AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MS. NEWMAN OF ILLINOIS

At the end of title LX, add the following section:

1 SEC. _____ DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WORKFORCE GRANT

PROGRAM.

(a) Program.—

(1) Establishment.—Subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of Economic Impact, Diversity, and Employment, shall establish and carry out a program to provide grants to eligible entities to pay the eligible wages of, or eligible stipends for, individuals during the time period that such individuals are receiving training to work for an eligible business.

(2) Guidelines.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with eligible businesses, shall establish guidelines that identify—

(A) criteria for wages and stipends to meet to be eligible for purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1); and
(B) training that is eligible for purposes of
the program established pursuant to paragraph
(1).

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—For purposes of this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE BUSINESS.—The term “eligible
business” means a business that provides services
related to—

(A) renewable electric energy generation,
including solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower,
and other renewable electric energy generation
technologies;

(B) energy efficiency, including energy-efficient
lighting, heating, ventilation, and air condition-
ing, air source heat pumps, advanced
building materials, insulation and air sealing,
and other high-efficiency products and services,
including auditing and inspection, architecture,
design, and construction of new energy efficient
buildings and building energy retrofits;

(C) grid modernization or energy storage,
including smart grid, microgrid and other dis-
tributed energy solutions, demand response
management, and home energy management
technology;
(D) advanced fossil energy technology, including—

(i) advanced resource development;

(ii) carbon capture, storage, and use;

(iii) low-carbon power systems;

(iv) efficiency improvements that substanti-

ally reduce emissions; and

(v) direct air capture;

(E) nuclear energy, including research, de-

velopment, demonstration, and commercial ap-

plication relating to nuclear energy;

(F) cybersecurity for the energy sector, in-

cluding infrastructure, emergency planning, co-

ordination, response, and restoration;

(G) alternative fuels, including biofuel and

bioproduct development and production;

(H) advanced automotive technology, in-

cluding electric vehicle batteries, connectivity

and automation, and advanced combustion en-

gines; or

(I) fuel cell and hybrid fuel cell generation.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-

ty” means—

(A) an eligible business; or
(B) a labor organization, nonprofit organization, or qualified youth or conservation corps, that provides training to individuals to work for an eligible business, or works on behalf of any such eligible business.

(3) ELIGIBLE STIPEND.—The term “eligible stipend” means a stipend that meets the criteria identified pursuant to the guidelines established under subsection (a)(2).

(4) ELIGIBLE WAGES.—The term “eligible wages” means wages that meet the criteria identified pursuant to the guidelines established under subsection (a)(2).

(e) USE OF GRANTS.—

(1) ELIGIBLE WAGES.—An eligible business with—

(A) 20 or fewer employees may use a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) to pay up to—

(i) 45 percent of an employee’s eligible wages for the duration of the applicable training for such employee, if the training is provided by the eligible business; and

(ii) 90 percent of an employee’s eligible wages for the duration of the applicable
training for such employee, if the training is provided by an entity other than the eligible business;

(B) 21 to 99 employees may use a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) to pay up to—

(i) 37.5 percent of an employee’s eligible wages for the duration of the applicable training for such employee, if the training is provided by the eligible business; and

(ii) 75 percent of an employee’s eligible wages for the duration of the applicable training for such employee, if the training is provided by an entity other than the eligible business; and

(C) 100 employees or more may use a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) to pay up to—

(i) 25 percent of an employee’s eligible wages for the duration of the applicable training for such employee, if the training is provided by the eligible business; and

(ii) 50 percent of an employee’s eligible wages for the duration of the applicable training for such employee, if the training
is provided by an entity other than the eligible business.

(2) STIPEND.—An eligible entity may use a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) to pay up to 100 percent of an eligible stipend for an individual for the duration of the applicable training for such individual.

(d) PRIORITY FOR TARGETED COMMUNITIES.—In providing grants under the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give priority to an eligible entity that—

(1) recruits or trains individuals who are—

(A) from the community that the eligible entity serves; and

(B)(i) from underrepresented communities; or

(ii) unemployed energy workers; and

(2) will provide individuals receiving training with the opportunity to obtain or retain employment at an eligible business.

(e) LIMIT.—An eligible entity may not receive more than $100,000 under the program established under subsection (a) per fiscal year.

(f) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress, annually for each year the program established
under subsection (a) is carried out, a report on such program, including—

(1) an assessment of such program for the previous year, including the number of jobs filled by individuals trained pursuant to such program; and

(2) recommendations on how to improve such program.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $70,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) LABOR ORGANIZATION.—The term “labor organization” has the meaning given such term in section 2 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 152).

(2) QUALIFIED YOUTH OR CONSERVATION CORPS.—The term “qualified youth or conservation corps” has the meaning given such term in section 203(11) of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1722(11)).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(4) UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES.—The term “underrepresented communities” includes religious and ethnic minorities, women, veterans, indi-
individuals with disabilities, individuals who are
socioeconomically disadvantaged, individuals who are
or were foster children, and formerly incarcerated
individuals.