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# H. R. 6337

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to veterans service organizations for facility and technology improvements, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. D'ESPOSITO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Saving Vet Halls Act  
5 of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANTS FOR**  
2 **VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION FACIL-**  
3 **ITY AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
5 may make grants to eligible veterans service organizations  
6 for the purpose of facility and technology improvements.

7 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A veterans service organization  
8 that receives a grant under this section shall use the grant  
9 for—

10 (1) repairing or rehabilitating a facility of the  
11 veterans service organization; or

12 (2) acquiring or upgrading technology for such  
13 a facility.

14 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
15 under this section, a veterans service organization shall  
16 submit to the Secretary an application that contains—

17 (1) a plan for the repair, rehabilitation, or tech-  
18 nology upgrading and acquisition activities the vet-  
19 erans service organization proposes to carry out  
20 using the grant; and

21 (2) such other information and assurances as  
22 the Secretary may require.

23 (d) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—In selecting recipi-  
24 ents of grant under this section, the Secretary shall take  
25 into consideration—

1           (1) the extent of the need of a veterans service  
2 organization for a grant;

3           (2) the quality of the plan the organization sub-  
4 mitted under subsection (c)(1);

5           (3) the capacity or potential capacity of the or-  
6 ganization to successfully carry out the plan; and

7           (4) such other factors as the Secretary deter-  
8 mines appropriate.

9 (e) LIMITATIONS.—

10           (1) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of a  
11 grant under this section made to any veterans serv-  
12 ice organization for any fiscal year may not exceed  
13 the greater of the following amounts:

14           (A) The amount of the total cost of car-  
15 rying out the plan of the organization sub-  
16 mitted under subsection (c)(1).

17           (B) \$75,000.

18           (2) FREQUENCY.—A veterans service organiza-  
19 tion that receives a grant under this section for a  
20 fiscal year shall be ineligible for any grant under  
21 this section for any of the succeeding five fiscal  
22 years.

23           (3) USE.—A grant under this section may not  
24 be used for the construction or acquisition of a new  
25 facility.

1           (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans  
3 Affairs \$10,000,000 to carry out this section. Amounts  
4 appropriated pursuant to such authorization of appropria-  
5 tion shall remain available until expended without fiscal  
6 year limitation.

7           (g) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.—In this  
8 section, the term “veterans service organization”—

9                   (1) means an organization that is chartered  
10 under part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States  
11 Code; and

12                   (2) includes any local or area chapter, post, or  
13 other unit of such an organization.

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