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# H. R. 4936

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself and Mr. CISNEROS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Bridge to End Home-  
5       lessness Act of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM.**

7       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing  
8       and Urban Development (in this Act referred to as the  
9       “Secretary”) shall establish a competitive grant program  
10      to provide grants to eligible entities under subsection (b)

1 to provide interim housing to individuals experiencing  
2 homelessness.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
4 under subsection (a), an entity shall—

5 (1) be a governmental entity at the county, city,  
6 regional, or locality level;

7 (2) submit a plan for targeted outreach to indi-  
8 viduals experiencing homelessness within the juris-  
9 diction of the entity or a partner of the entity; and

10 (3) submit to the Secretary an application that  
11 includes a plan and assurances to provide for—

12 (A) identifying unused property or land  
13 that—

14 (i) is located within the entity’s juris-  
15 diction or partner entity’s jurisdiction; and

16 (ii) will be converted into a facility for  
17 interim housing for such individuals;

18 (B) furnishing such facility with on-site  
19 mental health, employment, substance use dis-  
20 order, and wellness resources, except that for  
21 services that cannot be furnished on-site, the  
22 plan shall provide for direct linkage to transpor-  
23 tation services to appointments for such serv-  
24 ices;

1 (C) accommodation of service animals and  
2 pets at such facility;

3 (D) permanent, on-site supervision of such  
4 facility;

5 (E) coordination of such facility with pub-  
6 lic services agencies and law enforcement; and

7 (F) keeping the administrative entity for  
8 the local Continuum of Care under subtitle C of  
9 title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-  
10 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) in-  
11 formed.

12 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Each entity provided a grant  
13 under this section shall—

14 (1) employ trauma-informed principles;

15 (2) employ a Housing First approach that  
16 prioritizes permanent housing to people experiencing  
17 homelessness; and

18 (3) provide connections to permanent housing  
19 as a part of any case management provided.

20 (d) GRANT FUNDS.—An entity provided a grant  
21 under this section shall receive—

22 (1) not more than \$10,000,000 in the first year  
23 of the grant, to remain available until expended, for  
24 costs of acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or

1 repurposing of a property to be used as an interim  
2 housing facility; and

3 (2) not more than \$2,000,000 in each of the 5  
4 subsequent years for costs associated with providing  
5 services at such facility.

6 (e) PARTNERSHIPS.—An entity may enter into a  
7 partnership with providers of services for the interim  
8 housing facility established with grant amounts under this  
9 section, including local health agencies, medical, mental  
10 health, and substance use treatment providers, employ-  
11 ment services providers, housing providers, and such other  
12 service providers as necessary.

13 (f) MEASURES OF OUTCOMES.—

14 (1) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall de-  
15 velop measures of outcomes to be applied by recipi-  
16 ents of grants under this section in evaluating the  
17 effectiveness of programs carried out under this sec-  
18 tion.

19 (2) ANNUAL SUBMISSION OF DATA.—Each eligi-  
20 ble entity described in subsection (b) that receives a  
21 grant under this section shall annually submit to the  
22 Secretary a report that includes data to evaluate the  
23 success of the program carried out by the entity  
24 based on whether such program is achieving the pur-  
25 poses of the program. Such reports shall utilize the

1 measures of outcomes under paragraph (1) in a rea-  
2 sonable manner to demonstrate the progress of the  
3 program in achieving such purposes.

4 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
5 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act—

6 (1) for fiscal year 2020, \$100,000,000; and

7 (2) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021  
8 through 2025.

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