

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6407

To amend the Public Health Service Act to maintain the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself, Mr. TONKO, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Ms. SEWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “RCORP Authorization  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 Subpart I of part D of title III of the Public Health  
4 Service Act is amended by inserting after section 330A–  
5 2 (42 U.S.C. 254c–1b) the following:

6 **“SEC. 330A-3. RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE**  
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting  
9 through the Administrator of the Health Resources and  
10 Services Administration (in this section referred to as the  
11 ‘Administrator’), shall maintain a program to be known  
12 as the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program to  
13 establish and expand prevention, treatment, and recovery  
14 services in rural areas (as defined by the Secretary) for  
15 substance use disorders (including opioid use disorder), re-  
16 lated behavioral health conditions, and other related public  
17 health issues.

18 “(b) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pro-  
20 gram under this section, the Administrator may  
21 award grants or cooperative agreements to eligible  
22 entities.

23 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that  
24 receives a grant or cooperative agreement under this  
25 section may use funds received through such grant  
26 or cooperative agreement to—

1           “(A) conduct planning activities to  
2           strengthen the capacity of cross-sector networks  
3           and improve coordination of resources and care  
4           involving substance use disorder;

5           “(B) identify and implement evidence-  
6           based and sustainable delivery models to pro-  
7           vide direct prevention, treatment, and recovery  
8           services;

9           “(C) respond to new and emerging public  
10          health issues involving substance use disorder;

11          “(D) provide targeted technical assistance  
12          or evaluation activities with respect to grants or  
13          cooperative agreements awarded under this sec-  
14          tion; or

15          “(E) engage in such other activities as the  
16          Secretary may determine appropriate to carry  
17          out the program under this section.

18          “(3) PROHIBITED USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible  
19          entity that is awarded a grant or cooperative agree-  
20          ment under this section may not use funds provided  
21          through such grant or cooperative agreement for the  
22          acquisition or improvement of real property.

23          “(4) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a  
24          grant or cooperative agreement under this section,  
25          an entity shall be—

1 “(A) a State;

2 “(B) an Indian Tribe or Tribal organiza-  
3 tion (as such terms are defined in section 4 of  
4 the Indian Self-Determination and Education  
5 Assistance Act);

6 “(C) a State office of rural health; or

7 “(D) any other domestic entity.

8 “(5) APPLICATION.—To seek a grant or cooper-  
9 ative agreement under this section, an eligible entity  
10 shall submit to the Administrator an application at  
11 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
12 formation as the Administrator may require, includ-  
13 ing a description of how the rural population in the  
14 local community or region to be served will be in-  
15 volved in the development and ongoing operations of  
16 such activities, as applicable.

17 “(6) GRANT PERIOD.—The Administrator may  
18 not award a grant or cooperative agreement under  
19 this section for a period of more than 5 years.

20 “(7) FUNDING.—The Administrator may fully  
21 fund a grant or cooperative agreement made under  
22 this section at the time of the award.

23 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$165,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through  
2 2030.”.

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