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H. R. 3073

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs establish a grant program to provide assistance to veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2009

Mr. NYE (for himself and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was 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. GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO**
4 **VETERANS AT RISK OF BECOMING HOME-**
5 **LESS.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subchapter VII of chapter 20
7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
8 the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 2067. Grant program for homelessness prevention**

2 “(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Subject to the availability of
3 appropriations provided for such purpose, the Secretary
4 shall carry out a program under which the Secretary shall
5 make grants to public entities and private nonprofit orga-
6 nizations to provide assistance for covered veterans in ac-
7 cordance with this section.

8 “(b) ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.—The recipient of a
9 grant under this section shall use the grant to—

10 “(1) make payments to an eligible veteran’s
11 landlord, mortgage company, or utility company for
12 amounts of rent or mortgage that are in arrears, se-
13 curity deposits for rental properties, or utility bills
14 or arrears; and

15 “(2) ensure that at the onset of providing as-
16 sistance for a veteran under paragraph (1), the vet-
17 eran is in receipt of supportive services to further
18 prevent homelessness, which may include job train-
19 ing, mental health and substance abuse treatment,
20 and other services identified by the Secretary to ad-
21 dress the barriers that compromise the veteran’s
22 self-sufficiency and well-being. This would help link
23 the veterans to appropriate services within the VA,
24 as well as other federal resources that are available
25 through DOL and HUD.

1 “(c) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible
2 to receive a grant under this section, a public entity or
3 private nonprofit organization shall submit to the Sec-
4 retary an application containing such information and as-
5 surances as the Secretary may require. Such application
6 shall demonstrate that the entity or organization is capa-
7 ble of providing the assistance described in subsection (b).

8 “(d) DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The recipient of a
9 grant under this section may not provide assistance under
10 subsection (b) to any veteran for a duration of longer than
11 three months.

12 “(e) COVERED VETERANS.—For the purposes of this
13 section, the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who
14 is at risk of becoming homeless (as that term is defined
15 in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
16 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a))), as determined by the
17 Secretary, and who—

18 “(1) is in imminent danger of eviction or fore-
19 closure;

20 “(2) demonstrates a compromised ability to
21 make rental or mortgage payments based on income;
22 and

23 “(3) meets such eligibility criteria as is estab-
24 lished by the recipient of a grant under this section.

1 “(f) RECOVERY OF UNUSED GRANT FUNDS.—(1) If
2 a grant recipient under this section does not provide as-
3 sistance in accordance with this section or ceases to pro-
4 vide the assistance for which the grant was made, the
5 United States shall be entitled to recover from such recipi-
6 ent the total of all unused grant amounts made under this
7 section to such recipient.

8 “(2) Any amount recovered by the United States
9 under paragraph (1) may be obligated by the Secretary
10 without fiscal year limitation to carry out provisions of
11 this subchapter.

12 “(3) An amount may not be recovered under para-
13 graph (1) as an unused grant amount before the end of
14 the three-year period beginning on the date on which the
15 grant is made.

16 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 is authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for each
18 of fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013 to carry out this
19 section.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
22 after the item relating to section 2066 the following new
23 item:

“2067. Grant program for homelessness prevention.”.

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