

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6448
OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA

Page 12, after line 21, insert the following :

SEC.3.AUTHORIZATION OF THE PREVENTING
VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
AND ENSURING OFFICER RESILIENCE AND
SURVIVABILITY (VALOR) INITIATIVE

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized a grant program to improve the immediate and long-term safety, wellness, and resilience of our Nation’s law enforcement officers, first responders; and public safety telecommunicators.

(b) Authority.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Department of Justice shall make a grant to an eligible applicant.

(c) Eligible Activities.—Amounts from a grant made under this section may be used for programs to deliver no-cost training (professional education), conduct research, develop and provide resources, and establish partnerships that benefit covered individuals including —

(1) a stipend to be used for graduate education in the area of mental health, public health, or social work in an amount not greater than the lesser of—

(A) \$10,000; or

(B) the amount the covered individual has paid towards such education; or

(2) providing access for covered individuals to evidence-based mental health services, treatments, and therapies.

(d) Authorization of appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(e) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—The term “eligible APPLICANT” means— City or township governments, County governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Special district governments, any State governments of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL(S). — The term “covered individual” includes a law enforcement officer, first responder, or public safety telecommunicator.

