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Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

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 “Generational Resi-
5 dences and Nurturing Dwellings Act” or the “GRAND
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOUSING FOR ELDERLY CAREGIVERS.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development a pro-
4 gram to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit organiza-
5 tions to expand the supply of specialized housing for quali-
6 fied relatives raising a child.

7 (b) APPLICATION.—To receive assistance under the
8 program under this section, an eligible nonprofit organiza-
9 tion shall submit an application to the Secretary at such
10 time, in such manner, and containing such information as
11 the Secretary may require, which in the case of an applica-
12 tion for assistance to be provided as described in sub-
13 section (e)(2) shall include such provisions ensuring co-
14 ordination with a public housing agency that will admin-
15 ister such assistance as the Secretary shall require.

16 (c) NEED-BASED; COMPETITION.—Assistance pro-
17 vided under the program under this section shall be need-
18 based and made available on a competitive basis.

19 (d) LIMIT ON ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED.—For each
20 fiscal year, the Secretary may select not more than 5 eligi-
21 ble organizations to receive assistance under the program
22 under this section.

23 (e) FORMS OF ASSISTANCE.—Under the program
24 under this section, assistance shall be made available in
25 the following forms:

1 (1) NEW HOUSING.—Financing for the con-
2 struction, reconstruction, moderate or substantial re-
3 habilitation, or acquisition of a structure or a por-
4 tion of a structure to be used as specialized housing
5 in accordance with the program.

6 (2) RENTAL VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.—To pro-
7 vide tenant-based rental assistance under section
8 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
9 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for use only by qualified relatives
10 who are raising a child and are eligible for such as-
11 sistance for rental of a dwelling unit that qualifies
12 as specialized housing.

13 (3) ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT RENTAL AS-
14 SISTANCE.—To provide project rental assistance
15 under section 202(b)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959
16 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(b)(2)) in connection with dwelling
17 units that qualify as specialized housing and are
18 made available for occupancy only by qualified rel-
19 atives who are raising a child and are eligible for oc-
20 cupancy in such housing; and notwithstanding any
21 other provision of law, any qualified relative who is
22 raising a child who is otherwise eligible for occu-
23 pancy in such housing may not be excluded from
24 such occupancy because the household includes such
25 child.

1 (4) OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND SUPPORTIVE
2 SERVICES.—Assistance for ongoing operational ex-
3 penses of any specialized housing, including costs of
4 supportive services required for such housing.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) CHILD.—The term “child” means an indi-
8 vidual who—

9 (A) is not attending school and is not more
10 than 18 years of age; or

11 (B) is attending school and is not more
12 than 19 years of age.

13 (2) ELDERLY PERSON.—The term “elderly per-
14 son” means a person who is 60 years of age or
15 more.

16 (3) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible non-
18 profit organization” means an organization
19 that—

20 (i) provides specialized housing and
21 social services for qualified relatives who
22 are raising a child; and

23 (ii) is described in section 501(c)(3) of
24 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is

1 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of
2 such Code.

3 (B) POLITICAL DIVISIONS INCLUDED.—

4 Such term includes organizations that provide
5 such services in each of the several States, the
6 District of Columbia, and any commonwealth,
7 territory, or possession of the United States.

8 (4) QUALIFIED RELATIVE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified
10 relative” means, with respect to a child, an in-
11 dividual who is—

12 (i) an elderly person;

13 (ii) is not a parent of the child by
14 blood or marriage; and

15 (iii) is a relative of the child by blood
16 or marriage.

17 (B) ADOPTED CHILDREN.—In the case of
18 a child who was adopted, the term includes an
19 individual who, by blood or marriage, is a rel-
20 ative of the family who adopted the child.

21 (5) RAISING A CHILD.—The term “raising a
22 child” means, with respect to an individual, that the
23 individual—

24 (A) resides with the child; and

1 (B) is the primary caregiver (or is, to-
2 gether with a spouse or other household mem-
3 ber, a primary caregiver) for the child—

4 (i) because the biological or adoptive
5 parents of the child do not reside with the
6 child or are unable or unwilling to serve as
7 the primary caregiver for the child; and

8 (ii) regardless of whether the indi-
9 vidual has a legal relationship to the child
10 (such as guardianship or legal custody) or
11 is caring for the child informally and has
12 no such legal relationship with the child.

13 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

15 (7) SPECIALIZED HOUSING.—The term “spe-
16 cialized housing” means housing that—

17 (A) is affordable (as the Secretary shall
18 define for purposes of this Act) for low-income
19 families (as such term is defined in section 3(b)
20 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
21 U.S.C. 1437a(b));

22 (B) is restricted to occupancy only by low-
23 income families;

24 (C) is designed to meet the special physical
25 needs of elderly persons;

1 (D) accommodates the provision of sup-
2 portive services that are expected to be needed,
3 either initially or over the useful life of the
4 housing, by elderly persons and children that
5 the housing is intended to serve; and

6 (E) provides a range of such services that
7 are tailored to the needs of elderly persons and
8 children occupying such housing.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
11 this Act \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through
12 2018.

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