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# H. R. 8074

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Providing for  
5 Unhoused People with Pets Act of 2022” or the “PUPP  
6 Act of 2022”.

1       **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING STRUCTURES**

2           **TO SERVE AS INTERIM AND PERMANENT**  
3           **HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE UNHOUSED IN-**  
4           **DIVIDUALS WITH PETS.**

5       (a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Housing and  
6 Urban Development may carry out a program under this  
7 section to make grants to eligible entities for providing in-  
8 terim and permanent housing that accommodates home-  
9 less persons, and homeless families, who have pets.

10     (b) USE.—Amounts from a grant under this section  
11 may be used only for costs of acquiring, renovating, reha-  
12 bilitating, re-purposing, retrofitting, or constructing a  
13 property to be used as interim or permanent housing that  
14 accommodates homeless persons, and homeless families,  
15 who have pets, and for pet-related costs of operating such  
16 housing as provided in this section.

17     (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Interim or permanent housing  
18 assisted with amounts from a grant under this Act shall  
19 comply with the following requirements:

20           (1) SERVICES.—

21                  (A) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Appropriate  
22                  supportive services, including mental health,  
23                  employment, substance use disorder, and  
24                  wellness services, shall be made available to oc-  
25                  cupants of the housing.

(B) VETERINARY SERVICES.—Basic veterinary care and behavioral support for pets, including spay and neuter, basic wellness examinations, vaccinations, dental care, heartworm treatment and prevention, flea and tick treatment and prevention, and basic medical procedures, shall be made available for pets of occupants of the housing.

21                   (3) COORDINATION.—The manager of the hous-  
22                   ing shall—

23 (A) coordinate with public services and law  
24 enforcement agencies to provide services and

1 safety for the housing, as the Secretary shall  
2 require;

3 (B) coordinate with local veterinary service  
4 and animal care providers to provide care for  
5 pets that accompany occupants of the housing;  
6 and

7 (C) in making occupancy available in the  
8 housing, coordinate with the administrative en-  
9 tity for the Continuum of Care under subtitle  
10 C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
11 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) for  
12 the area in which the housing is located.

13 (d) APPLICATIONS; PLAN.—

14 (1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall provide  
15 for eligible entities to submit applications for grants  
16 under this section and shall require such applica-  
17 tions to include a plan under paragraph (2).

18 (2) PLAN.—A plan under this paragraph  
19 shall—

20 (A) identify existing housing, shelters, or  
21 unused structures or land within the area  
22 served by the eligible entity submitting the ap-  
23 plication that will be used for providing the  
24 housing to be assisted under subsection (b) with  
25 amounts from a grant under this section;

(B) identify the extent of need, in the area of such housing, shelters, structures, or land identified, for interim or permanent housing for homeless persons with pets;

(C) identify partnering veterinary service and animal care providers that will provide care for pets that accompany occupants of the housing and any partnering animal welfare organization;

(D) include such assurances as the Secretary considers necessary to ensure that such housing will be provided using grant amounts, that such housing will accommodate homeless persons, and homeless families, who have pets, and that such housing will comply with the requirements under subsection (c); and

(E) provide for targeted outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness within the area served by the eligible entity receiving a grant under this section to inform such individuals regarding the availability of the housing assisted with grant amounts.

(3) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select applications to be awarded such grants on a competi-

1       tive basis, based on criteria that the Secretary shall  
2       establish.

3           (e) REPORTS.—Each eligible entity that receives a  
4       grant under this section for a fiscal year shall submit a  
5       report to the Secretary, not later than 90 days after the  
6       end of the fiscal year for which the grant was made, that  
7       shall include the following information:

8              (1) A description of the activities undertaken by  
9       the eligible entity using such grant amounts.

10             (2) Identification of the costs of each of the  
11       services provided in connection with the housing as-  
12       sisted with such grant amounts.

13             (3) An assessment of the effectiveness of the  
14       program grants under this section and any rec-  
15       ommendations for improving the program.

16           (f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the  
17       following definitions shall apply:

18              (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

19                  (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible enti-  
20       ty” means—

21                      (i) a unit of general local government;  
22                      (ii) a nonprofit organization; and  
23                      (iii) an entity providing housing or  
24       shelters for homeless persons.

20                             (4) PERMANENT HOUSING.—The term “perma-  
21                             nent housing” has the meaning given such term in  
22                             section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-  
23                             ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360).

(5) PET.—The term “pet” means any domesticated animal that is normally maintained as a companion.

1 companion or pet animal near the owner or person who  
2 cares for the animal, such as a domestic dog (including  
3 a service dog), domestic cat, ferret, gerbil,  
4 mouse, rat, guinea pig, rabbit, or hamster.

5 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
6 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

7 (7) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—  
8 The term “unit of general local government” has the  
9 meaning given such term in the first sentence of  
10 paragraph (1) of section 102(a) of the Housing and  
11 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
12 5302(a)(1)).

13 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
14 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
15 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026.

