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To strengthen resources to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic in rural communities across America.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Addiction Recovery
5 for Rural Communities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE.**

7 Section 2333(c) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-
8 tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 950aaa–2(c)) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(5) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT
2 SERVICES.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
4 graph (B), the Secretary shall make available
5 not less than 20 percent of amounts made
6 available under section 2335A for financial as-
7 sistance under this chapter for substance use
8 disorder treatment services.

9 “(B) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a fiscal
10 year for which the Secretary determines that
11 there are not sufficient qualified applicants to
12 receive financial assistance for substance use
13 disorder treatment services to reach the 20-per-
14 cent requirement under subparagraph (A), the
15 Secretary may make available less than 20 per-
16 cent of amounts made available under section
17 2335A for those services.”.

18 **SEC. 3. COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOANS AND**
19 **GRANTS.**

20 Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
21 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended by add-
22 ing at the end the following:

23 “(27) DIRECT LOANS AND GRANTS FOR SUBSTANCE
24 USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES.—

1 “(A) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In selecting re-
2 recipients of loans or grants (not including loans guar-
3 anteed by the Secretary) for the development of es-
4 sential community facilities under this section, the
5 Secretary shall give priority to entities eligible for
6 those loans or grants—

7 “(i) to develop facilities to provide sub-
8 stance use disorder (including opioid substance
9 use disorder)—

10 “(I) prevention services;

11 “(II) treatment services;

12 “(III) recovery services; or

13 “(IV) any combination of those serv-
14 ices; and

15 “(ii) that employ staff that have appro-
16 priate expertise and training in how to identify
17 and treat individuals with substance use dis-
18 orders.

19 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (A) that receives a loan or
21 grant described in that subparagraph may use the
22 loan or grant funds for the development of telemedi-
23 cine facilities and systems to provide telemedicine
24 for substance use disorder treatment.”.

1 **SEC. 4. RURAL HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 502(i) of the Rural Devel-
4 opment Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2662(i)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
6 graph (6); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(5) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER EDUCATION
10 AND PREVENTION.—In making grants under this
11 subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to an ap-
12 plicant that will use the grant for substance use dis-
13 order education and treatment and the prevention of
14 substance use disorder.”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Title V of the Rural
16 Development Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2661 et seq.) (as
17 amended by subsection (a)) is amended—

18 (1) in section 502, in the matter preceding sub-
19 section (a), by inserting “(referred to in this title as
20 the ‘Secretary’)” after “Agriculture”; and

21 (2) by striking “Secretary of Agriculture” each
22 place it appears (other than in section 502 in the
23 matter preceding subsection (a)) and inserting “Sec-
24 retary”.

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