

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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In subtitle C of title XVII, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PRO-**
2 **GRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR CERTAIN**
3 **VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AF-**
4 **FECTED BY 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.

