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S. 2183

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for community-based mental health infrastructure improvement.

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 “Community-Based
5 Mental Health Infrastructure Improvements Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INFRASTRUC-**
2 **TURE IMPROVEMENT.**

3 Title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
4 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“PART H—COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH**
7 **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**

8 **“SEC. 560. GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL**
9 **HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.**

10 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may
11 award grants to eligible entities to expend funds for the
12 construction or modernization of facilities used to provide
13 mental health and behavioral health services to individ-
14 uals.

15 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term
16 ‘eligible entity’ means—

17 “(1) a State that is the recipient of a Commu-
18 nity Mental Health Services Block Grant under sub-
19 part I of part B of title XIX and a Substance Abuse
20 Prevention and Treatment Block Grant under sub-
21 part II of such part; or

22 “(2) an Indian tribe or a tribal organization (as
23 such terms are defined in sections 4(b) and 4(c) of
24 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
25 ance Act).

1 “(c) APPLICATION.—A eligible entity desiring a grant
2 under this section shall submit to the Secretary an appli-
3 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing—

4 “(1) a plan for the construction or moderniza-
5 tion of facilities used to provide mental health and
6 behavioral health services to individuals that—

7 “(A) designates a single State or tribal
8 agency as the sole agency for the supervision
9 and administration of the grant;

10 “(B) contains satisfactory evidence that
11 such agency so designated will have the author-
12 ity to carry out the plan;

13 “(C) provides for the designation of an ad-
14 visory council, which shall include representa-
15 tives of nongovernmental organizations or
16 groups, and of the relevant State or tribal agen-
17 cies, that aided in the development of the plan
18 and that will implement and monitor any grant
19 awarded to the eligible entity under this section;

20 “(D) in the case of an eligible entity that
21 is a State, includes a copy of the State plan
22 under section 1912(b) and section 1932(b);

23 “(E)(i) includes a listing of the projects to
24 be funded by the grant; and

1 “(ii) in the case of an eligible entity that
2 is a State, explains how each listed project
3 helps the State in accomplishing its goals and
4 objectives under the Community Mental Health
5 Services Block Grant under subpart I of part B
6 of title XIX and the Substance Abuse Preven-
7 tion and Treatment Block Grant under subpart
8 II of such part;

9 “(F) includes assurances that the facilities
10 will be used for a period of not less than 10
11 years for the provision of community-based
12 mental health or substance abuse services for
13 those who cannot pay for such services, subject
14 to subsection (e); and

15 “(G) in the case of a facility that is not a
16 public facility, includes the name and executive
17 director of the entity who will provide services
18 in the facility; and

19 “(2) with respect to each construction or mod-
20 ernization project described in the application—

21 “(A) a description of the site for the
22 project;

23 “(B) plans and specifications for the
24 project and State or tribal approval for the
25 plans and specifications;

1 “(C) assurance that the title for the site is
2 or will be vested with either the public entity or
3 private nonprofit entity who will provide the
4 services in the facility;

5 “(D) assurance that adequate financial re-
6 sources will be available for the construction or
7 major rehabilitation of the project and for the
8 maintenance and operation of the facility;

9 “(E) estimates of the cost of the project;
10 and

11 “(F) the estimated length of time for com-
12 pletion of the project.

13 “(d) SUBGRANTS BY STATES.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a
15 grant under this section may award a subgrant to
16 a qualified community program (as such term is
17 used in section 1913(b)(1)).

18 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Subgrants awarded pur-
19 suant to paragraph (1) may be used for activities
20 such as—

21 “(A) the construction, expansion, and mod-
22 ernization of facilities used to provide mental
23 and behavioral health services to individuals;

24 “(B) acquiring and leasing facilities and
25 equipment (including paying the costs of amor-

1 tizing the principal of, and paying the interest
2 on, loans for such facilities and equipment) to
3 support or further the operation of the sub-
4 grantee; and

5 “(C) the construction and structural modi-
6 fication (including equipment acquisition) of fa-
7 cilities to permit the integrated delivery of be-
8 havioral health and primary care of specialty
9 medical services to individuals with co-occurring
10 mental illnesses and chronic medical or surgical
11 diseases at a single service site.

12 “(e) REQUEST TO TRANSFER OBLIGATION.—An eli-
13 gible entity that receives a grant under this section may
14 submit a request to the Secretary for permission to trans-
15 fer the 10-year obligation of facility use, as described in
16 subsection (e)(1)(F), to another facility.

17 “(f) AGREEMENT TO FEDERAL SHARE.—As a condi-
18 tion of receipt of a grant under this section, an eligible
19 entity shall agree, with respect to the costs to be incurred
20 by the entity in carrying out the activities for which such
21 grant is awarded, that the entity will make available non-
22 Federal contributions (which may include State or local
23 funds, or funds from the qualified community program)
24 in an amount equal to not less than \$1 for every \$1 of
25 Federal funds provided under the grant.

1 “(g) REPORTING.—

2 “(1) REPORTING BY STATES.—During the 10-
3 year period referred to in subsection (c)(1)(F), the
4 Secretary shall require that a State that receives a
5 grant under this section submit, as part of the re-
6 port of the State required under the Community
7 Mental Health Services Block Grant under subpart
8 I of part B of title XIX and the Substance Abuse
9 Prevention and Treatment Block Grant under sub-
10 part II of such part, a description of the progress
11 on—

12 “(A) the projects carried out pursuant to
13 the grant under this section; and

14 “(B) the assurances that the facilities in-
15 volved continue to be used for the purpose for
16 which they were funded under such grant dur-
17 ing such 10-year period.

18 “(2) REPORTING BY INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIB-
19 AL ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish
20 reporting requirements for Indian tribes and tribal
21 organizations that receive a grant under this section.
22 Such reporting requirements shall include that such
23 Indian tribe or tribal organization provide a descrip-
24 tion of the progress on—

1 “(A) the projects carried out pursuant to
2 the grant under this section; and

3 “(B) the assurances that the facilities in-
4 volved continue to be used for the purpose for
5 which they were funded under such grant dur-
6 ing the 10-year period referred to in subsection
7 (c)(1)(F).

8 “(h) FAILURE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If an eligible entity that re-
10 ceives a grant under this section fails to meet any
11 of the obligations of the entity required under this
12 section, the Secretary shall take appropriate steps,
13 which may include—

14 “(A) requiring that the entity return the
15 unused portion of the funds awarded under this
16 section for the projects that are incomplete; and

17 “(B) extending the length of time that the
18 entity must ensure that the facility involved is
19 used for the purposes for which it is intended,
20 as described in subsection (c)(1)(F).

21 “(2) HEARING.—Prior to requesting the return
22 of the funds under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary
23 shall provide the entity notice and opportunity for a
24 hearing.

1 “(i) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary may establish
2 intergovernmental and interdepartmental memorandums
3 of agreement as necessary to carry out this section.

4 “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may
7 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.”.

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