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At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title XVIII, insert the following:

SEC. 18. GRANTS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AFTER SEPARATION, RETIREMENT, OR DISCHARGE.

(a) In General.—Commencing not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, carry out a program to award grants to eligible entities for the provision of assistance to covered individuals on the transition of a member or former member of the Armed Forces from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life.

(b) Covered Individuals.—For purposes of this section, a covered individual is—

(1) a member of the Armed Forces who is eligible for preseparation counseling under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code;
(2) a former member of the Armed Forces who is transitioning from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life; or

(3) a spouse of a member described in paragraph (1) or a former member described in paragraph (2).

(e) DURATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out the program during the five-year period beginning on the date of the commencement of the program.

(d) GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out the program through the award of grants to eligible entities for the provision of assistance described in subsection (a).

(2) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—A grant under this section shall be in an amount that does not exceed 50 percent of the amount required by the eligible entity to provide the services described in subsection (f).

(e) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

(1) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity seeking a grant under the program shall submit to the Secretary of Labor an application therefor at such time, in such manner, and containing such information
and assurances as the Secretary, in consultation
with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, may require.

(2) PRIORITY FOR HUBS OF SERVICES.—In
awarding grants under the program, the Secretary
of Labor shall give priority to an entity that pro-
vides multiple forms of services described in sub-
section (f).

(f) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under
the program shall use the grant to coordinate for covered
individuals the following:

(1) Career and training services, including the
 provision of such services available through a work-
force development system.

(2) Mental health services.

(3) Legal assistance.

(4) Supportive services.

(5) Assistance with accessing benefits provided
under laws administered by the Secretary of Vet-
 erans Affairs.

(6) Non-clinical case management.

(7) Entrepreneurship training.

(8) Such other services that may be related to
the assistance and services set forth in this sub-
section as the Secretary of Labor determines may
lead directly to successful transition to civilian life.
(g) Inclusion in Transition Assistance Program Counseling.—The Secretary concerned shall include in the information provided to a member of the Armed Forces during Transition Assistance Program information regarding any recipient of a grant under this section that is located in the community in which that member will reside after separation, retirement, or discharge from the Armed Forces.

(h) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated $10,000,000 to carry out this section.

(i) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) The term “eligible entity” means any nonprofit organization (including a veterans service organization), State board, or local board, that the Secretary of Labor determines, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, is suitable for receipt of a grant under the program pursuant to receipt by the Secretary of Labor of an application submitted under subsection (e)(1).

(2) The term “nonprofit organization” means an organization that is described in section 501(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.
(3) The term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.

(4) The terms “training services” and “workforce development system” have the meaning given such terms in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

(5) The term “Transition Assistance Program” means the Transition Assistance Program under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.