

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6037

To direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish the Emergency Micro-enterprise Recovery Grant Pilot Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 24, 2023

Ms. TOKUDA (for herself and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Micro-enterprise As-
5 sistance and Urgent Investment for Supporting Trade,
6 Recovery Operations, and Neighborhood Growth Act” or
7 the “MAUI STRONG Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY MICRO-ENTERPRISE RECOVERY**
2 **GRANT PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this section, the Administrator
5 of the Small Business Administration shall establish the
6 “Emergency Micro-enterprise Recovery Grant Pilot Pro-
7 gram” to award grants to eligible entities during the cov-
8 ered period.

9 (b) **VERIFICATION.**—To receive a grant under this
10 section, an eligible entity shall submit an application to
11 the Administrator at such time and in such manner as
12 the Administrator may reasonably require that contains
13 a self-certification to verify that the entity which is apply-
14 ing is an eligible entity.

15 (c) **ORDER OF CONSIDERATION.**—The Administrator
16 shall consider an application for a grant under this section
17 in the order in which the application is received.

18 (d) **AMOUNT.**—The amount of a grant provided to
19 an eligible entity under this section may not exceed
20 \$20,000.

21 (e) **USE OF FUNDS.**—An eligible entity receiving a
22 grant under this section shall use the amounts provided
23 under this section to—

24 (1) address any allowable purpose for a loan
25 made under section 7(b)(2) of the Small Business
26 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(2));

- 1 (2) maintain payroll;
- 2 (3) purchase materials or equipment;
- 3 (4) make rent or mortgage payments; or
- 4 (5) pay for obligations that cannot be met due
- 5 to revenue losses.

6 (f) TERMINATION.—The authority to award grants
7 under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2024.

8 (g) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
10 mit to the Committee on Small Business of the House of
11 Representatives and the Committee on Small Business
12 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate a report evaluating
13 the impact of the program.

14 (h) TAX EXEMPTION.—For purposes of the Internal
15 Revenue Code of 1986—

16 (1) any grant made under this section shall not
17 be included in the gross income of the person that
18 receives such grant; and

19 (2) no deduction shall be denied, no tax at-
20 tribute shall be reduced, and no basis increase shall
21 be denied, by reason of the exclusion from gross in-
22 come provided under paragraph (1) of this sub-
23 section.

1 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator
3 \$30,000,000 to carry out this section.

4 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “Administrator” means the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Small Business Administration.

7 (2) The term “covered period” means the pe-
8 riod beginning on August 1, 2023, and ending on
9 December 31, 2024.

10 (3) The term “eligible entity” means an entity
11 operating on or after August 8, 2023, on the island
12 of Maui that—

13 (A) is a private nonprofit organization; or

14 (B) experienced revenue loss between Au-
15 gust 8, 2023, and December 31, 2023, and is—

16 (i) a small agricultural cooperative (as
17 defined in section 3(j) of the Small Busi-
18 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(j)));

19 (ii) a business with not more than 25
20 employees;

21 (iii) any individual who operates
22 under a sole proprietorship or as an inde-
23 pendent contractor; or

24 (iv) any corporation all of the stock of
25 which is owned by an employee stock own-

1 ership plan (as defined in section
2 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code
3 of 1986) with not more than 100 employ-
4 ees.

5 (4) The term “program” means the Emergency
6 Micro-enterprise Recovery Grant Pilot Program.

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