

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GARBARINO OF NEW YORK**

At the end of title LI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 51\_\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PRO-**  
2 **GRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR CERTAIN**  
3 **VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AF-**  
4 **FECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

5 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs shall carry out a program under which the Sec-  
7 retary shall make grants to eligible organizations to offset  
8 costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic incurred during  
9 the covered 2020 period.

10 (b) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—To be eligible to re-  
11 ceive a grant under the program, an organization shall be  
12 a veterans service organization that—

13 (1) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, ex-  
14 perience a loss of 50 percent or greater gross rev-  
15 enue during the covered 2020 period (compared to  
16 the gross revenue collected during the covered 2019  
17 period); and

1           (2) submits to the Secretary an application in  
2           such form, at such time, and containing such infor-  
3           mation as the Secretary determines appropriate, in-  
4           cluding—

5                   (A) information demonstrating the loss  
6                   specified in paragraph (1); and

7                   (B) a plan for the use of such grant.

8           (c) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—A veterans service  
9           organization that receives a grant under this section may  
10          only use the grant in accordance with the plan referred  
11          to in subsection (b)(2)(B) for the following expenses of  
12          the organization:

13                   (1) Rent.

14                   (2) Utilities.

15                   (3) Scheduled mortgage payments.

16                   (4) Scheduled debt payments.

17                   (5) Other ordinary and necessary business ex-  
18          penses, including maintenance costs, administrative  
19          costs (including fees and licensing), State and local  
20          taxes and fees, operating leases, and insurance pay-  
21          ments.

22          (d) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—A grant made to a vet-  
23          erans service organization under the program shall be in  
24          an amount equal to the aggregate cost of the activities

1 specified in the plan referred to in subsection (b)(2)(B),  
2 except that any such grant may not exceed \$50,000.

3 (e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pre-  
5 scribe regulations to carry out the grant program.

6 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “covered 2019 period” means the  
8 period beginning on April 1, 2019, and ending on  
9 December 31, 2019.

10 (2) The term “covered 2020 period” means the  
11 period beginning on April 1, 2020, and ending on  
12 December 31, 2020.

13 (3) The term “veterans service organization”  
14 means an organization that is chartered under part  
15 B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, and  
16 includes any local or area chapter, post, or other  
17 unit.

18 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
20 \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

