

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CROW OF COLORADO**

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VI the following:

1 **SEC. 6\_\_\_. GRANT PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING STRUC-**  
2 **TURES TO SERVE AS INTERIM AND PERMA-**  
3 **NENT HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE**  
4 **UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS WITH PETS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Agriculture, act-  
6 ing in direct consultation with the Secretary of Housing  
7 and Urban Development, may carry out a program under  
8 this section to make grants to eligible entities for pro-  
9 viding interim and permanent housing that accommodates  
10 homeless persons, and homeless families, who have pets.

11 (b) **USE.**—Amounts from a grant under this section  
12 may be used only for—

13 (1) costs of acquiring, renovating, rehabili-  
14 tating, re-purposing, retrofitting, or constructing a  
15 property to be used as interim or permanent housing  
16 that accommodates homeless persons, and homeless  
17 families, who have pets;

18 (2) pet-related costs of operating such housing  
19 as provided in this section; and

1           (3) costs of training staff and volunteers associ-  
2           ated with such housing in basic pet care, including  
3           nutrition, behavioral training, and health mainte-  
4           nance.

5           (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Interim or permanent housing  
6           assisted with amounts from a grant under this section  
7           shall comply with the following requirements:

8           (1) SERVICES.—

9                   (A) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Appropriate  
10                  supportive services, including mental health,  
11                  employment, substance use disorder, and  
12                  wellness services, shall be made available to oc-  
13                  cupants of the housing.

14                  (B) VETERINARY SERVICES.—Basic veteri-  
15                  nary care and behavioral support for pets, in-  
16                  cluding spay and neuter, basic wellness exami-  
17                  nations, vaccinations, dental care, heartworm  
18                  treatment and prevention, flea and tick treat-  
19                  ment and prevention, and basic medical proce-  
20                  dures, shall be made available for pets of occu-  
21                  pants of the housing.

22                  (C) LOCATION.—Services required under  
23                  this paragraph shall be made available on-site  
24                  in such housing, except that services that can-  
25                  not be furnished on-site may be made available

1 off-site, but only if direct linkage to transpor-  
2 tation services is made available to occupants to  
3 access such services.

4 (2) ANIMAL HOUSING.—The housing shall pro-  
5 vide accommodations for pets of occupants of the  
6 housing that are appropriate for the layout and type  
7 of the interim or permanent housing, which may in-  
8 clude crates and kennels.

9 (3) COORDINATION.—The manager of the hous-  
10 ing shall—

11 (A) coordinate with public services and  
12 such agencies as the Secretary determines ap-  
13 propriate to provide services and safety for the  
14 housing, as the Secretary shall require;

15 (B) coordinate with local veterinary service  
16 and animal care providers to provide care for  
17 pets that accompany occupants of the housing;  
18 and

19 (C) in making occupancy available in the  
20 housing, coordinate with the administrative en-  
21 tity for the Continuum of Care under subtitle  
22 C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
23 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) for  
24 the area in which the housing is located.

25 (d) APPLICATIONS; PLAN.—

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

5           (2) PLAN.—A plan under this paragraph  
6           shall—

7                   (A) identify existing housing, shelters, or  
8                   unused structures or land within the area  
9                   served by the eligible entity submitting the ap-  
10                  plication that will be used for providing the  
11                  housing to be assisted under subsection (b) with  
12                  amounts from a grant under this section;

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

17                   (C) identify partnering veterinary service  
18                   and animal care providers that will provide care  
19                   for pets that accompany occupants of the hous-  
20                   ing and any partnering animal welfare organi-  
21                   zation;

22                   (D) include such assurances as the Sec-  
23                   retary considers necessary to ensure that such  
24                   housing will be provided using grant amounts,  
25                   that such housing will accommodate homeless

1 persons, and homeless families, who have pets,  
2 and that such housing will comply with the re-  
3 quirements under subsection (c); and

4 (E) provide for targeted outreach to indi-  
5 viduals experiencing homelessness within the  
6 area served by the eligible entity receiving a  
7 grant under this section to inform such individ-  
8 uals regarding the availability of the housing  
9 assisted with grant amounts.

10 (3) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select ap-  
11 plications to be awarded such grants on a competi-  
12 tive basis, based on criteria that the Secretary shall  
13 establish.

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

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

21 (2) Identification of the costs of each of the  
22 services provided in connection with the housing as-  
23 sisted with such grant amounts.

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

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

6           (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

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

9                     (i) a unit of general local government;

10                    (ii) a nonprofit organization; and

11                    (iii) an entity providing housing or  
12                    shelters for homeless persons.

13           (B) LIMITATION.—Such term does not in-  
14           clude an animal wellness or welfare organiza-  
15           tion or an animal shelter, except that this sub-  
16           paragraph may not be construed to prevent any  
17           such organization or shelter from partnering  
18           with an eligible entity to provide interim or per-  
19           manent housing assisted with amounts from a  
20           grant under this section.

21           (2) HOMELESS.—The term “homeless” has the  
22           meaning given such term in section 103 of the  
23           McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42  
24           U.S.C. 11302).

1           (3) INTERIM HOUSING.—The term “interim  
2           housing” means any housing or shelter that does not  
3           provide permanent housing. Such term includes  
4           transitional housing (as such term is defined in such  
5           section 401) and emergency shelters (as such term  
6           is defined in section 321 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
7           13351)).

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

12          (5) PET.—The term “pet” means any domes-  
13          ticated animal that is normally maintained as a com-  
14          panion or pet animal near the owner or person who  
15          cares for the animal, such as a domestic dog (includ-  
16          ing a service dog), domestic cat, ferret, gerbil,  
17          mouse, rat, guinea pig, rabbit, hamster, or bird.

18          (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
19          the Secretary of Agriculture.

20          (7) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—  
21          The term “unit of general local government” has the  
22          meaning given such term in the first sentence of  
23          paragraph (1) of section 102(a) of the Housing and  
24          Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
25          5302(a)(1)).

1 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
3 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

