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# S. 996

To modify the microloan program of the Small Business Administration,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2019

Ms. DUCKWORTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and  
referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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## A BILL

To modify the microloan program of the Small Business  
Administration, and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Microloan Program  
5 Enhancement Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MICROLOAN PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(m) of the Small Busi-  
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (3)(C)—

1 (A) by striking “and \$6,000,000” and in-  
2 serting “, \$7,000,000, in the aggregate,”; and

3 (B) by inserting before the period at the  
4 end the following: “, and \$3,000,000 in any of  
5 those remaining years”;

6 (2) in paragraph (4)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-  
8 paragraph (C)” each place that term appears  
9 and inserting “subparagraphs (C) and (G)”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking  
11 “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “subpara-  
12 graphs (A) and (G)”;

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(G) GRANT AMOUNTS BASED ON APPRO-  
15 PRIATIONS.—In any fiscal year in which the  
16 amount appropriated to make grants under  
17 subparagraph (A) is sufficient to provide to  
18 each intermediary that receives a loan under  
19 paragraph (1)(B)(i) a grant of not less than 25  
20 percent of the total outstanding balance of  
21 loans made to the intermediary under this sub-  
22 section, the Administration shall make a grant  
23 under subparagraph (A) to each intermediary  
24 of not less than 25 percent and not more than

1 30 percent of that total outstanding balance for  
2 the intermediary.”;

3 (3) in paragraph (8)—

4 (A) by striking “In approving” and insert-  
5 ing the following:

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In approving”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(B) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Adminis-  
9 trator shall, on an annual basis, submit to the  
10 Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-  
11 neurship of the Senate and the Committee on  
12 Small Business of the House of Representa-  
13 tives, and make publicly available on the  
14 website of the Administration, a report on how  
15 the Administration has met the requirements of  
16 subparagraph (A).”; and

17 (4) in paragraph (10)—

18 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

19 (A)—

20 (i) by striking “On November 1,  
21 1995, the Administration shall” and in-  
22 sserting “The Administration shall, on an  
23 annual basis,”;

1 (ii) by inserting “and make available  
2 to the public on the website of the Admin-  
3 istration” after “Representatives”; and

4 (iii) by striking “of the first 3 ½  
5 years”;

6 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking  
7 “and” at the end;

8 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as  
9 subparagraph (I); and

10 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (F)  
11 the following:

12 “(G) the number of small business con-  
13 cerns that received a microloan that remain in  
14 business after completing the final payment of  
15 the microloan;

16 “(H) the number of jobs created and re-  
17 tained by small business concerns after com-  
18 pleting the final payment of the microloan;  
19 and”.

20 (b) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Section 7(m) of the  
21 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)) is amended by  
22 striking paragraph (7) and inserting the following:

23 “(7) PROGRAM FUNDING FOR MICROLOANS.—  
24 Under the program authorized by this subsection,

1 the Administration may fund, on a competitive basis,  
2 not more than 300 intermediaries.”.

3 (c) PROGRAM LEVELS.—Section 20 of the Small  
4 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following:

6 “(h) MICROLOAN PROGRAM.—The following program  
7 levels are authorized for the microloan program under sec-  
8 tion 7(m):

9 “(1) FISCAL YEAR 2020.—For the programs au-  
10 thorized by this Act, the Administration is author-  
11 ized to make, for fiscal year 2020—

12 “(A) \$80,000,000 in technical assistance  
13 grants, as provided in section 7(m); and

14 “(B) \$110,000,000 in direct loans, as pro-  
15 vided in section 7(m).

16 “(2) FISCAL YEAR 2021.—For the programs au-  
17 thorized by this Act, the Administration is author-  
18 ized to make, for fiscal year 2021—

19 “(A) \$80,000,000 in technical assistance  
20 grants, as provided in section 7(m); and

21 “(B) \$110,000,000 in direct loans, as pro-  
22 vided in section 7(m).

23 “(3) FISCAL YEAR 2022.—For the programs au-  
24 thorized by this Act, the Administration is author-  
25 ized to make, for fiscal year 2022—

1           “(A) \$80,000,000 in technical assistance  
2 grants, as provided in section 7(m); and

3           “(B) \$110,000,000 in direct loans, as pro-  
4 vided in section 7(m).”.

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