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# S. 2256

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement.

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 “Community-Based  
5       Mental Health Infrastructure Improvements Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INFRASTRUC-**  
 2 **TURE IMPROVEMENT.**

3 Title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
 4 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 5 lowing:

6 **“PART H—COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH**  
 7 **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

8 **“SEC. 560. GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL**  
 9 **HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.**

10 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may  
 11 award grants to eligible entities to expend funds for the  
 12 construction or modernization of facilities used to provide  
 13 mental health and substance abuse services to individuals.

14 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term  
 15 ‘eligible entity’ means—

16 “(1) a State that is the recipient of a Commu-  
 17 nity Mental Health Services Block Grant under sub-  
 18 part I of part B of title XIX and a Substance Abuse  
 19 Prevention and Treatment Block Grant under sub-  
 20 part II of such part; or

21 “(2) an Indian tribe or a tribal organization (as  
 22 such terms are defined in sections 4(b) and 4(c) of  
 23 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-  
 24 ance Act).

25 “(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a  
 26 grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an

1 application at such time, in such manner, and con-  
2 taining—

3 “(1) a plan for the construction or moderniza-  
4 tion of facilities used to provide mental health and  
5 substance abuse services to individuals that—

6 “(A) designates a single State or tribal  
7 agency as the sole agency for the supervision  
8 and administration of the grant;

9 “(B) contains satisfactory evidence that  
10 such agency so designated will have the author-  
11 ity to carry out the plan;

12 “(C) provides for the designation of an ad-  
13 visory council, which shall include representa-  
14 tives of nongovernmental organizations or  
15 groups, and of the relevant State or tribal agen-  
16 cies, that aided in the development of the plan  
17 and that will implement and monitor any grant  
18 awarded to the eligible entity under this section;

19 “(D) in the case of an eligible entity that  
20 is a State, includes a copy of the State plan  
21 under section 1912(b) and section 1932(b);

22 “(E)(i) includes a listing of the projects to  
23 be funded by the grant; and

24 “(ii) in the case of an eligible entity that  
25 is a State, explains how each listed project

1 helps the State in accomplishing its goals and  
2 objectives under the Community Mental Health  
3 Services Block Grant under subpart I of part B  
4 of title XIX and the Substance Abuse Preven-  
5 tion and Treatment Block Grant under subpart  
6 II of such part;

7 “(F) includes assurances that the facilities  
8 will be used for a period of not less than 10  
9 years for the provision of community-based  
10 mental health or substance abuse services for  
11 those who cannot pay for such services, subject  
12 to subsection (e); and

13 “(G) in the case of a facility that is not a  
14 public facility, includes the name and executive  
15 director of the entity who will provide services  
16 in the facility; and

17 “(2) with respect to each construction or mod-  
18 ernization project described in the application—

19 “(A) a description of the site for the  
20 project;

21 “(B) plans and specifications for the  
22 project and State or tribal approval for the  
23 plans and specifications;

24 “(C) assurance that the title for the site is  
25 or will be vested with either the public entity or

1 private nonprofit entity who will provide the  
2 services in the facility;

3 “(D) assurance that adequate financial re-  
4 sources will be available for the construction or  
5 major rehabilitation of the project and for the  
6 maintenance and operation of the facility;

7 “(E) estimates of the cost of the project;  
8 and

9 “(F) the estimated length of time for com-  
10 pletion of the project.

11 “(d) SUBGRANTS BY STATES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a  
13 grant under this section may award a subgrant to  
14 a qualified community program (as such term is  
15 used in section 1913(b)(1)).

16 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Subgrants awarded pur-  
17 suant to paragraph (1) may be used for activities  
18 such as—

19 “(A) the construction, expansion, and mod-  
20 ernization of facilities used to provide mental  
21 health and substance abuse services to individ-  
22 uals;

23 “(B) acquiring and leasing facilities and  
24 equipment (including paying the costs of amor-  
25 tizing the principal of, and paying the interest

1 on, loans for such facilities and equipment) to  
 2 support or further the operation of the sub-  
 3 grantee;

4 “(C) the construction and structural modi-  
 5 fication (including equipment acquisition) of fa-  
 6 cilities to permit the integrated delivery of be-  
 7 havioral health and primary care of specialty  
 8 medical services to individuals with co-occurring  
 9 mental illnesses and chronic medical or surgical  
 10 diseases at a single service site; and

11 “(D) acquiring information technology re-  
 12 quired to accommodate the clinical needs of pri-  
 13 mary and specialty care professionals.

14 “(3) LIMITATION.—Not to exceed 15 percent of  
 15 grant funds may be used for activities described in  
 16 paragraph (2)(D).

17 “(e) REQUEST TO TRANSFER OBLIGATION.—An eli-  
 18 gible entity that receives a grant under this section may  
 19 submit a request to the Secretary for permission to trans-  
 20 fer the 10-year obligation of facility use, as described in  
 21 subsection (c)(1)(F), to another facility.

22 “(f) AGREEMENT TO FEDERAL SHARE.—As a condi-  
 23 tion of receipt of a grant under this section, an eligible  
 24 entity shall agree, with respect to the costs to be incurred  
 25 by the entity in carrying out the activities for which such

1 grant is awarded, that the entity will make available non-  
 2 Federal contributions (which may include State or local  
 3 funds, or funds from the qualified community program)  
 4 in an amount equal to not less than \$1 for every \$1 of  
 5 Federal funds provided under the grant.

6 “(g) REPORTING.—

7 “(1) REPORTING BY STATES.—During the 10-  
 8 year period referred to in subsection (c)(1)(F), the  
 9 Secretary shall require that a State that receives a  
 10 grant under this section submit, as part of the re-  
 11 port of the State required under the Community  
 12 Mental Health Services Block Grant under subpart  
 13 I of part B of title XIX and the Substance Abuse  
 14 Prevention and Treatment Block Grant under sub-  
 15 part II of such part, a description of the progress  
 16 on—

17 “(A) the projects carried out pursuant to  
 18 the grant under this section; and

19 “(B) the assurances that the facilities in-  
 20 volved continue to be used for the purpose for  
 21 which they were funded under such grant dur-  
 22 ing such 10-year period.

23 “(2) REPORTING BY INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIB-  
 24 AL ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish  
 25 reporting requirements for Indian tribes and tribal

1 organizations that receive a grant under this section.  
 2 Such reporting requirements shall include that such  
 3 Indian tribe or tribal organization provide a descrip-  
 4 tion of the progress on—

5 “(A) the projects carried out pursuant to  
 6 the grant under this section; and

7 “(B) the assurances that the facilities in-  
 8 volved continue to be used for the purpose for  
 9 which they were funded under such grant dur-  
 10 ing the 10-year period referred to in subsection  
 11 (c)(1)(F).

12 “(h) FAILURE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If an eligible entity that re-  
 14 ceives a grant under this section fails to meet any  
 15 of the obligations of the entity required under this  
 16 section, the Secretary shall take appropriate steps,  
 17 which may include—

18 “(A) requiring that the entity return the  
 19 unused portion of the funds awarded under this  
 20 section for the projects that are incomplete; and

21 “(B) extending the length of time that the  
 22 entity must ensure that the facility involved is  
 23 used for the purposes for which it is intended,  
 24 as described in subsection (c)(1)(F).



1           “(2) HEARING.—Prior to requesting the return  
2           of the funds under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary  
3           shall provide the entity notice and opportunity for a  
4           hearing.

5           “(i) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary may establish  
6           intergovernmental and interdepartmental memorandums  
7           of agreement as necessary to carry out this section.

8           “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9           is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
10          such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years  
11          2013 through 2017.”.

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