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To provide emergency assistance for disaster response and recovery, and other expenses directly related to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta, and flooding in calendar year 2021 in Louisiana.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Gulf Coast Hurricane
5 Aid Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SOCIAL**
2 **SERVICES BLOCK GRANT.**

3 (a) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.—In addition to
4 amounts otherwise appropriated, out of any money in the
5 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,
6 there are appropriated for the Social Services Block Grant
7 established under subtitle A of title XX of the Social Secu-
8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397 et seq.) \$110,000,000, to remain
9 available through September 30, 2024, for disaster re-
10 sponse and recovery, and other expenses directly related
11 to Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta, and flooding in cal-
12 endar year 2021 in Louisiana.

13 (b) RULES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The funds appropriated by
15 subsection (a) for the Social Services Block Grant
16 are in addition to the entitlement grants authorized
17 by subsection (a)(1) of section 2002 of the Social
18 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397a) and, notwith-
19 standing section 2002 of such Act, the distribution
20 of the funds appropriated by subsection (a) for the
21 Social Services Block Grant shall be limited to
22 States directly affected by the hurricanes and flood-
23 ing described in subsection (a). The Secretary of
24 Health and Human Services shall distribute such
25 funds to such States based on demonstrated need in

1 accordance with objective criteria that are made
2 available to the public.

3 (2) LIMITATIONS.—The funds appropriated by
4 subsection (a) for the Social Services Block Grant
5 shall not be—

6 (A) available for making entitlement
7 grants authorized by subsection (a)(1) of sec-
8 tion 2002 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1397a) to any State; or

10 (B) treated as a payment made under such
11 section 2002 for purposes of section 2004 of
12 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397c).

13 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to other uses of
14 funds permitted under the Social Services Block Grant es-
15 tablished under subtitle A of title XX of the Social Secu-
16 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397 et seq.), the funds appropriated
17 by subsection (a) for the Social Services Block Grant may
18 be used for health services (including mental health serv-
19 ices), and for costs of renovating, repairing, or rebuilding
20 health care facilities, child care facilities, or other social
21 services facilities.

22 (d) NONAPPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—
23 The following provisions shall not apply to the funds ap-
24 propriated by subsection (a) for the Social Services Block
25 Grant:

1 (1) Section 2003 of the Social Security Act (42
2 U.S.C. 1397b).

3 (2) Paragraphs (1) and (4) of 2005(a) of such
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397d).

5 (e) DEADLINE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—
6 Within 45 days after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
8 distribute the funds made available by subsection (a),
9 which shall be made available to States directly affected
10 by the hurricanes and flooding described in subsection (a)
11 on an emergency basis for immediate obligation and ex-
12 penditure.

13 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE COMMU-**
14 **NITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.**

15 In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated, out
16 of any money in the Treasury of the United States not
17 otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated to the
18 “Community Development Fund”, for necessary expenses
19 related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restora-
20 tion of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization
21 in areas in States for which the President declared a
22 major disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford
23 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974
24 (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.) related to Hurricane Laura,
25 Delta, or Zeta, and for necessary expenses related to dis-

1 aster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infra-
2 structure, housing, and economic revitalization in areas in
3 Louisiana for which the President declared a major dis-
4 aster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
5 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
6 5170 et seq.) related to flooding in calendar year 2021,
7 \$3,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, for
8 activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Com-
9 munity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et
10 seq.).

11 **SEC. 4. PAYGO/EMERGENCY DESIGNATION LANGUAGE.**

12 (a) DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—
13 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of com-
14 plying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
15 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
16 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
17 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
18 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
19 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
20 vote on passage.

21 (b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts provided under
23 this Act, or an amendment made by this Act, are
24 designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to

1 section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of
2 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

3 (2) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate,
4 this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, is
5 designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to
6 section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Con-
7 gress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for
8 fiscal year 2018.

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