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To require the Secretary of Labor to award grants to organizations for the provision of transition assistance to members and former members of the Armed Forces who are separated, retired, or discharged from the Armed Forces, and spouses of such members, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2021

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Helping Unleash Bene-
5 fits and Services for Veterans Act of 2021” or the “HUBS
6 for Veterans Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSITION ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE TO MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS**
3 **OF THE ARMED FORCES AFTER SEPARATION,**
4 **RETIREMENT, OR DISCHARGE.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Commencing not later than 180
6 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Labor shall, in coordination with the Secretary
8 of Veterans Affairs, carry out a program to award grants
9 to eligible organizations for the provision of assistance to
10 covered individuals on the transition of a member or
11 former member of the Armed Forces from service in the
12 Armed Forces to civilian life.

13 (b) **COVERED INDIVIDUALS.**—For purposes of this
14 section, a covered individual is—

15 (1) a member of the Armed Forces who is eligi-
16 ble for preseparation counseling under sections 1142
17 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code;

18 (2) a former member of the Armed Forces who
19 is transitioning from service in the Armed Forces to
20 civilian life; or

21 (3) a spouse of a member described in para-
22 graph (1) or a former member described in para-
23 graph (2).

24 (c) **DURATION OF PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of
25 Labor shall carry out the program during the five-year

1 period beginning on the date of the commencement of the
2 program.

3 (d) GRANTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall
5 carry out the program through the award of grants
6 to eligible organizations for the provision of assist-
7 ance described in subsection (a).

8 (2) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—A grant
9 under this section shall be in an amount that does
10 not exceed 50 percent of the amount required by the
11 organization to provide the services described in sub-
12 section (g).

13 (e) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—For purposes of this
14 section, an eligible organization is any nonprofit organiza-
15 tion that the Secretary of Labor determines, in consulta-
16 tion with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, is suitable for
17 receipt of a grant under the program pursuant to receipt
18 by the Secretary of Labor of an application submitted
19 under subsection (f)(1).

20 (f) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

21 (1) APPLICATIONS.—An organization seeking a
22 grant under the program shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary of Labor an application therefor at such time,
24 in such manner, and containing such information

1 and assurances as the Secretary, in consultation
2 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, may require.

3 (2) PRIORITY FOR HUBS OF SERVICES.—In
4 awarding grants under the program, the Secretary
5 of Labor shall give priority to an organization that
6 provides multiple forms of services described in sub-
7 section (g).

8 (g) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under
9 the program shall use the grant to coordinate for covered
10 individuals the following:

11 (1) Job recruitment training, including résumé
12 assistance and interview training.

13 (2) Behavioral health services.

14 (3) Financial services.

15 (4) Legal assistance.

16 (5) Educational supportive services.

17 (6) Assistance with accessing benefits provided
18 under laws administered by the Secretary of Vet-
19 erans Affairs.

20 (7) Non-clinical case management.

21 (8) Entrepreneurship training.

22 (9) Such other services that may be related to
23 the assistance and services set forth in this sub-
24 section as the Secretary of Labor determines may
25 lead directly to successful transition to civilian life.

1 (h) INCLUSION IN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PRO-
2 GRAM COUNSELING.—The Secretary concerned shall in-
3 clude in the information provided to a member of the
4 Armed Forces during Transition Assistance Program in-
5 formation regarding any recipient of a grant under this
6 section that is located in the community in which that
7 member will reside after separation, retirement, or dis-
8 charge from the Armed Forces.

9 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out
11 this section.

12 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
14 “nonprofit organization” is an organization that is
15 described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
16 enue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation
17 under section 501(a) of such Code.

18 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
19 retary concerned” has the meaning given such term
20 in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.

21 (3) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The
22 term “Transition Assistance Program” means the
23 Transition Assistance Program under sections 1142
24 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

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