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To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit organizations to provide specialized housing and supportive services for elderly persons who are the primary caregivers of children that are related to such persons.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELauro, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SIRES, and Mrs. TORRES) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Generational Resi-
3 dences and Nurturing Dwellings Act” or the “GRAND
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALIZED HOUSING FOR EL-**
6 **DERLY CAREGIVERS.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
8 Department of Housing and Urban Development a pro-
9 gram to provide assistance to eligible nonprofit organiza-
10 tions to expand the supply of specialized housing for quali-
11 fied relatives raising a child.

12 (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act
13 shall preclude a recipient of assistance under a program
14 established under subsection (a) from applying for or re-
15 ceiving financial assistance under any other program es-
16 tablished in the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
17 opment.

18 (c) **APPLICATION.**—

19 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—To be eligible to receive as-
20 sistance under the program established under sub-
21 section (a), an eligible nonprofit organization shall
22 submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
23 in such manner, and containing such information as
24 the Secretary may require, which shall include a de-
25 scription of how the eligible nonprofit organization

1 will serve the housing needs of low-income families
2 in a particular geographic area.

3 (2) TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—To
4 be eligible to receive assistance to provide tenant-
5 based rental assistance as described in subsection
6 (d)(2), an application submitted under paragraph
7 (1) shall include assurances that the eligible non-
8 profit organization will coordinate with a public
9 housing agency in administering any such assistance
10 received under this Act, as required by the Sec-
11 retary.

12 (d) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance under this
13 section, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible non-
14 profit organizations that plan to use such assistance as
15 described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (f).

16 (e) LIMIT ON ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED.—For each
17 fiscal year, the Secretary may select not more than 5 eligi-
18 ble nonprofit organizations to receive assistance under the
19 program under this section.

20 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of assistance under
21 this program shall use such assistance for the following
22 purposes:

23 (1) NEW HOUSING.—To finance the construc-
24 tion, reconstruction, moderate or substantial reha-

bilitation, or acquisition of a structure or a portion of a structure to be used as specialized housing.

(2) OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—To provide assistance for ongoing operational expenses of any specialized housing, including costs of supportive services required for such housing.

(3) RENTAL VOUCHER ASSISTANCE.—To provide tenant-based rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for entities that meet the requirements under such section for use only by qualified relatives who are raising a child and are eligible for such assistance for rental of a dwelling unit that qualifies as specialized housing.

(4) ELDERLY HOUSING PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—To provide project rental assistance under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(b)(2)) for entities that meet the requirements under such section in connection with dwelling units that—

(A) qualify as specialized housing; and

(B) are made available for occupancy only by qualified relatives who are raising a child and are eligible for occupancy in such housing,

1 except that notwithstanding section 202(k)(1)
2 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
3 1701q(k)(1)), such qualified relatives may in-
4 clude elderly persons (as such term is defined
5 in section 3 of this Act).

6 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

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

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

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

17 (3) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—

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

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

24 (ii) is described in section 501(c)(3) of
25 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) LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.—The term “low-in-
9 come families” has the meaning given such term in
10 section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
11 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

12 (5) QUALIFIED RELATIVE.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified
14 relative” means an individual who is an elderly
15 person and, with respect to a child, who—

16 (i) is not a parent of the child by
17 blood or marriage; and

18 (ii) is—

19 (I) a relative of the child by
20 blood or marriage; or

21 (II) a legal guardian of the child.

22 (B) ADOPTED CHILDREN.—In the case of
23 a child who was adopted, the term includes an
24 individual who, by blood or marriage, is a rel-
25 ative of the family who adopted the child.

1 (6) RAISING A CHILD.—The term “raising a
2 child” means, with respect to an individual, that the
3 individual—

4 (A) resides with the child; and

5 (B) is the primary caregiver (or is, to-
6 gether with a spouse or other household mem-
7 ber, a primary caregiver) for the child—

8 (i) because the biological or adoptive
9 parents of the child do not reside with the
10 child or are unable or unwilling to serve as
11 the primary caregiver for the child; and

12 (ii) regardless of whether the indi-
13 vidual has a legal relationship to the child
14 (such as guardianship or legal custody).

15 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

17 (8) SPECIALIZED HOUSING.—The term “spe-
18 cialized housing” means housing that—

19 (A) is affordable (as the Secretary shall
20 define for purposes of this Act) for low-income
21 families;

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 2015 through
12 2019.

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