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To amend and reauthorize the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' 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 “No Wrong Door for
5 Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO AND REAUTHORIZATION OF THE**
2 **STAFF SERGEANT PARKER GORDON FOX SUI-**
3 **CIDE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM OF THE**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) REORGANIZATION.—Subsection (b) of section 201
6 of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental
7 Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–
8 171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F note) is amended, in the second
9 sentence, by striking “Office of Mental Health and Suicide
10 Prevention” and inserting “the Assistant Under Secretary
11 for Health for Clinical Services”.

12 (b) GRANT MONEY: AMOUNT; USE.—Such section is
13 further amended, in subsection (c)(2)(A), by striking
14 “\$750,000 per grantee per fiscal year” and inserting
15 “\$500,000 per fiscal year (not more than 5 percent of
16 which may be spent on food and non-alcoholic beverages),
17 plus \$10,000 per eligible individual who receives suicide
18 prevention services provided or coordinated by such grant-
19 ee”.

20 (c) PREFERENCE IN DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS.—
21 Such section is further amended, in subsection (d)(2), by
22 adding at the end the following: “The Secretary shall not
23 give preference to an eligible entity solely because the eligi-
24 ble entity previously received, or applied for, a grant under
25 this section”.

1 (d) REAPPLICATION BY A PREVIOUS GRANTEE.—
2 Such section is further amended, in subsection (f), by add-
3 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(3) REAPPLICATION BY PREVIOUS GRANT-
5 EE.—An application submitted by an eligible entity
6 that previously received grant funds under this sec-
7 tion shall include in such application evidence that
8 the eligible entity used such grant funds to serve a
9 significant number of veterans.”.

10 (e) BRIEFING FOR LOCAL VAMCS.—Such section is
11 further amended, in subsection (h), by adding at the end
12 the following new paragraph:

13 “(5) BRIEFING FOR LOCAL VAMCS.—Not less
14 than once per calendar quarter, the Secretary shall
15 provide, to the appropriate personnel of each medical
16 center of the Department located not more than 100
17 miles from the primary location of a grantee, a
18 briefing about the grant program under this section
19 in order to improve coordination between a grantee
20 and such personnel. The Secretary may permit a
21 representative of a grantee to attend such a brief-
22 ing.”.

23 (f) DURATION.—Such section is further amended, in
24 subsection (j), by striking “the date that is three years

1 after the date on which the first grant is awarded under
2 this section” and inserting “September 30, 2028”.

3 (g) EMERGENT SUICIDE CARE.—Such section is fur-
4 ther amended, in subsection (n)—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “When”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(2) A grantee shall notify—

9 “(A) an eligible individual receiving suicide pre-
10 vention services provided or coordinated by such
11 grantee that such eligible individual may receive
12 emergent suicide care under section 1720J of title
13 38, United States Code; and

14 “(B) the Secretary if such eligible individual re-
15 quests such emergent suicide care.”.

16 (h) REAUTHORIZATION.—Such section is further
17 amended, in subsection (p)—

18 (1) by striking “a total of \$174,000,000 for fis-
19 cal years 2021 through 2025” and inserting an em
20 dash; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraphs:

23 “(1) for fiscal years 2021 through 2025, a total
24 of \$174,000,000; and

1 “(2) for fiscal years 2026 through 2028, a total
2 of \$157,500,000.”.

3 (i) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Such
4 section is further amended, in subsection (q)(3)—

5 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
6 by inserting “an entity that has continuously pro-
7 vided mental health care or support services in the
8 United States during the two-year period before the
9 date on which the entity applies for a grant under
10 this section, and that is” after “means”; and

11 (2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, or a
12 health care provider” after “foundation”.

13 (j) TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO DEFINITIONS.—
14 Such section is further amended, in subsection (q)(5), by
15 striking “Medical services” and inserting “The term
16 ‘emergency treatment’ means medical services”.

17 (k) REQUIRED USE OF SCREENING PROTOCOL SE-
18 LECTED BY THE SECRETARY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further
20 amended, in subsection (q)(11)(A)(ii), by striking
21 “screening for risk” and inserting “screening for
22 risk, using a protocol selected by the Secretary”.

23 (2) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—In addition to
24 the protocol selected pursuant to the amendment
25 made by paragraph (1)—

1 (A) the Secretary may furnish another pro-
2 tocol to a grantee; and

3 (B) a grantee may use another protocol to
4 screen for risk.

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