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H. R. 7745

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a grant program to address the effects of the COVID–19 pandemic on State and local fairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Protecting Fairs Dur-
5 ing Coronavirus Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL FAIR GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
9 culture shall establish a program (in this section referred

1 to as the “Program”) to address the effects of the
2 COVID–19 pandemic on State and local fairs.

3 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—
4 In carrying out the Program, the Secretary may make,
5 on a competitive basis, grants to States in accordance with
6 this section.

7 (c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under
8 the Program, a State shall submit to the Secretary an ap-
9 plication in such form, at such time, and containing such
10 information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

11 (d) GRANT USES.—A State may only use grant funds
12 provided under the Program to assist a covered entity to
13 address cost coverage issues related to the effects of the
14 COVID–19 pandemic on State and local fairs, including
15 by identifying opportunities to provide virtual education
16 and entertainment related to agriculture.

17 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
19 \$5,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021
20 to carry out the Program.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
23 tity” means a State agricultural agency with respon-
24 sibility for operating a State or local fair.

1 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
2 the following:

3 (A) The 50 States.

4 (B) The District of Columbia.

5 (C) The territories of the United States.

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