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H. R. 6775

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to reauthorize the farmers' markets and local food promotion program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. UNDERWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “New Markets for
5 Farmers and Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FARMERS' MARKETS AND LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION**
7 **PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION.**

8 (a) MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 210A(d)(6)(E) of
9 the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
10 1627c(d)(6)(E)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(E) MATCHING FUNDS.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity
3 that receives a grant under this paragraph
4 shall provide matching funds in the form
5 of cash or an in-kind contribution in an
6 amount that is equal to 25 percent of the
7 total amount of the Federal portion of the
8 grant.

9 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall
10 not apply to an eligible entity that is car-
11 rying out a priority grant described in
12 clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (C).”.

13 (b) FUNDING.—Section 210A(i) of the Agricultural
14 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627c(i)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking
16 “\$50,000,000” and inserting “\$100,000,000”;

17 (2) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) by striking “for fiscal year 2019 and
19 each fiscal year thereafter” and inserting “for
20 each of fiscal years 2019 through 2026”; and

21 (B) by striking the period at the end and
22 inserting the following: “, and \$50,000,000 for
23 fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter,
24 to remain available until expended.”; and

1 (3) in paragraph (3)(B), by adding at the end
2 the following: “Of the amount made available pursu-
3 ant to the preceding sentence for a fiscal year, 30
4 percent shall be reserved for priority grants de-
5 scribed in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (C) of
6 subsection (d)(6) for entities that have not received
7 a grant under such subsection in the preceding 3
8 years and will use the funds to establish a new farm-
9 ers’ market. If applications for such priority grants
10 are insufficient in number or merit in a fiscal year,
11 the Secretary may use such reserved funds for
12 grants described in the first sentence of this sub-
13 paragraph.”.

14 (c) REPORTS.—

15 (1) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE REPORT.—

16 Not later than 3 years after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture
18 shall make publicly available on the website of the
19 Department of Agriculture a report describing—

20 (A) the number of applications for a grant
21 under section 210A(d)(6) of the Agricultural
22 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627c(d)(6))
23 in the preceding 2 years;

1 (B) the number of such applications that
2 were submitted by eligible entities that had not
3 previously applied for such a grant;

4 (C) the number of such applications that
5 met the requirements for a priority grant de-
6 scribed in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (C)
7 of such section; and

8 (D) the number of grants awarded relating
9 to the applications described in paragraph (2)
10 and (3), respectively.

11 (2) INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
12 than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this
13 section, the Inspector General of the Department of
14 Agriculture shall make publicly available on the
15 website of the Department of Agriculture a report
16 describing—

17 (A) any fraud or abuse related to the grant
18 program under section 210A(d)(6) of the Agri-
19 cultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.
20 1627c(d)(6)) in the preceding 2 years; and

21 (B) the effects of the amendment made by
22 subsection (a) on participation in such grant
23 program.

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