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To provide grants to owners of grandfamily housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself and Ms. PRESSLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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for other purposes.

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. GRANT PROGRAM FOR GRANDFAMILY HOUS-**
4 **ING.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “grandfamily housing” means a
7 dwelling unit dedicated to low-income—

8 (A) grandparents caring full-time for a
9 grandchild; or

10 (B) older relative caregivers caring full-
11 time for a relative child;

1 (2) the term “grandfamily resident service coordi-
2 nator” means an individual who—

3 (A) is employed or contracted by an owner
4 of grandfamily housing;

5 (B) assists grandparents and older relative
6 caregivers with the process of applying to and
7 moving into the grandfamily housing; and

8 (C) regularly—

9 (i) assesses the needs of the residents,
10 on a collective and family basis, of the
11 grandfamily housing; and

12 (ii) plans and executes grandfamily
13 housing programming services based on
14 the assessment described in clause (i);

15 (3) the term “low-income” means income that
16 does not exceed 80 percent of the area median gross
17 income;

18 (4) the term “owner of grandfamily housing”
19 means a nonprofit or for-profit entity that develops,
20 owns, or operates grandfamily housing; and

21 (5) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
22 of Housing and Urban Development.

23 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
24 a program to provide grants to owners of grandfamily
25 housing for grandfamily resident service coordinators to

1 support housing programming services, equipment, and
2 building structures of grandfamily housing.

3 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of amounts under
4 this section may use any amounts provided to—

5 (1) employ a grandfamily resident service coor-
6 dinator;

7 (2) finance the planning and provision of serv-
8 ices designed for grandparent and older relative
9 caregivers;

10 (3) finance construction and upkeep of spaces
11 within permanent building structures of grandfamily
12 housing and communal areas used for programing
13 and services designed for grandparent and older rel-
14 ative caregivers; and

15 (4) facilitate outreach required under sub-
16 section (d).

17 (d) OUTREACH.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any recipient of amounts
19 under this section shall engage with grandparent
20 and older relative caregivers in the community sur-
21 rounding the property that contains the grandfamily
22 housing owned by the grant recipient by—

23 (A) performing periodic informational out-
24 reach; and

1 (B) holding periodic events, including in-
2 tergenerational events.

3 (2) SPECIAL FOCUS.—When undertaking out-
4 reach and events pursuant to paragraph (1), a grant
5 recipient shall place special focus on grandparents
6 and older relative caregivers that reside in a unit—

7 (A) that is part of a housing project for
8 which assistance is provided by the public hous-
9 ing program under the United States Housing
10 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.);

11 (B) that is part of the program for sup-
12 portive housing for the elderly under section
13 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C.
14 1701q); or

15 (C) for which assistance is provided by the
16 program for rental assistance under section 8 of
17 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
18 U.S.C. 1437f).

19 (3) COORDINATION.—Outreach and events un-
20 dertaken pursuant to paragraph (1) shall, where
21 possible, be in coordination with a local kinship navi-
22 gator program (as described in section 474(a)(7) of
23 the Social Security Act) or a comparable program or
24 entity in the State.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
3 out this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
4 and 2021.

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