparagraph (A), an applicant  
21 shall be considered to be located in a high un-  
22 employment district if the applicant is located  
23 in a district of the Small Business Administra-  
24 tion in which the unemployment rate is greater  
25 than the national average (as determined by the  
26 Administrator using the Bureau of Labor Sta-

1           tistics’ most recent local area unemployment  
2           statistics or the official unemployment statistics  
3           of a State government).

4           “(C) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—An applicant  
5           for a grant under subparagraph (A) shall sub-  
6           mit to the Administrator an application in the  
7           form and containing the information that the  
8           Administrator requires. The Administrator may  
9           establish a deadline for the submission of such  
10          applications.

11          “(D) APPLICABILITY OF GRANT REQUIRE-  
12          MENTS.—An applicant for a grant under sub-  
13          paragraph (A) shall comply with all of the re-  
14          quirements of this section, except that the  
15          matching funds requirements of paragraph  
16          (4)(A) shall not apply.

17          “(E) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—No  
18          applicant may receive more than \$100,000 in  
19          grants under this paragraph in a fiscal year.

20          “(F) PRIORITY FOR APPLICANTS IN HIGH  
21          UNEMPLOYMENT DISTRICTS.—In selecting  
22          among applicants for grants under this para-  
23          graph, the Administrator shall give priority to  
24          applicants located in the districts with the high-  
25          est unemployment rates.

1           “(G) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
2 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated  
3 to carry out this paragraph \$5,000,000 for fis-  
4 cal year 2003.

5           “(H) FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—

6           “(i) NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN  
7 LIMITATIONS.—Funding under this para-  
8 graph shall be in addition to the dollar  
9 program limitations specified in paragraph  
10 (4).

11           “(ii) LIMITATION ON USE OF  
12 FUNDS.—The Administration may carry  
13 out this paragraph only with amounts ap-  
14 propriated in advance specifically to carry  
15 out this paragraph.”.

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