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H. R. 251

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a competitive grant program to award grants to States and local governments for purposes of assisting entrepreneurs planning to start a small business concern.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2017

Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a competitive grant program to award grants to States and local governments for purposes of assisting entrepreneurs planning to start a small business concern.

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 “Startup in a Day Act
5 of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. STARTUP IN A DAY GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the
3 Small Business Administration shall, from amounts ap-
4 propriated pursuant to subsection (g), establish a competi-
5 tive grant program to be known as the “Startup in a Day
6 Program” to award grants to eligible entities for purposes
7 of assisting entrepreneurs planning to start a small busi-
8 ness concern in complying with State or local government
9 requirements for opening and operating such a concern
10 in a geographic area in the jurisdiction of the eligible enti-
11 ty.

12 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity may submit an
13 application to the Administrator, at a time and in a man-
14 ner to be prescribed by the Administrator, describing ac-
15 tivities the eligible entity would undertake to assist entre-
16 preneurs planning to start a small business concern in a
17 geographic area in the jurisdiction of the eligible entity.

18 (c) SELECTION.—The Administrator shall select from
19 among eligible entities submitting an application pursuant
20 to subsection (b) grant recipients based on criteria to be
21 prescribed by the Administrator.

22 (d) AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded
23 under this section may be used by a grant recipient to
24 carry out activities to assist entrepreneurs planning to
25 start small business concerns, including—

1 (1) developing, implementing, and improving
2 Internet resources related to the small business con-
3 cern startup process in the geographic area in the
4 jurisdiction of the recipient;

5 (2) assisting such entrepreneurs in registering
6 and applying for any licenses or permits required by
7 a State or a local government for starting a small
8 business concern in such area; and

9 (3) other activities the Administrator deter-
10 mines necessary.

11 (e) REPORTS.—

12 (1) REPORT TO ADMINISTRATOR.—A recipient
13 of a grant under this section shall submit to the Ad-
14 ministrator, at a time and in a manner to be pre-
15 scribed by the Administrator, a report detailing how
16 grant funds were expended and describing the im-
17 pact, if any, of activities funded by the grant on the
18 opening of small business concerns in a geographic
19 area in the jurisdiction of such recipient.

20 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
21 days after the conclusion of each fiscal year for
22 which the Administrator awards a grant under this
23 section, the Administrator shall submit to Congress
24 a report describing all such grants awarded for such
25 fiscal year and analyzing the impact, if any, of such

1 grants on the opening of small business concerns in
2 the jurisdictions of eligible entities receiving such
3 grants.

4 (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
5 following definitions apply:

6 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
7 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
8 ness Administration.

9 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
10 ty” means a State or local government.

11 (3) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “local
12 government” means a county, parish, borough, or
13 municipal government.

14 (4) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
15 “small business concern” has the meaning given
16 such term under section 3 of the Small Business Act
17 (15 U.S.C. 632).

18 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
19 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
20 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of
21 the United States, Guam, American Samoa, the
22 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
23 and each federally recognized Indian tribe.

24 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator for

- 1 each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022 \$1,000,000 for
- 2 purposes of carrying out this section.

