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To establish a pilot program to develop, expand, and maintain digital community resource guides to advance the reentry efforts of individuals returning to their communities after incarceration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a pilot program to develop, expand, and maintain digital community resource guides to advance the reentry efforts of individuals returning to their communities after incarceration.

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 “Reentry Resource
5 Guide Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Attorney General shall establish a pilot

1 program to make grants to eligible applicants to develop,
2 expand, and maintain digital community resource guides
3 of statewide resources to advance the reentry efforts of
4 individuals returning to their communities after incarceration.
5 Such guides shall—

6 (1) be a comprehensive list detailing names and
7 contact information for statewide resources;

8 (2) be sortable by regions within the State for
9 easier accessibility;

10 (3) be available for download; and

11 (4) be appropriate, relevant, and available, with
12 special considerations for—

13 (A) employment services;

14 (B) housing services;

15 (C) local crisis lines;

16 (D) outreach agencies;

17 (E) local shelters;

18 (F) shower and restrooms;

19 (G) clothing and storage;

20 (H) cooling and warming stations for ex-
21 treme temperature or weather conditions;

22 (I) food pantries;

23 (J) hot meals;

24 (K) identification assistance services;

25 (L) transportation services;

- 1 (M) relocation services;
2 (N) legal services;
3 (O) education services;
4 (P) government services;
5 (Q) addiction counseling and treatment for
6 gambling;
7 (R) addiction counseling and treatment for
8 substance abuse services;
9 (S) harm reduction services;
10 (T) mental and health services and refer-
11 rals;
12 (U) medical and dental services;
13 (V) domestic violence shelters;
14 (W) services for living with HIV or AIDS;
15 (X) disability services;
16 (Y) seniors services;
17 (Z) family services;
18 (AA) veteran services;
19 (BB) youth and young people services;
20 (CC) government services; and
21 (DD) information and referral services.

22 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION; GRANT TERM.**

23 (a) APPLICATION.—A State may apply for a grant
24 under this section by submitting an application includ-
25 ing—

1 (1) a strategy for identifying community re-
2 sources;

3 (2) identification of relevant statewide re-
4 sources, their physical locations, and contact infor-
5 mation;

6 (3) identification of the entity or personnel re-
7 sponsible for the creation and management of the
8 guide;

9 (4) identification of where the guide will be ac-
10 cessible; and

11 (5) a plan for promotion of awareness of the re-
12 source guides within the prison and returning popu-
13 lation.

14 (b) GRANT TERM.—A grant under this section shall
15 be for a term of 3 years.

16 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

17 Amounts provided as grants under this Act may be
18 used for—

19 (1) project planning and community engage-
20 ment;

21 (2) project implementation;

22 (3) operational costs including costs of startup
23 or expansion of the existing system, outreach, and
24 language translation;

1 (4) employee salary associated with the guide’s
2 expansion, creation, and maintenance; and

3 (5) maintenance of the digital site the guide is
4 listed.

5 **SEC. 5. REPORTING.**

6 (a) GRANTEES.—Each grantee shall submit an an-
7 nual report to AG that details specific uses of the grant
8 funds, and the outcome of the program.

9 (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—After the termination of
10 the pilot program, the Attorney General shall submit to
11 Congress a report including an evaluation detailing the im-
12 plementation of, outcome of, and impact of the program
13 on reduction of recidivism and overall successful reentry.

14 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
16 this Act \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through
17 2030.

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