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# H. R. 3117

To establish a program for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to States and continua of care to carry out conversions of structures for use as emergency shelters and housing for homeless persons and families, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. MULLIN) 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 “Hotel to Housing Con-  
5 version Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR CONVERTING STRUCTURES FOR USE**  
2 **AS EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND HOUSING**  
3 **FOR HOMELESS PERSONS AND FAMILIES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and  
5 Urban Development shall carry out a program under this  
6 section to make grants to States and continua of care for  
7 distribution to units of local government and private non-  
8 profit organizations to assist in carrying out conversions  
9 of structures for use as emergency, temporary, and transi-  
10 tional housing and emergency shelters for homeless per-  
11 sons and families.

12 (b) **USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.**—Amounts from a  
13 grant under this section shall be used only in connection  
14 with the conversion of hotels, motels, or vacant, blighted,  
15 or unused residential properties for use as housing or shel-  
16 ter as provided in subsection (a), including for—

17 (1) the acquisition (by purchase or lease), reha-  
18 bilitation, renovation, or other conversion of such  
19 structures;

20 (2) operating costs in connection with use of  
21 such structures as housing or shelters; and

22 (3) providing supportive services, as such term  
23 is defined in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento  
24 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360), home-  
25 lessness prevention services, and housing counseling

1 services in connection with the converted housing or  
2 shelter.

3 (c) APPLICATION; SELECTION.—The Secretary shall  
4 provide for States and continua of care to apply for grants  
5 under this section and shall select States and continua of  
6 care to receive such grants based on a competition that  
7 takes into account—

8 (1) the level of housing instability in the juris-  
9 diction of the applicant and the need—

10 (A) for emergency, transitional, or perma-  
11 nent housing or emergency shelters for home-  
12 less persons and families;

13 (B) to address safety and public health  
14 needs of such persons and families; and

15 (C) for supportive services for such persons  
16 and families; and

17 (2) the effectiveness of the proposed method of  
18 distribution of grant amounts to units of local gov-  
19 ernment and private nonprofit organizations in ad-  
20 dressing such needs.

21 (d) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall require each re-  
22 cipient of a grant under this section to submit a report  
23 to the Secretary, upon the expiration of the 12-month pe-  
24 riod beginning upon the award of such grant, detailing  
25 how grant amounts were used and describing the effect

1 of such use on the level of homelessness in the jurisdiction  
2 of the recipient.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the  
4 following definitions shall apply:

5 (1) CONTINUUM OF CARE.—The term “con-  
6 tinuum of care” means a collaborative applicant es-  
7 tablished and operating for a geographic area for  
8 purposes of the Continuum of Care Program under  
9 subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
10 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.).

11 (2) EMERGENCY HOUSING.—The term “emer-  
12 gency housing” means housing that is provided on  
13 a short-term and temporary basis to address emer-  
14 gency situations. Such term does not include transi-  
15 tional or permanent housing, as such terms are de-  
16 fined in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
17 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).

18 (3) EMERGENCY SHELTER; PRIVATE NON-  
19 PROFIT ORGANIZATION; STATE.—The terms “emer-  
20 gency shelter”, “private nonprofit organization”, and  
21 “State” have the meanings given such terms in sec-  
22 tion 321 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-  
23 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11351).

24 (4) HOMELESS.—The term “homeless” has the  
25 meaning given such term in section 103 of the

1 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42  
2 U.S.C. 11302).

3 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

5 (6) PERMANENT HOUSING; TRANSITIONAL  
6 HOUSING.—The terms “permanent housing” and  
7 “transitional housing” have the meanings given such  
8 term in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Home-  
9 less Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).

10 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
11 authorized to be appropriated for grants under this section  
12 \$750,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

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