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S. 1447

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma center violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2023

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Bipartisan Solution
5 to Cyclical Violence Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CENTER**
2 **VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND VIOLENCE**
3 **PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 399V–8. GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTING TRAUMA CEN-**
8 **TER VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND VIO-**
9 **LENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED.**—

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall award
12 grants to eligible entities to establish or expand vio-
13 lence intervention or prevention programs for serv-
14 ices and research designed to reduce the incidence of
15 reinjury and reincarceration caused by intentional
16 violent trauma, excluding intimate partner violence.

17 “(2) **FIRST AWARD.**—Not later than 9 months
18 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
19 retary shall make the first award under paragraph
20 (1).

21 “(3) **GRANT DURATION.**—Each grant awarded
22 under paragraph (1) shall be for a period of 3 years.

23 “(4) **GRANT AMOUNT.**—The total amount of
24 each grant awarded under paragraph (1) for the 3-
25 year grant period shall be not less than \$250,000
26 and not more than \$500,000.

1 “(5) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—A grant
2 awarded under paragraph (1) to an eligible entity
3 with an existing program described in paragraph (1)
4 shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any
5 other funds provided to such entity for such pro-
6 gram.

7 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive
8 a grant under subsection (a)(1), an entity shall—

9 “(1) either be—

10 “(A) a State-designated trauma center, or
11 a trauma center verified by the American Col-
12 lege of Surgeons, that conducts or seeks to con-
13 duct a violence intervention or violence preven-
14 tion program; or

15 “(B) a nonprofit entity that conducts or
16 seeks to conduct a program described in sub-
17 paragraph (A) in cooperation with a trauma
18 center described in such subparagraph;

19 “(2) serve a community in which at least 100
20 incidents of intentional violent trauma occur annu-
21 ally; and

22 “(3) submit to the Secretary an application at
23 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
24 formation as the Secretary may require.

25 “(c) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

1 “(1) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In selecting
2 grant recipients under subsection (a)(1), the Sec-
3 retary shall ensure that, collectively, grantees rep-
4 resent a diversity of geographic areas.

5 “(2) PRIORITY.—In selecting grant recipients
6 under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall
7 prioritize applicants that serve one or more commu-
8 nities with high absolute numbers or high rates of
9 intentional violent trauma.

10 “(3) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE
11 AREAS.—

12 “(A) ENCOURAGEMENT.—The Secretary
13 shall encourage entities described in paragraphs
14 (1) and (2) that are located in or serve a health
15 professional shortage area to apply for grants
16 under subsection (a)(1).

17 “(B) DEFINITION.—In subparagraph (A),
18 the term ‘health professional shortage area’
19 means a health professional shortage area des-
20 ignated under section 332.

21 “(d) REPORTS.—

22 “(1) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An entity that re-
24 ceives a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall
25 submit reports on the use of the grant funds to

1 the Secretary, including progress reports, as re-
2 quired by the Secretary. Such reports shall in-
3 clude—

4 “(i) any findings of the program es-
5 tablished, or expanded, by the entity
6 through the grant; and

7 “(ii) if applicable, the manner in
8 which the entity has incorporated such
9 findings in the violence intervention or vio-
10 lence prevention program conducted by
11 such entity.

12 “(B) OPTION FOR JOINT REPORT.—To the
13 extent feasible and appropriate, an entity that
14 receives a grant under subsection (a)(1) may
15 elect to coordinate with one or more other enti-
16 ties that have received such a grant to submit
17 a joint report that meets the requirements of
18 subparagraph (A).

19 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6
20 years after the date of enactment of the Bipartisan
21 Solution to Cyclical Violence Act of 2023, the Sec-
22 retary shall submit to Congress a report—

23 “(A) on any findings resulting from re-
24 ports submitted to the Secretary under para-
25 graph (1);

1 “(B) on best practices developed by the
2 Secretary under subsection (e); and

3 “(C) with recommendations for legislative
4 action relating to intentional violent trauma
5 prevention that the Secretary determines appro-
6 priate.

7 “(e) BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than 6 years after
8 the date of enactment of the Bipartisan Solution to Cycli-
9 cal Violence Act of 2023, the Secretary shall—

10 “(1) develop, and post on a public website of
11 the Department of Health and Human Services, best
12 practices for intentional violent trauma prevention,
13 based on any findings reported to the Secretary
14 under subsection (d)(1); and

15 “(2) disseminate such best practices to stake-
16 holders, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

17 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
18 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
19 priated \$10,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2024
20 through 2027.”.

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