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To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to public housing agencies and owners of other federally assisted housing to cover the costs of removing and replacing lead-based water service pipes for federally assisted housing projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois (for himself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. RUSH, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RYAN, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. TAKANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lead Abatement for
3 Families Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 60016. LEAD ABATEMENT FOR FAMILIES.**

5 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LEAD WATER SERVICE
6 LINES.—

7 (1) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Housing and
8 Urban Development, in consultation with public
9 housing agencies, owners of other federally assisted
10 housing, and the Administrator of the Environ-
11 mental Protection Administration shall, not later
12 than the expiration of the 24-month period begin-
13 ning upon the date of the enactment of this Act, un-
14 dertake and complete a review of all public housing
15 projects and all other federally assisted housing
16 projects to identify any such projects for which the
17 source of potable water is a lead-based water service
18 pipe or pipes.

19 (2) REPORT.—Upon completion of the review
20 required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
21 submit a report to the Congress setting forth the re-
22 sults of the review and identifying any projects for
23 which the source of potable water is a lead-based
24 water service pipe or pipes.

25 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
2 grants to public housing agencies and owners of
3 other federally assisted housing to cover the eligible
4 costs of fully removing and replacing lead-based
5 water service pipes for housing projects identified
6 pursuant to the review under subsection (a).

7 (2) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Amounts from a grant
8 under this subsection may be used only for costs of
9 fully removing and replacing a lead-based water
10 service pipe for a housing project.

11 (3) ASSURANCES.—The Secretary shall require
12 each public housing agency and owner of other fed-
13 erally assisted housing receiving a grant under this
14 subsection for a housing project to make such assur-
15 ances and enter into such agreements as the Sec-
16 retary considers necessary to ensure that—

17 (A) the lead-based water service pipes for
18 the project that will be fully removed and re-
19 placed using such grant amounts are identified;
20 and

21 (B) all work to fully remove and replace
22 such pipes is completed before the expiration of
23 the 24-month period beginning upon the initial
24 availability to the agency or owner of such
25 grant amounts.

1 (4) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—The amount of
2 grant under this subsection with respect to a hous-
3 ing project may not exceed the estimate of the Sec-
4 retary of the full cost of removing and replacing the
5 lead-based water service pipes for the project identi-
6 fied pursuant to paragraph (3)(A).

7 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Upon the expiration of the 6-
8 year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report
10 identifying the housing projects for which lead-based
11 water service pipes were removed and replaced using
12 grants under subsection (b) and analyzing the effective-
13 ness of the program for such grants.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
15 following definitions shall apply:

16 (1) HOUSING PROJECT.—The term “housing
17 project” means a public housing project or a project
18 that is other federally assisted housing.

19 (2) OTHER FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.—
20 The term “other federally assisted housing” has the
21 meaning given the term “federally assisted housing”
22 in section 683 of the Housing and Community De-
23 velopment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13641), except
24 that such term does not include any public housing

1 project described in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-
2 tion.

3 (3) LEAD-BASED WATER SERVICE PIPE.—The
4 term “lead-based water service pipe” means, with re-
5 spect to a housing project, a pipe or other conduit
6 that—

7 (A) is used to supply potable water for the
8 housing project from outside the project; and

9 (B) does not satisfy the definition of “lead-
10 free” established under section 1417 of the Safe
11 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–6).

12 (4) PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “public hous-
13 ing” has the meaning given such term in section
14 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
15 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

16 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

18 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary, after consulta-
19 tion with the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-
20 tion Administration, may issue any regulations necessary
21 to carry out this section.

22 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated for grants under subsection
24 (b)—

25 (1) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

- 1 (2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2022; and
- 2 (3) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

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