

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-3
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Page 51, insert after line 18 the following:

1 **SEC. 206. LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER**
2 **SPECIFIC SERVICES PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General, acting
4 through the Director of the Violence Against Women Of-
5 fice, shall make grants to eligible entities to enhance
6 LGBTQ+ specific services for victims of domestic vio-
7 lence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

8 (b) PURPOSE OF PROGRAM AND GRANTS .—

9 (1) GENERAL PROGRAM PURPOSE.—.— The
10 purpose of the program required by this section is
11 to promote the following:

12 (A) The maintenance and replication of ex-
13 isting successful LGBTQ+ specific domestic vi-
14 olence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
15 stalking community-based programs providing
16 services and resources for LGBTQ+ victims of
17 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
18 sault, and stalking.

19 (B) The development of innovative
20 LGBTQ+ specific strategies and projects to en-

1 hance access to services and resources for
2 LGBTQ+ victims of domestic violence, dating
3 violence, sexual assault, and stalking who face
4 obstacles to using more traditional services and
5 resources.

6 (2) PURPOSES FOR WHICH GRANTS MAY BE
7 USED.—The Director shall make grants to commu-
8 nity-based programs for the purpose of enhancing
9 LGBTQ+ specific services for victims of domestic
10 violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
11 ing. Grants under the program shall support com-
12 munity-based efforts to address distinctive
13 LGBTQ+ specific responses to domestic violence,
14 dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, includ-
15 ing—

16 (A) providing or enhancing services for
17 LGBTQ+ victims of domestic violence, dating
18 violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including
19 services that address the safety, emotional well-
20 being, economic, housing, legal and workplace
21 needs of LGBTQ+ victims;

22 (B) supporting programs that specifically
23 address underserved LGBTQ+ communities,
24 including culturally specific communities, to
25 provide specific resources and support for

1 LGBTQ+ underserved victims of domestic vio-
2 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
3 ing;

4 (C) working in cooperation with the com-
5 munity to develop education and prevention
6 strategies highlighting LGBTQ+ specific issues
7 and resources regarding victims of domestic vio-
8 lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
9 ing;

10 (D) conducting outreach activities to en-
11 sure that LGBTQ+ people who are victims of
12 domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or
13 sexual assault receive appropriate assistance;

14 (E) providing training for victim service
15 organizations, governmental agencies, courts,
16 law enforcement and other first responders, and
17 nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serv-
18 ing the LGBT community about risk reduction,
19 intervention, prevention and the nature of do-
20 mestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and
21 sexual assault for LGBTQ+ individuals;

22 (F) developing and implementing
23 LGBTQ+ specific programming that incor-
24 porates alternative justice responses that are fo-
25 cused on victim autonomy, agency and safety in

1 order to provide resolution and restitution for
2 the victim; and

3 (G) providing LGBTQ+ specific programs
4 for LGBTQ+ parents of children exposed to
5 domestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
6 sault, and stalking; (H) examining the dynam-
7 ics of anti-LGBTQ+ bias and its impact on vic-
8 timization and healing.

9 (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.—

10 The Director shall provide technical assistance and
11 training to grantees of this and other programs
12 under this Act regarding the development and provi-
13 sion of effective LGBTQ+ specific community-based
14 services by entering into cooperative agreements or
15 contracts with an organization or organizations hav-
16 ing a demonstrated expertise in and whose primary
17 purpose is addressing the development and provision
18 of LGBTQ+ specific community-based services to
19 victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual
20 assault, and stalking.

21 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Eligible entities for grants
22 under this section include—

23 (1) community-based programs, the primary
24 purpose of which is providing LGBTQ+ specific

1 services to victims of domestic violence, dating vio-
2 lence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

3 (2) community-based programs, the primary
4 purpose of which is providing LGBTQ+ specific
5 services that can partner with a program having
6 demonstrated expertise in serving victims of domes-
7 tic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
8 stalking, and that agrees to receive technical assist-
9 ance from a program with LGBTQ+ specific exper-
10 tise.

11 (d) REPORTING.—The Director shall issue a biennial
12 report on the distribution of funding under this section,
13 the progress made in replicating and supporting increased
14 services to LGBTQ+ victims of domestic violence, dating
15 violence, sexual assault, and stalking and the types of
16 LGBTQ+ specific programs, strategies, technical assist-
17 ance, and training developed or enhanced through this
18 program.

19 (e) GRANT PERIOD.—The Director shall award
20 grants for a 2-year period, with a possible extension of
21 another 2 years to implement projects under the grant.

22 (f) EVALUATION.—The Director shall award a con-
23 tract or cooperative agreement to evaluate programs under
24 this section to an entity with the demonstrated expertise
25 in and primary goal of providing enhanced access to serv-

1 ices and resources for victims of domestic violence, dating
2 violence, sexual assault, and stalking who face obstacles
3 to using more traditional services and resources.

4 (g) NON-EXCLUSIVITY.—Nothing in this section shall
5 be construed to exclude LGBTQ+ community-based pro-
6 grams from applying to other grant programs authorized
7 under this Act.

8 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Two percent the amounts
10 appropriated to carry out a covered grant program
11 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026, shall be
12 made available for grants under this section.

13 (2) COVERED GRANT PROGRAM.—In this sec-
14 tion, the term “covered grant program” means any
15 of the following: —

16 (A) Section 2101 of the Omnibus Crime
17 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34
18 U.S.C. 10461).

19 (B) Section 1301 of the Violence Against
20 Women Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. 12464).

21 (3) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—In addition to the
22 funds described in paragraph (1), there is authorized
23 to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through

- 1 2026. Funds appropriated under this paragraph
- 2 shall remain available until expended.

