

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2471

To increase access to Federal grants for individuals with limited English proficiency.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 25, 2023

Mr. OSSOFF introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Federal Grants Lan-
5 guage Accessibility Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGENCY GUIDANCE.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
9 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,
10 United States Code.

1 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT; GRANT.—The
2 terms “cooperative agreement” and “grant” have
3 the meaning given the terms in section 6302 of title
4 31, United States Code.

5 (b) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 270 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
7 of Management and Budget shall issue guidance for the
8 development of agency plans to—

9 (1) ensure that individuals with limited English
10 proficiency can meaningfully access information re-
11 lating to grants and cooperative agreements con-
12 sistent with, and without unduly burdening, the mis-
13 sion of the agency; and

14 (2) improve the ability of recipients of grants
15 and cooperative agreements to provide meaningful
16 access to applicants and beneficiaries of the grants
17 and cooperative agreements who are individuals with
18 limited English proficiency.

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