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To reauthorize and improve the 21st Century Cures opioid grant program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. BALDWIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To reauthorize and improve the 21st Century Cures opioid grant program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Opioid Response En-
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPIOID GRANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1003 of the 21st Century
8 Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee-3 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by adding at the
11 end the following:

1 “(iii) For each of fiscal years 2019
2 through 2023, \$2,000,000,000.”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (3)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (I) by striking “2017 and 2018”
6 and inserting “2019 through 2023”;
7 and

8 (II) by inserting after “para-
9 graph (2)(A),” the following: “and in
10 each of the fiscal years 2019 through
11 2023, there is authorized to be appro-
12 priated from the Account to the Sec-
13 retary, for the grant program de-
14 scribed in subsection (c)(3),
15 \$200,000,000,”; and

16 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
17 “2017 and 2018” and inserting “2019
18 through 2023”;

19 (2) in subsection (c)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) by inserting “and Tribal entities”
22 after “grants to States”;

23 (ii) by inserting “and Tribal entities”
24 after “preference to States”; and

1 (iii) by inserting “or Tribal entities”
2 before the period at the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (2)—

4 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
5 graph (A)—

6 (I) by inserting “, including ac-
7 tivities supported by community-based
8 organizations and counties,” after
9 “carrying out activities”; and

10 (II) by striking “to a State”;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
12 “or Tribal entity” after “State” each place
13 that such term appears; and

14 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(F) In addition to carrying out activities
17 related to addressing the opioid epidemic, a
18 State or Tribal entity may use grants awarded
19 under this section for carrying out public-health
20 activities related to addressing other substance
21 abuse, as determined appropriate and as deter-
22 mined to be a substantial or similar public
23 health threat as the opioid epidemic by the
24 State or Tribal entity.”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(3) TARGETED RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT
2 GRANTS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the avail-
4 ability of appropriations, the Secretary shall use
5 50 percent of the amount transferred under
6 subsection (b)(2)(A)(iii) in each fiscal year to
7 award supplemental funding grants to at least
8 10 States and Tribal entities, to expand and en-
9 hance grant activities required under this sub-
10 section. In awarding such grants, the Secretary
11 shall give preference to areas of greatest need,
12 including as indicated by higher mortality rates
13 associated with opioid overdoses.

14 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded to
15 a State or Tribal entity under this paragraph
16 shall be used for carrying out activities to sup-
17 plement activities otherwise carried out under
18 this subsection to expand and enhance preven-
19 tion, treatment, and recovery support efforts in
20 States and Tribal entities hardest hit by the
21 opioid epidemic, which may include public
22 health-related activities such as the following:

23 “(i) Expansion of evidence-based
24 strategies for the provision of prevention,

1 treatment, and recovery support services
2 for individuals with opioid use disorders.

3 “(ii) Expansion and enhancement of
4 integrated systems of care, including the
5 co-location of services to address the pri-
6 mary and behavioral healthcare needs of
7 individuals with opioid use disorders.

8 “(iii) Expansion of efforts to dis-
9 tribute overdose reversal drugs and edu-
10 cate first responders and other relevant
11 community members on the use of such
12 drugs to prevent overdose-related deaths.

13 “(iv) Expansion of any activity au-
14 thorized under the State or Tribal entity
15 grant under paragraph (1) to address the
16 State’s or Tribal entity’s specific needs re-
17 lated to combatting the opioid crisis.

18 “(4) SET ASIDE.—Of the amount made avail-
19 able for each fiscal year to award grants under para-
20 graph (1), not less than 10 percent of such amount
21 in each such fiscal year shall be provided to Tribal
22 entities.”;

23 (3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (f)
24 as subsections (e) through (g), respectively;

1 (4) by inserting after subsection (c), the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
4 provide State agencies and Tribal entities, as applicable
5 through the Tribal Training and Technical Assistance
6 Center, with technical assistance concerning—

7 “(1) application and submission procedures and
8 award management activities;

9 “(2) enhancing outreach and direct support to
10 rural and underserved communities and providers in
11 addressing the opioid crisis; and

12 “(3) strengthening data collection data sharing
13 activities to help improve surveillance.”;

14 (5) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), by in-
15 serting “shall prioritize providing such funds directly
16 to local communities and counties to address the
17 opioid crisis in areas of unmet need and” after “sub-
18 section (c)”;

19 (6) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(h) TRIBAL ENTITY.—In this section, the term
21 ‘Tribal entity’ means an Indian tribe (as defined in section
22 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
23 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), a tribal organization (as de-
24 fined in such section), or a consortium of such a tribe and
25 organization.”.

1 (b) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2 2018.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available
3 for grants under section 1003(c) of the 21st Century
4 Cures Act (42 U.S.C. 290ee-3 note) for fiscal year 2018,
5 the are appropriated \$1,500,000,000 for such grants in
6 such fiscal year, of which, \$500,000,000 shall be used for
7 grants under section 1003(c)(3) of such Act.