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Add at the end of subtitle A of title VII the following new section:

SEC. _____ EXPANSION OF WOUNDED WARRIOR SERVICE DOG PROGRAM.


(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

“(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program, the Secretary of Defense shall award grants on a competitive basis directly to eligible entities in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall
be a nonprofit organization, the primary function of which is raising, training, and furnishing assistance dogs.

“(3) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring a grant under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as such Secretary determines appropriate.

“(4) CONSIDERATION FOR GRANT AMOUNT.—In determining the amount of a grant awarded under this subsection, such Secretary shall consider—

“(A) the merits of the application submitted pursuant to paragraph (3);

“(B) whether, and to what extent, there is demand by covered members or covered veterans for assistance dogs provided by the eligible entity desiring such grant; and

“(C) the capacity and capability of such eligible entity to raise and train assistance dogs to meet such demand.

“(5) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity awarded a grant under this subsection shall use such grant to plan, design, establish, or operate a pro-
gram to furnish assistance dogs to covered members
and covered veterans, or any combination thereof.

“(6) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNT.—The
amount of a grant awarded under this subsection
may not exceed $2,000,000.”.