

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___ . COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO VETERANS SERVICE**
2 **ORGANIZATIONS FOR FACILITY REHABILITA-**
3 **TION AND MODERNIZATION.**

4 (a) GRANTS.—Section 107 of the Housing and Com-
5 munity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5307) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(g) COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO VETERANS SERVICE
9 ORGANIZATIONS FOR FACILITY REHABILITATION AND
10 UPGRADING TECHNOLOGY.—

11 “(1) AUTHORITY; ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND
12 USES.—Using the amounts made available under
13 section 106(a)(4) in each fiscal year for grants
14 under this subsection, the Secretary shall make
15 grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible veterans
16 service organizations, which grant amounts shall be
17 available for use only for—

1 “(A) repairs or rehabilitation of existing
2 facilities of such organizations; and

3 “(B) modernization of technologies used by
4 such organizations.

5 “(2) ELIGIBLE VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZA-
6 TIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the term
7 ‘eligible veterans service organization’ means—

8 “(A) an entity that—

9 “(i) is organized on a local or area
10 basis; and

11 “(ii) is—

12 “(I) exempt from taxation pursu-
13 ant to section 501(c)(19) of the Inter-
14 nal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
15 501(c)(19)); or

16 “(II) an organization of past or
17 present members of the Armed Forces
18 of the United States that is chartered
19 under title 36, United States Code;
20 and

21 “(B) a local or area chapter, post, or other
22 unit of a national, regional, statewide, or other
23 larger entity of which local or area chapters,
24 posts, or units are members—

1 “(i) that is exempt from taxation pur-
2 suant to section 501(c)(19) of the Internal
3 Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
4 501(c)(19)); or

5 “(ii) which larger entity is an organi-
6 zation of past or present members of the
7 Armed Forces of the United States that is
8 chartered under title 36, United States
9 Code.

10 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(A) AMOUNT.—No eligible veterans serv-
12 ice organization may receive grant amounts
13 under this subsection, from the amounts made
14 available for any single fiscal year, in an
15 amount exceeding the lesser of—

16 “(i) the aggregate cost of the pro-
17 posed activities and uses under paragraph
18 (1) for which the grant amounts will be
19 used; or

20 “(ii) \$100,000.

21 “(B) TIMING.—Any eligible veterans serv-
22 ice organization that receives grant amounts
23 under this subsection from amounts made avail-
24 able for a fiscal year shall be ineligible for any
25 grant from any amounts made available for

1 such grants for any of the succeeding three fis-
2 cal years.

3 “(4) APPLICATIONS.—Applications for assist-
4 ance under this subsection may be submitted only by
5 eligible veterans service organizations, and shall be
6 in such form and in accordance with such proce-
7 dures as the Secretary shall establish. Such applica-
8 tions shall include a plan for the proposed repair or
9 rehabilitation activities to be conducted using grant
10 amounts under this subsection.

11 “(5) SELECTION; CRITERIA.—The Secretary
12 shall select applications to receive grants under this
13 subsection pursuant to a competition and based on
14 criteria for such selection, which shall include—

15 “(A) the extent of need for such assist-
16 ance;

17 “(B) the quality of the plan proposed for
18 repair or rehabilitation of the facility involved;

19 “(C) the capacity or potential capacity of
20 the applicant to successfully carry out the plan;
21 and

22 “(D) such other factors as the Secretary
23 determines to be appropriate.

24 “(6) PROHIBITION OF CONSTRUCTION OR AC-
25 QUISITION.—No amounts from a grant under this

1 subsection may be used for the construction or ac-
2 quisition of a new facility.”.

3 (b) FUNDING.—Subsection (a) of section 106 of the
4 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42
5 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and (3)” and
7 inserting “(3), and (4)”;

8 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
9 graph (5); and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(4) For each fiscal year, after reserving
13 amounts under paragraphs (1) and (2) and allo-
14 cating amounts under paragraph (3), the Secretary
15 shall allocate \$10,000,000 (subject to sufficient
16 amounts remaining after such reservations and allo-
17 cation) for grants under section 107(g).”.

18 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Housing and
19 Urban Development shall issue any regulations necessary
20 to carry out sections 106(a)(4) and 107(g) of the Housing
21 and Community Development Act of 1974, as added by
22 the amendments made by this section, not later than the
23 expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of
24 the enactment of this section.

