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To award grants to eligible entities to support the prevention of youth homelessness.

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To award grants to eligible entities to support the prevention of youth homelessness.

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 “Preventing Youth
5 Homelessness Demonstration Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
9 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
10 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Appropriations of
2 the Senate;

3 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
4 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

5 (C) the Committee on Appropriations of
6 the House of Representatives; and

7 (D) the Committee on Education and
8 Workforce of the House of Representatives.

9 (2) AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.—The term
10 “at-risk of homelessness”, with respect to an indi-
11 vidual, means that the individual is more likely than
12 not to imminently experience homelessness, which
13 shall be determined by the Secretary with respect to
14 an individual based on—

15 (A) research and data at the time of the
16 determination; and

17 (B) the circumstances and demographics of
18 the individual.

19 (3) CONTINUUM OF CARE.—The term “Con-
20 tinuum of Care” has the meaning given the term in
21 section 578.3 of title 24, Code of Federal Regula-
22 tions, or any successor regulations.

23 (4) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered
24 individual” means—

1 (A) an individual who is between the ages
2 of 12 and 26 and who is—

3 (i) at-risk of homelessness; or

4 (ii) at risk of entering, or
5 transitioning out of, a public system, foster
6 care, the juvenile justice system, or a resi-
7 dential behavioral health system; or

8 (B) a child of an individual described in
9 subparagraph (A).

10 (5) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
11 ty” means any of the following:

12 (A) A State agency, including a State edu-
13 cational agency.

14 (B) A city, county, or other unit of general
15 local government.

16 (C) A local educational agency.

17 (D) A Continuum of Care.

18 (E) An Indian Tribe, Native Hawaiian or-
19 ganization, or tribally designated housing enti-
20 ty.

21 (F) Any entity eligible for assistance under
22 section 312 of the Runaway and Homeless
23 Youth Act (34 U.S.C. 11212).

24 (6) HOMELESSNESS.—The term “homeless-
25 ness” means being—

1 (A) a homeless child or youth (as defined
2 in section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
3 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)); or

4 (B) homeless (as defined in section 387 of
5 the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (34
6 U.S.C. 11279)).

7 (7) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
8 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
9 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
10 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

11 (8) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
12 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
13 the term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
14 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

15 (9) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
16 term “Native Hawaiian organization” has the mean-
17 ing given the term in section 6207 of the Elemen-
18 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
19 U.S.C. 7517).

20 (10) PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS.—The
21 terms “prevention of homelessness” and “prevent
22 homelessness” mean the act of, through policies,
23 practices, or interventions, reducing the likelihood
24 that a covered individual who is currently housed
25 will imminently experience homelessness.

1 (11) RURAL AREA.—The term “rural area” has
 2 the meaning given the term in section 601(b) of the
 3 Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.
 4 950bb(b)).

5 (12) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
 6 means the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
 7 acting through the Assistant Secretary for the Ad-
 8 ministration for Children and Families of the De-
 9 partment of Health and Human Services.

10 (13) STATE.—The term “State” means—

11 (A) any State of the United States;

12 (B) the District of Columbia; and

13 (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

14 (14) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
 15 “State educational agency” has the meaning given
 16 the term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
 17 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

18 **SEC. 3. PREVENTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRA-**
 19 **TION GRANT PROGRAM.**

20 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED; CONSULTATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
 22 a grant program, to be known as the “Preventing
 23 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant Pro-
 24 gram” (referred to in this section as the “Pro-
 25 gram”), under which the Secretary shall make

1 grants to eligible entities to identify and implement
2 strategies and services for covered individuals in
3 order to prevent homelessness.

4 (2) CONSULTATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL
5 AGENCIES.—In establishing the Program under
6 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

7 (A) consult with—

8 (i) the Secretary of Housing and
9 Urban Development;

10 (ii) the Executive Director of the
11 United States Interagency Council on
12 Homelessness;

13 (iii) the Secretary of Education;

14 (iv) the Attorney General;

15 (v) the Secretary of the Interior;

16 (vi) the Secretary of Agriculture;

17 (vii) the Secretary of Labor;

18 (viii) the Assistant Secretary for Men-
19 tal Health and Substance Use of the De-
20 partment of Health and Human Services;
21 and

22 (ix) the head of any other agency that
23 the Secretary determines to be appropriate;
24 and

1 (B) ensure that the Program complements
2 and enhances, and does not conflict with, other
3 initiatives and programs that serve covered in-
4 dividuals.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a grant
6 under the Program shall submit to the Secretary an appli-
7 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing such
8 information as the Secretary may require, including—

9 (1) a coordinated community prevention plan
10 that—

11 (A) assesses the scale and scope of need
12 for activities for the prevention of homelessness
13 for covered individuals within the community
14 that will be served by the eligible entity with
15 grant funds;

16 (B) outlines how the eligible entity will
17 identify and support covered individuals who
18 are most at-risk of homelessness in the commu-
19 nity; and

20 (C) outlines how grant funds will be used,
21 in accordance with subsection (d), along with
22 other funding sources, to implement targeted
23 strategies that meet the needs of covered indi-
24 viduals; and

1 (2) a description of how the eligible entity
2 plans—

3 (A) to establish cross-system partnerships
4 with Federal, State, or local agencies for the
5 prevention of homelessness for covered individ-
6 uals and with other entities or organizations
7 that serve youth in the community, such as—

8 (i) a local educational agency;

9 (ii) a public housing agency;

10 (iii) a Continuum of Care;

11 (iv) a housing provider;

12 (v) a State, Tribal, or local child wel-
13 fare agency;

14 (vi) a behavioral health and substance
15 use disorder provider;

16 (vii) a delinquency prevention pro-
17 gram;

18 (viii) the juvenile court system;

19 (ix) an organization that serves preg-
20 nant or parenting youth and their children;
21 and

22 (x) any other agency or organization
23 with the capacity to identify risk factors
24 for homelessness for covered individuals;
25 and

1 (B) deliver trauma-informed collaborative
2 interventions to address the risk factors de-
3 scribed in subparagraph (A)(x).

4 (c) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

5 (1) FACTORS CONSIDERED IN AWARD OF
6 GRANTS.—In selecting eligible entities to receive
7 grants under the Program, the Secretary, to the
8 maximum extent practicable, shall consider—

9 (A) an eligible entity's established partner-
10 ships with local stakeholders for the prevention
11 of homelessness for covered individuals in order
12 to deliver collaborative interventions;

13 (B) the comparative geographic diversity of
14 the applicant in relation to other eligible enti-
15 ties receiving grants under the Program;

16 (C) the extent to which an applicant's pro-
17 posed use of grant funds may duplicate or con-
18 flict with other programs; and

19 (D) the opportunity to sustain and grow
20 progress achieved through prior Federal invest-
21 ments in youth homelessness prevention, includ-
22 ing progress achieved through a grant awarded
23 under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Pre-
24 vention Demonstration Program pursuant to

1 section 343 of the Runaway and Homeless
2 Youth Act (34 U.S.C. 11243).

3 (2) GRANTS RESERVED.—Each fiscal year, the
4 Secretary shall award—

5 (A) not less than 5 percent of the total
6 amount of grant funding made available to
7 carry out this section to 1 or more Indian
8 Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations;

9 (B) not less than 10 percent of the total
10 amount of grant funding made available to
11 carry out this section to 1 or more eligible enti-
12 ties that serve a rural area; and

13 (C) beginning with the third fiscal year of
14 administering the Program, not less than 5 per-
15 cent of the total amount of grant funding made
16 available to carry out this section to 1 or more
17 eligible entities that received a grant under sec-
18 tion 4 in a previous fiscal year.

19 (3) AWARD TERM; AMOUNT.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The period of a grant
21 awarded under the Program shall be 5 years.

22 (B) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant
23 awarded under the Program shall be not less
24 than \$3,000,000 and not greater than
25 \$7,500,000.

1 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
3 ceives a grant under the Program shall use the
4 grant funds for the prevention of homelessness for
5 covered individuals, which shall be carried out after
6 consideration of recommendations of the Youth
7 Homelessness Prevention Council established in ac-
8 cordance with paragraph (2), and shall include 1 or
9 more of the following activities:

10 (A) Primary prevention services to support
11 covered individuals in crises, such as case man-
12 agement, physical and behavioral health serv-
13 ices, employment support and job training, con-
14 flict resolution, educational programming, child
15 care, supports for pregnant or parenting youth
16 and young adults and their children, short-term
17 housing, and direct financial assistance or ma-
18 terial resources to help with achieving economic
19 stability and overcoming housing instability.

20 (B) Improvement of cross-system collabo-
21 ration and collaboration among programs with-
22 in the applicable community to better identify
23 and serve covered individuals, such as the de-
24 sign of a comprehensive well-being service sys-

1 tem for covered individuals before and during
2 periods of crisis.

3 (2) YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION COUN-
4 CIL.—

5 (A) COMPOSITION.—An eligible entity that
6 receives a grant under the Program shall estab-
7 lish a Youth Homelessness Prevention Council,
8 which shall be comprised—

9 (i) primarily of youth and young
10 adults—

11 (I) who are experiencing home-
12 lessness;

13 (II) who have experienced home-
14 lessness; or

15 (III) who were prevented from
16 experiencing homelessness due to a
17 specific intervention; and

18 (ii) of representatives from child wel-
19 fare systems, local educational agencies,
20 the youth justice system, or behavioral
21 health providers.

22 (B) DUTIES.—A Youth Homelessness Pre-
23 vention Council established under subparagraph
24 (A) shall be responsible for providing rec-

1 ommendations to the eligible entity about grant
2 activities.

3 (3) TIME LIMITATIONS.—With respect to a
4 grant awarded to an eligible entity under the Pro-
5 gram, the eligible entity—

6 (A) except as provided in subparagraph
7 (B), shall expend the grant amounts during the
8 3-year period beginning on the date on which
9 the eligible entity is awarded the grant; and

10 (B) during the 2-year period beginning on
11 the date that is 3 years after the date on which
12 the entity is awarded the grant, shall continue
13 to measure and evaluate the activities supported
14 with the grant.

15 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
17 graph (2), the Federal share of any project for
18 which the Secretary awards a grant under the Pro-
19 gram shall not exceed 90 percent.

20 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may grant a
21 waiver with respect to the limitation on the Federal
22 share of a project described in paragraph (1) if—

23 (A) the applicant with respect to the
24 project petitions the Secretary for the waiver;
25 and

1 (B) the Secretary determines that the peti-
2 tion described in subparagraph (A) dem-
3 onstrates financial need.

4 (f) REPORTING AND INFORMATION REQUIRE-
5 MENTS.—

6 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 15 months after
7 the date on which an eligible entity is awarded a
8 grant under the Program, and annually thereafter
9 for the duration of the grant period, the eligible enti-
10 ty shall submit to the Secretary a report that de-
11 scribes—

12 (A) how the eligible entity used grant
13 funds during the preceding 15-month or 1-year
14 period, as applicable;

15 (B) the measurement and evaluation of the
16 activities carried out by the eligible entity with
17 grant funds during such period; and

18 (C) the progress of the eligible entity to-
19 wards fulfilling the objectives for which the
20 grant was awarded.

21 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
22 retary may establish—

23 (A) mechanisms to ensure appropriate use
24 of, and compliance with respect to all terms re-

1 garding, grant funds awarded under the Pro-
2 gram; and

3 (B) additional reporting and information
4 requirements for any recipient of a grant under
5 the Program.

6 (g) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—An eligible entity re-
7 ceiving a grant under the Program may use not greater
8 than 10 percent of the amount of the grant for adminis-
9 trative costs in carrying out the activities described in sub-
10 section (d) and preparing and submitting a report under
11 subsection (f)(1) (including relevant evaluation activities).

12 (h) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made
13 available to an eligible entity under the Program shall be
14 used by the eligible entity to supplement, and not sup-
15 plant, other Federal, State, Tribal, and local funds that
16 would otherwise be used by the eligible entity to carry out
17 activities described in this section.

18 (i) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may
19 reserve not more than 10 percent of amounts made avail-
20 able for a fiscal year to carry out this section for the im-
21 plementation and administration of the Program, which
22 shall include—

23 (1) providing technical support and assistance
24 to eligible entities, including ensuring consistency in
25 data collection and reporting;

1 (2) providing assistance to eligible entities to
 2 prepare the applications of those eligible entities
 3 with respect to grants awarded under the Program;

4 (3) developing the report required under section
 5 5; and

6 (4) conducting outreach to eligible entities re-
 7 garding opportunities to apply for such a grant.

8 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 9 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
 10 tion—

11 (1) \$85,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
 12 through 2030; and

13 (2) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
 14 year 2031 and each fiscal year thereafter.

15 **SEC. 4. PREVENTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS CAPACITY**
 16 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

17 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED; CONSULTATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
 19 a grant program, to be known as the “Preventing
 20 Youth Homelessness Capacity Grant Program” (re-
 21 ferred to in this section as the “Capacity Grant Pro-
 22 gram”) under which the Secretary shall make plan-
 23 ning grants to eligible entities to better assess the
 24 causes of and extent of homelessness of covered indi-
 25 viduals within the communities served by such eligi-

1 ble entities to enable such eligible entities to apply
2 for a grant under section 3.

3 (2) CONSULTATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL
4 AGENCIES.—In establishing the Capacity Grant Pro-
5 gram under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

6 (A) consult with—

7 (i) the Secretary of Housing and
8 Urban Development;

9 (ii) the Executive Director of the
10 United States Interagency Council on
11 Homelessness;

12 (iii) the Secretary of Education;

13 (iv) the Attorney General;

14 (v) the Secretary of the Interior;

15 (vi) the Secretary of Agriculture;

16 (vii) the Secretary of Labor;

17 (viii) the Assistant Secretary for Men-
18 tal Health and Substance Use at the De-
19 partment of Health and Human Services;
20 and

21 (ix) the head of any other agency that
22 the Secretary determines to be appropriate;
23 and

24 (B) ensure that the Capacity Grant Pro-
25 gram complements and enhances, and does not

1 conflict with, other initiatives and programs for
2 the prevention of homelessness for covered indi-
3 viduals.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a grant
5 under the Capacity Grant Program shall submit to the
6 Secretary an application at such time, in such manner,
7 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
8 quire, including a coordinated community capacity-build-
9 ing plan that details—

10 (1) how the eligible entity plans to identify and
11 solicit potential members of a Youth Homelessness
12 Prevention Council as described in subsection (d)(1);

13 (2) the other entities the eligible entity plans to
14 collaborate with to carry out the grant, which may
15 include—

16 (A) a government agency for the preven-
17 tion of homelessness for covered individuals and
18 other entities or organizations that serve youth
19 in the community, such as local educational
20 agencies;

21 (B) a Continuum of Care;

22 (C) a housing provider;

23 (D) a State, Tribal, or local child welfare
24 agency;

1 (E) a behavioral health and substance use
2 disorder provider;

3 (F) a delinquency prevention program;

4 (G) the juvenile court system;

5 (H) an organization that serves pregnant
6 or parenting youth and their children; and

7 (I) any other agency or organization with
8 the capacity to identify risk factors for youth
9 homelessness;

10 (3) existing gaps within the eligible entity's ca-
11 pacity to measure the drivers of and extent of home-
12 lessness for covered individuals in the communities
13 served by the eligible entity;

14 (4) the tools, systems, and procedures the eligi-
15 ble entity will develop and use to identify and meas-
16 ure the drivers of and extent of homelessness for
17 covered individuals in the communities served by the
18 eligible entity; and

19 (5) additional funding sources that the eligible
20 entity plans to use to support capacity building and
21 work to prevent homelessness for covered individuals
22 after the end of the grant period.

23 (c) AWARD OF GRANTS; USE OF FUNDS.—

24 (1) FACTORS CONSIDERED IN AWARD OF
25 GRANTS.—In selecting eligible entities to receive

1 grants under the Capacity Grant Program, the Sec-
2 retary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall con-
3 sider—

4 (A) an eligible entity's established partner-
5 ships with local stakeholders for the prevention
6 of homelessness for covered individuals, includ-
7 ing entities described in subsection (b)(2)(A);

8 (B) the comparative geographic diversity of
9 the applicant in relation to other eligible enti-
10 ties receiving grants under the Capacity Grant
11 Program;

12 (C) the extent to which an applicant's pro-
13 posed use of grant funds may duplicate or con-
14 flict with other programs; and

15 (D) the extent to which an applicant will
16 be able to sustain local homelessness prevention
17 activities for covered individuals after the grant
18 performance period.

19 (2) GRANTS RESERVED.—Each fiscal year, the
20 Secretary shall award—

21 (A) not less than 5 percent of the total
22 grant funding made available to carry out this
23 section to 1 or more Indian Tribes or Native
24 Hawaiian organizations; and

1 (B) not less than 5 percent of the total
2 grant funding made available to carry out this
3 section to 1 or more eligible entities that serve
4 a rural area.

5 (3) AWARD TERM; AMOUNT.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The period of a grant
7 awarded under the Capacity Grant Program
8 shall be 18 months.

9 (B) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant
10 awarded under the Capacity Grant Program
11 shall be not less than \$500,000 and not greater
12 than \$1,500,000.

13 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
14 a grant under the Capacity Grant Program shall use the
15 grant funds—

16 (1) to identify and solicit potential members to
17 serve on a Youth Homelessness Prevention Council
18 established under section 3(d)(2);

19 (2) to identify and measure the drivers of and
20 extent of homelessness for covered individuals in the
21 communities served by the eligible entity; and

22 (3) to develop and use tools, systems, and pro-
23 cedures for such identification and measurement.

24 (e) FEDERAL SHARE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), the Federal share of any project for
3 which the Secretary awards a grant under the Ca-
4 pacity Grant Program shall not exceed 90 percent.

5 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may grant a
6 waiver with respect to the limitation on the Federal
7 share of a project described in paragraph (1) if—

8 (A) the applicant with respect to the
9 project petitions the Secretary for the waiver;
10 and

11 (B) the Secretary determines that the peti-
12 tion described in subparagraph (A) dem-
13 onstrates financial need.

14 (f) REPORTING AND INFORMATION REQUIRE-
15 MENTS.—

16 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
17 the date on which an eligible entity is awarded a
18 grant under the Capacity Grant Program, the eligi-
19 ble entity shall submit to the Secretary a report that
20 describes—

21 (A) how the eligible entity used grant
22 funds during the preceding 18-month period;
23 and

1 (B) the progress of the eligible entity to-
2 wards fulfilling the objectives for which the
3 grant was awarded.

4 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
5 retary—

6 (A) shall establish mechanisms to ensure
7 appropriate use of, and compliance with respect
8 to all terms regarding, grant funds awarded
9 under the Capacity Grant Program; and

10 (B) may establish additional reporting and
11 information requirements for any recipient of a
12 grant under the Capacity Grant Program.

13 (g) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made
14 available to an eligible entity under the Capacity Grant
15 Program shall be used by the eligible entity to supplement,
16 and not supplant, other Federal, State, Tribal, and local
17 funds that would otherwise be used by the eligible entity
18 to carry out activities described in this section.

19 (h) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may
20 reserve not more than 10 percent of amounts made avail-
21 able for a fiscal year to carry out this section for the im-
22 plementation and administration of the Capacity Grant
23 Program, which shall include—

1 (1) providing technical support and assistance
2 to eligible entities, including ensuring consistency in
3 data collection and reporting;

4 (2) providing assistance to eligible entities to
5 prepare the applications of those eligible entities
6 with respect to grants awarded under the Capacity
7 Grant Program; and

8 (3) conducting outreach to eligible entities re-
9 garding opportunities to apply for such a grant.

10 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
12 tion—

13 (1) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026
14 through 2030; and

15 (2) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2031 and each fiscal year thereafter.

17 **SEC. 5. REPORTING AND EVALUATION.**

18 (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
20 the date on which the Secretary begins awarding
21 grants under this Act, and annually thereafter, the
22 Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees
23 of Congress a report that documents, for the 1-year
24 or 2-year period, as applicable, preceding the re-
25 port—

1 (A) evaluations of the activities carried out
 2 under this Act, including outcomes of grant re-
 3 cipients and the effectiveness of efforts for the
 4 prevention of homelessness for covered individ-
 5 uals; and

6 (B) a list of each grant awarded under this
 7 Act, which shall include—

8 (i) the amount of each such grant;

9 (ii) the recipient of each such grant;

10 and

11 (iii) the purpose for which each such
 12 grant was awarded.

13 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary
 14 shall make each report submitted under paragraph
 15 (1) publicly available in an online format that—

16 (A) facilitates access and ease of use;

17 (B) is searchable; and

18 (C) is accessible—

19 (i) to individuals with disabilities; and

20 (ii) in languages other than English.

21 (b) AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT AND ENTER INTO
 22 OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.—The Secretary may award
 23 grants and enter into contracts, cooperative agreements,
 24 and other arrangements with Federal agencies, public and

1 private organizations, and other entities with expertise
 2 that the Secretary determines appropriate in order—

3 (1) to evaluate the impact and efficacy of activi-
 4 ties supported by grants awarded under this Act;

5 (2) to develop data methods and systems to
 6 support and monitor the prevention of homelessness
 7 for covered individuals; and

8 (3) to develop, catalog, disseminate, and pro-
 9 mote the exchange of best practices, both with re-
 10 spect to and independent of grants awarded under
 11 this Act, in order to prevent homelessness for cov-
 12 ered individuals.

13 (c) CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.—

14 (1) REQUIRED CONSULTATION.—In carrying
 15 out subsection (a), and to further the objectives de-
 16 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b),
 17 the Secretary shall conduct ongoing collaboration
 18 and consultation with—

19 (A) the Secretary of Housing and Urban
 20 Development;

21 (B) the Executive Director of the United
 22 States Interagency Council on Homelessness;

23 (C) the Secretary of Education;

24 (D) the Attorney General;

25 (E) the Secretary of the Interior;

1 (F) the Secretary of Agriculture;

2 (G) national, State, Tribal, and local orga-
3 nizations that work to prevent homelessness for
4 covered individuals;

5 (H) researchers, academics, and philan-
6 thropic organizations with established expertise
7 in preventing homelessness for covered individ-
8 uals;

9 (I) other agencies, organizations, entities,
10 and community stakeholders, as determined ap-
11 propriate by the Secretary; and

12 (J) youth and young adults—

13 (i) who are experiencing homelessness;

14 (ii) who have experienced homeless-
15 ness; or

16 (iii) who were prevented from experi-
17 encing homelessness due to a specific inter-
18 vention.

19 (2) ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION.—In carrying
20 out subsection (a), and to further the objectives de-
21 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b),
22 the Secretary may consult and collaborate with par-
23 ents or caregivers that are caring for or have cared
24 for covered individuals.

1 (d) TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.—To the
 2 maximum extent practicable, and to ensure consistency in
 3 data reporting and to meet the objectives of this section,
 4 the Secretary shall provide—

5 (1) technical support and assistance to grant
 6 recipients;

7 (2) assistance to eligible entities in preparing
 8 applications for grants awarded under this Act; and

9 (3) other resources for grant recipients.

10 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 11 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
 12 necessary to carry out this section, which shall remain
 13 available until expended.

14 **SEC. 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

15 (a) NONDISCRIMINATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—No individual in the United
 17 States may, on the basis of actual or perceived race,
 18 color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity,
 19 sexual orientation, age, or disability, be excluded
 20 from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or
 21 be subjected to discrimination under any program or
 22 activity that is funded in whole or in part with funds
 23 made available to carry out this Act.

24 (2) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary shall effec-
 25 tuate paragraph (1) with respect to any program or

1 activity described in that paragraph by issuing regu-
2 lations and taking actions consistent with section
3 602 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.
4 2000d-1).

5 (3) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Judicial review of an
6 action taken by the Secretary under paragraph (2)
7 shall be available to the extent provided in section
8 603 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.
9 2000d-2).

10 (b) AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT.—Beginning with the
11 first fiscal year for which amounts are made available to
12 carry out an activity authorized under this Act, and for
13 each of the 4 fiscal years thereafter, there is authorized
14 to be appropriated to the Office of Inspector General for
15 the Department of Health and Human Services
16 \$1,000,000 for audits and oversight of funds made avail-
17 able to carry out this Act, which shall remain available
18 until expended.

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