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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to provide grants to certain veteran service organizations affected by the COVID–19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. MORELLE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “VSO Support Act of
5 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM TO**
2 **PROVIDE GRANTS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS**
3 **SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED BY**
4 **COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

5 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs shall carry out a program under which the Sec-
7 retary shall make grants to eligible organizations to offset
8 costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic incurred during
9 the covered 2020 period.

10 (b) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—To be eligible to re-
11 ceive a grant under the program, an organization shall be
12 a veterans service organization that—

13 (1) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, ex-
14 perienced a loss of 50 percent or greater gross rev-
15 enue during the covered 2020 period (compared to
16 the gross revenue collected during the covered 2019
17 period); and

18 (2) submits to the Secretary an application in
19 such form, at such time, and containing such infor-
20 mation as the Secretary determines appropriate, in-
21 cluding—

22 (A) information demonstrating the loss
23 specified in paragraph (1); and

24 (B) a plan for the use of such grant.

25 (c) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—A veterans service
26 organization that receives a grant under this section may

1 only use the grant in accordance with the plan referred
2 to in subsection (b)(2)(B) for the following expenses of
3 the organization:

4 (1) Rent.

5 (2) Utilities.

6 (3) Scheduled mortgage payments.

7 (4) Scheduled debt payments.

8 (5) Other ordinary and necessary business ex-
9 penses, including maintenance costs, administrative
10 costs (including fees and licensing), State and local
11 taxes and fees, operating leases, and insurance pay-
12 ments.

13 (d) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—A grant made to a vet-
14 erans service organization under the program shall be in
15 an amount equal to the aggregate cost of the activities
16 specified in the plan referred to in subsection (b)(2)(B),
17 except that any such grant may not exceed \$50,000.

18 (e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pre-
20 scribe regulations to carry out the grant program.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “covered 2019 period” means the
23 period beginning on April 1, 2019, and ending on
24 December 31, 2019.

1 (2) The term “covered 2020 period” means the
2 period beginning on April 1, 2020, and ending on
3 December 31, 2020.

4 (3) The term “veterans service organization”
5 means an organization that is chartered under part
6 B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, and
7 includes any local or area chapter, post, or other
8 unit.

9 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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