

116TH CONGRESS
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S. 1674

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a competitive grant program to enable States to purchase, customize, or repair vehicles with hot and cold food storage for delivering meals to older individuals through the Congregate Nutrition Program or the Home-Delivered Nutrition Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23 (legislative day, MAY 22), 2019

Mr. MANCHIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Helping Our Most El-
5 derly Secure Meals Act” or the “HOME Meals Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR VEHICLES WITH HOT AND COLD FOOD**
 2 **STORAGE FOR MEAL DELIVERY TO OLDER IN-**
 3 **DIVIDUALS.**

4 Subpart 3 of part C of title III of the Older Ameri-
 5 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030g–21 et seq.) is amend-
 6 ed by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 340. GRANTS FOR VEHICLES WITH HOT AND COLD**
 8 **FOOD STORAGE FOR MEAL DELIVERY.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall
 10 award grants in accordance with subsection (c) on a com-
 11 petitive basis to States receiving a grant under section 331
 12 or 336 to enable such States to purchase, customize, or
 13 repair vehicles meeting the requirement under subsection
 14 (b) to be used in delivering meals to older individuals
 15 through a nutrition project supported under either such
 16 section.

17 “(b) VEHICLE REQUIREMENT.—The requirement
 18 under this subsection is that the vehicle has the capability
 19 to safely store hot food and cold food, as determined by
 20 the Assistant Secretary, while delivering meals.

21 “(c) APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS.—

22 “(1) APPLICATIONS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State receiving a
 24 grant under section 331 or 336 that seeks a
 25 grant under this section shall submit an appli-
 26 cation to the Assistant Secretary at such time,

1 in such manner, and containing such informa-
2 tion as the Assistant Secretary may reasonably
3 require, including the demonstrations described
4 in subparagraph (B).

5 “(B) DEMONSTRATIONS.—An application
6 under this paragraph shall contain a dem-
7 onstration—

8 “(i) of how the State submitting the
9 application will use the grant to enhance
10 the delivery of services to older individuals
11 with greatest economic need and older in-
12 dividuals with greatest social need; and

13 “(ii) that a program is in effect within
14 the State, on the date on which the State
15 submits the application, to use vehicles
16 meeting the requirement under subsection
17 (b) to provide nutrition services under sec-
18 tion 331 or 336.

19 “(2) SELECTION.—The Assistant Secretary, in
20 selecting States meeting the requirements under
21 paragraph (1) to receive a grant under this section,
22 shall give preference to—

23 “(A) States with a high percentage of indi-
24 viduals who are 60 years of age or older; and

1 “(B) States with a high rate of individuals
2 at or below the poverty line.

3 “(d) GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant awarded under this
4 section shall be for an amount that is equal to or less than
5 \$3,000,000.

6 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 is authorized to be appropriated \$60,000,000 for each of
8 fiscal years 2020 through 2024 to carry out this section.”.

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