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H. R. 4745

To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot grant program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO (for himself, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. SORENSEN, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. COSTA, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. DUARTE, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. BACON, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot grant program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

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 “Delivering for Rural
5 Seniors Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM DE-**
2 **LIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of
4 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by inserting after
5 section 5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 5A. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**
7 **DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this section are—

9 “(1) to award grants for the operation of
10 projects that increase the access of low-income elder-
11 ly persons to commodities through home delivery;
12 and

13 “(2) to evaluate such projects.

14 “(b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award, on
15 a competitive basis, grants to State agencies to carry out
16 the activities described in subsection (e).

17 “(c) MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD.—A grant awarded to
18 a State agency under this section may be in an amount
19 not greater than the lesser of—

20 “(1) the State’s commodity supplemental food
21 program caseload at time of application multiplied
22 by 60; or

23 “(2) \$4,000,000.

24 “(d) APPLICATION.—A State agency seeking a grant
25 under this section shall submit to the Secretary an appli-

1 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing such
2 information as the Secretary may require.

3 “(e) GRANT USES.—A State agency awarded a grant
4 under this section shall distribute grant funds to eligible
5 entities to operate projects that facilitate home delivery
6 of commodities to participants in the commodity supple-
7 mental food program, including with respect to costs asso-
8 ciated with—

9 “(1) transportation and distribution of com-
10 modities to participants in the commodity supple-
11 mental food program, including transportation and
12 distribution services provided by a third party;

13 “(2) staffing required to operate home delivery
14 services; and

15 “(3) outreach to participants or potential par-
16 ticipants in the commodity supplemental food pro-
17 gram with respect to home delivery.

18 “(f) PRIORITY.—A State agency awarded a grant
19 under this section shall prioritize eligible entities that
20 serve participants in the commodity supplemental food
21 program who reside in a rural area.

22 “(g) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—No later than
23 180 days after the end of the fiscal year in which a State
24 agency is awarded a grant under this section and has dis-
25 tributed grant funds to eligible entities, and in each suc-

1 ceeding fiscal year until grant funds are expended, a State
2 agency shall submit a report to the Secretary that in-
3 cludes—

4 “(1) a summary of the activities carried out
5 under the project, including the quantity of commod-
6 ities delivered, number of participants in the com-
7 modity supplemental food program served, and total
8 number of deliveries;

9 “(2) an assessment of the effectiveness of the
10 project, including—

11 “(A) a calculation of the average cost per
12 delivery; and

13 “(B) an evaluation of any services provided
14 by a third party; and

15 “(3) best practices regarding use of home deliv-
16 ery to improve the effectiveness of the commodity
17 supplemental food program.

18 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PRO-
20 GRAM.—The term ‘commodity supplemental food
21 program’ means the program established under sec-
22 tion 4.

23 “(2) CFR TERMS.—The terms ‘local agency’,
24 ‘State agency’, and ‘subdistributing agency’ have the
25 meanings given such terms in section 247.1 of title

1 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
2 tions).

3 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
4 tity’ means—

5 “(A) a local agency; or

6 “(B) a subdistributing agency.

7 “(4) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’ has
8 the meaning given such term in section 343(a) of
9 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
10 (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)).

11 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
13 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026,
14 to remain available until expended.”.

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