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# H. R. 8815

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 title may be cited as the “Grant Assistance and  
5 Technical Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH COORDINATOR.**

7 Section 1707(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 300u–6(d)) is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following:

1 “(5) OUTREACH COORDINATOR.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out sub-  
3 section (b), the Secretary shall establish within  
4 the Office, the position of Outreach Coordi-  
5 nator. The Outreach Coordinator shall be ap-  
6 pointed by the Secretary, and shall report di-  
7 rectly to the Director in the Office of Minority  
8 Health.

9 “(B) DUTIES.—The duties of the Outreach  
10 Coordinator shall consist of assisting commu-  
11 nity-based organizations navigate the applica-  
12 tion for, and any associated conditions on the  
13 receipt of, funding available to nongovernmental  
14 organizations under grant programs adminis-  
15 tered by the Secretary.

16 “(C) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance  
17 under subparagraph (B), the Outreach Coordi-  
18 nator shall give priority to community-based or-  
19 ganizations that—

20 “(i) have had a significant impact on  
21 the community served by the organization  
22 involved, with respect to providing cul-  
23 turally competent and culturally specific  
24 care;

1           “(ii) demonstrate a connection to  
2           marginalized groups in the community  
3           served by the organization involved; and

4           “(iii) have less experience in applying  
5           for an receiving funding described in sub-  
6           paragraph (B).”.

7 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZA-**  
8 **TIONS.**

9           Section 1707(e) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 300u–6(e)) is amended by adding at the end the  
11 following:

12           “(4) ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGA-  
13           NIZATIONS.—The Deputy Assistant Secretary shall  
14           award grants to State and local public health enti-  
15           ties for purposes of—

16           “(A) coordinating with community-based  
17           organizations for the purposes of public health  
18           messaging and assisting in carrying out pro-  
19           grams administered by the Secretary;

20           “(B) hiring and training employees of such  
21           entities;

22           “(C) subgranting funds to community-  
23           based organizations to carry out programs to  
24           promote health priorities in marginalized com-  
25           munities; and

1           “(D) providing technical assistance to such  
2           organizations to meet reporting requirements  
3           under grant programs administered by the Sec-  
4           retary.”.

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