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# H. R. 5825

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STANSBURY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Tribal Housing Inno-  
5 vation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL DWELLING**  
2 **UNITS WITH SUSTAINABLE FEATURES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Housing and  
4 Urban Development (referred to in this section as the  
5 “Secretary”) shall, not later than 1 year after the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act, establish a program to award  
7 grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for 1 or  
8 both of the following activities on Tribal land:

9 (1) Building a residential dwelling unit that has  
10 at least 1 sustainable feature.

11 (2) Adding at least 1 sustainable feature to a  
12 residential dwelling unit.

13 (b) **APPLICATION.**—An eligible entity that seeks a  
14 grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an  
15 application at such time and in such manner as the Sec-  
16 retary may require, and the application shall contain the  
17 following information:

18 (1) A plan for 1 or both of the activities de-  
19 scribed in subsection (a).

20 (2) Each source of financing, other than the  
21 amounts of the grant, that the eligible entity intends  
22 to use to carry out the plan described in paragraph  
23 (1).

24 (3) Information that demonstrates the ability of  
25 the eligible entity to carry out the plan described in  
26 paragraph (1).

1           (4) If the eligible entity is a Tribally designated  
2           housing entity, for each Indian Tribe for which the  
3           Tribally designated housing entity seeks the grant, a  
4           certification that is on the letterhead of the Indian  
5           Tribe and authorizes the Tribally designated housing  
6           entity to submit an application under this section on  
7           behalf of the Indian Tribe.

8           (c) RENTAL REQUIREMENT.—An eligible entity that  
9           has built or modified a residential dwelling unit under this  
10          section may only rent the residential dwelling unit to an  
11          individual who—

12           (1) if the eligible entity is an Indian Tribe, is  
13          a member of the Indian Tribe; or

14           (2) if the eligible entity is a Tribally designated  
15          housing entity, is a member of an Indian Tribe  
16          served by the Tribally designated housing entity.

17          (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

18           (1) FOR ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Not later than 3  
19          months after each fiscal year in which an eligible en-  
20          tity receives amounts under this section to carry out  
21          a plan described in this section, the eligible entity  
22          shall submit a report to the Secretary that contains  
23          the following information with respect to the fiscal  
24          year:

1           (A) The number of residential dwelling  
2 units that have been built or modified under the  
3 plan and are owned, or intended to be owned,  
4 in whole or in part, as the home or residence  
5 of 1 or more individuals.

6           (B) The number of residential dwelling  
7 units that have been built or modified under the  
8 plan and are leased, or intended to be leased,  
9 in whole or in part, as the home or residence  
10 of 1 or more individuals.

11           (C) Each sustainable feature that has been  
12 added to a residential dwelling unit described in  
13 this paragraph.

14           (D) Any other information that the Sec-  
15 retary may require.

16           (2) FOR THE SECRETARY.—Not later than 12  
17 months after each fiscal year in which the Secretary  
18 awards a grant under this section, the Secretary  
19 shall submit to the Congress a report on any na-  
20 tional impact that the grant program under this sec-  
21 tion has had with respect to the activities described  
22 in subsection (a).

23           (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary

1 \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 and each subsequent  
2 fiscal year to carry out this section.

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.—The term “Con-  
5 sumer Price Index” means the Consumer Price  
6 Index for All Urban Consumers published by the  
7 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of  
8 Labor.

9 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
10 ty” means any of the following:

11 (A) An Indian Tribe.

12 (B) A Tribally designated housing entity.

13 (3) ENERGY-EFFICIENT.—The term “energy-ef-  
14 ficient” means, with respect to a product, an Energy  
15 Star product or FEMP designated product, as such  
16 terms are defined in section 553 of the National En-  
17 ergy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8259b).

18 (4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”  
19 has the meaning given such term under section 4 of  
20 the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-  
21 Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

22 (5) RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT.—The term  
23 “residential dwelling unit” means a dwelling unit  
24 that is owned or leased, or intended to be owned or

1 leased, in whole or in part, as the home or residence  
2 of 1 or more individuals.

3 (6) SUSTAINABLE FEATURE.—The term “sus-  
4 tainable feature” means any of the following fea-  
5 tures:

6 (A) Building-to-grid integration.

7 (B) An electric heating system, including a  
8 heat pump.

9 (C) An energy-efficient air filter.

10 (D) An energy-efficient appliance, includ-  
11 ing an electric laundry machine.

12 (E) Energy-efficient bathroom plumbing,  
13 including a low-flow toilet.

14 (F) Energy-efficient lighting.

15 (G) An energy-efficient window.

16 (H) An energy monitoring device, including  
17 a smart meter or a smart thermostat.

18 (I) Insulation for a roof, wall, or window.

19 (J) A passive cooling system.

20 (K) A solar panel.

21 (L) Reflective roofing.

22 (M) Any other feature that, as determined  
23 by the Secretary, would improve the sustain-  
24 ability of a residential dwelling unit or would be

1           necessary to build a residential dwelling unit  
2           that is sustainable.

3           (7) TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTI-  
4           TY.—The term “Tribally designated housing entity”  
5           has the meaning given such term under section 4 of  
6           the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-  
7           Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

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