AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of title I, add the following new subtitle:

Subtitle G—Regional and Local Lifeline Call Center Program

SEC. 151. REGIONAL AND LOCAL LIFELINE CALL CENTER PROGRAM.

Part B of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 520E–4 (42 U.S.C. 290bb-36d) the following:

“SEC. 520E–5. REGIONAL AND LOCAL LIFELINE CALL CENTER PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to crisis call centers to—

“(1) purchase or upgrade call center technology;

“(2) provide for training of call center staff;

“(3) improve call center operations; and

“(4) hiring of call center staff.

“(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘crisis call center’ means a regional clinically managed crisis call center that—
“(1) provides telephonic crisis intervention capabilities; and

“(2) meets National Suicide Prevention Lifeline operational guidelines regarding suicide risk assessment and engagement.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $441,000,000 for fiscal year 2023, to remain available until expended.”