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To establish a grant program that provides grants to States, Indian Tribal governments, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, local governments, and community-based organizations to establish and support PrEP programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 “PrEP Assistance Pro-
5 gram Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS PROGRAM GRANT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services shall establish a program that provides
5 grants to States, Indian Tribal governments, Federally
6 qualified health centers, rural health clinics, local govern-
7 ments, and community-based organizations to establish
8 and support PrEP programs.

9 (b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant
10 under subsection (a), a State, Indian Tribal government,
11 Federally qualified health center, rural health clinic, local
12 government, or community-based organization shall sub-
13 mit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
14 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
15 may require, including a description of how any amounts
16 awarded shall be used.

17 (c) AMOUNT.—Any grant provided to a State, Indian
18 Tribal government, Federally qualified health center, rural
19 health clinic, local government, or community-based orga-
20 nization under this section may not exceed \$10,000,000.

21 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any State, Indian Tribal
23 government, Federally qualified health center, rural
24 health clinic, local government, or community-based
25 organization that is awarded an amount under sub-
26 section (a) shall use such amount for expenses asso-

1 ciated with establishing a PrEP program or sup-
2 porting an existing PrEP program.

3 (2) ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—The Secretary shall
4 publish a list of eligible expenses associated with es-
5 tablishing a PrEP program or supporting an exist-
6 ing PrEP program and this list shall include—

7 (A) clinic and laboratory fees;

8 (B) office visits;

9 (C) PrEP medication;

10 (D) blood and urine testing as required in
11 association with the use of PrEP medication;

12 (E) sexually transmitted disease testing in
13 accordance with guidelines issued by the Cen-
14 ters for Disease Control and Prevention;

15 (F) adherence services and counseling;

16 (G) outreach activities directed toward as-
17 sisting health professionals to become eligible to
18 prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis medications
19 in the State or Indian Tribal government where
20 the program is operating;

21 (H) outreach activities directed toward
22 physicians that provide education about PrEP;
23 and

24 (I) other similar items or services.

1 (e) PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.—An individual that re-
2 ceives a service or item from a PreP program established
3 or supported using amounts under this section may not
4 be required to provide payment for such service or item.

5 (f) MATCHING.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except with respect to an
7 Indian Tribal government, a grantee under this sec-
8 tion shall contribute, to the PreEP program estab-
9 lished or supported by the grant, an amount equal
10 to not less than 10 percent of the amount of the
11 grant.

12 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may waive the
13 requirement under paragraph (1) for Federally
14 qualified health centers, rural health clinics, and
15 community-based organizations if the Secretary de-
16 termines such a waiver is necessary.

17 (g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall, in
18 each of the first 5 years beginning 1 year after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, submit to Congress, and
20 make public on the Internet website of the Department
21 of Health and Human Services, a report on the impact
22 of grants provided to States, Indian Tribal governments,
23 Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics,
24 local governments, and community-based organizations
25 under this Act.

1 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
3 \$400,000,000 for each of the first 5 fiscal years beginning
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

6 (1) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The
7 term “community-based organization” means a non-
8 profit or private organization that—

9 (A) represents a community or significant
10 segments of a community;

11 (B) provides health care or health-related
12 services to high-risk or high-need individuals in
13 a community; and

14 (C) demonstrates effectiveness with respect
15 to such health care or health-related services.

16 (2) FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CEN-
17 TER.—The term “Federally qualified health center”
18 has the meaning given the term in section 1861(aa)
19 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)).

20 (3) INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
21 “Indian Tribal government” means the governing
22 body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, na-
23 tion, pueblo, village, or community that the Sec-
24 retary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an In-

1 dian tribe under the Federally Recognized Indian
2 Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 479a et seq.).

3 (4) PREP PROGRAM.—The term “PreEP pro-
4 gram” means a program designed to provide pre-ex-
5 posure prophylaxis and pre-exposure prophylaxis- re-
6 lated services to individuals.

7 (5) PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS.—The term
8 “pre-exposure prophylaxis” means any medication
9 approved by the Federal Drug Administration and
10 designed to prevent individuals at risk of contracting
11 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) from con-
12 tracting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

13 (6) RURAL HEALTH CLINIC.—The term “rural
14 health clinic” has the meaning give such term in sec-
15 tion 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1395x(aa)).

17 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

19 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means each
20 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
21 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American
22 Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
23 Mariana Islands.