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# H. R. 2360

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELGADO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Small Business

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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 “Small Business Relief  
5        Accessibility Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7        In this Act:

8                (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-  
9        tion” means the Small Business Administration.

1           (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
2           trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-  
3           ness Administration.

4           (3) COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR SERVICES.—The  
5           term “community navigator services” means the out-  
6           reach, education, and technical assistance provided  
7           by community navigators that target eligible busi-  
8           nesses to increase awareness of, and participation in,  
9           programs of the Small Business Administration.

10          (4) COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR.—The term “com-  
11          munity navigator” means a community organization,  
12          community financial institution as defined in section  
13          7(a)(36)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
14          636(a)(36)(A)), or other private nonprofit organiza-  
15          tion engaged in the delivery of community navigator  
16          services.

17          (5) ELIGIBLE BUSINESS.—The term “eligible  
18          business” means any small business concern, with  
19          priority for small business concerns owned and con-  
20          trolled by women (as defined in section 3(n) of the  
21          Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(n))), small busi-  
22          ness concerns owned and controlled by veterans (as  
23          defined in section 3(q) of such Act (15 U.S.C.  
24          632(q))), and socially and economically disadvan-  
25          tagged small business concerns (as defined in section

1 8(a)(4)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
2 637(a)(4)(A)).

3 (6) PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The  
4 term “private nonprofit organization” means an en-  
5 tity that is described in section 501(c) of the Inter-  
6 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax  
7 under section 501(a) of such Code.

8 (7) RESOURCE PARTNER.—The term “resource  
9 partner” means—

10 (A) a small business development center  
11 (as defined in section 3 of the Small Business  
12 Act (15 U.S.C. 632));

13 (B) a women’s business center (as de-  
14 scribed in section 29 of the Small Business Act  
15 (15 U.S.C. 656)); and

16 (C) a chapter of the Service Corps of Re-  
17 tired Executives (as defined in section  
18 8(b)(1)(B) of the Act (15 U.S.C.  
19 637(b)(1)(B))).

20 (8) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term  
21 “small business concern” has the meaning given  
22 under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 25  
23 U.S.C. 632).

24 (9) STATE.—The term “State” means a State  
25 of the United States, the District of Columbia, the

1 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,  
2 American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the North-  
3 ern Mariana Islands, and Guam, or an agency, in-  
4 strumentality, or fiscal agent thereof.

5 (10) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-  
6 MENT.—The term “unit of general local govern-  
7 ment” means a county, city, town, village, or other  
8 general purpose political subdivision of a State.

9 **SEC. 3. COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PILOT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small  
11 Business Administration shall establish a Community  
12 Navigator pilot program to make grants to, or enter into  
13 contracts or cooperative agreements with, private non-  
14 profit organizations, resource partners, States, Tribes,  
15 and units of local government to ensure the delivery of  
16 free community navigator services to current or prospec-  
17 tive owners of eligible businesses in order to improve ac-  
18 cess to assistance programs and resources made available  
19 because of the COVID–19 pandemic by Federal, State,  
20 Tribal, and local entities.

21 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-  
22 wise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator  
23 for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury  
24 not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to remain  
25 available until expended, for carrying out this section.

1 **SEC. 4. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.**

2 (a) PROMOTION.—The Administrator shall develop  
3 and implement a program to promote community navi-  
4 gator services to current or prospective owners of eligible  
5 businesses.

6 (b) CALL CENTER.—The Administrator shall estab-  
7 lish a telephone hotline to offer information about Federal  
8 programs to assist eligible businesses and offer referral  
9 services to resource partners, community navigators, po-  
10 tential lenders, and other persons that the Administrator  
11 determines appropriate for current or prospective owners  
12 of eligible businesses.

13 (c) OUTREACH.—The Administrator shall—

14 (1) conduct outreach and education, in the 10  
15 most commonly spoken languages in the United  
16 States, to current or prospective owners of eligible  
17 businesses on community navigator services and  
18 other Federal programs to assist eligible businesses;

19 (2) improve the website of the Administration  
20 to describe such community navigator services and  
21 other Federal programs; and

22 (3) implement an education campaign by adver-  
23 tising in media targeted to current or prospective  
24 owners of eligible businesses.

25 (d) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-  
26 wise available, there is appropriated to the Administrator

1 for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury  
2 not otherwise appropriated, \$75,000,000, to remain avail-  
3 able until expended, for carrying out this section.

4 (e) SUNSET.—The authority of the Administrator to  
5 make grants under this Act shall terminate on December  
6 31, 2025.

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