

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to public housing agencies and owners of other federally assisted housing to cover the costs of removing and replacing lead-based water service pipes for federally assisted housing projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois 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 “Lead Abatement for
5 Families Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. LEAD ABATEMENT FOR FAMILIES.**

2 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LEAD WATER SERVICE
3 LINES.—

4 (1) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Housing and
5 Urban Development, in consultation with public
6 housing agencies, owners of other federally assisted
7 housing, and the Administrator of the Environ-
8 mental Protection Administration shall, not later
9 than the expiration of the 24-month period begin-
10 ning upon the date of the enactment of this Act, un-
11 dertake and complete a review of all public housing
12 projects and all other federally assisted housing
13 projects to identify any such projects for which the
14 source of potable water is a lead-based water service
15 pipe or pipes.

16 (2) REPORT.—Upon completion of the review
17 required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
18 submit a report to the Congress setting forth the re-
19 sults of the review and identifying any projects for
20 which the source of potable water is a lead-based
21 water service pipe or pipes.

22 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
24 grants to public housing agencies and owners of
25 other federally assisted housing to cover the eligible
26 costs of fully removing and replacing lead-based

1 water service pipes for housing projects identified
2 pursuant to the review under subsection (a).

3 (2) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Amounts from a grant
4 under this subsection may be used only for costs of
5 fully removing and replacing a lead-based water
6 service pipe for a housing project.

7 (3) ASSURANCES.—The Secretary shall require
8 each public housing agency and owner of other fed-
9 erally assisted housing receiving a grant under this
10 subsection for a housing project to make such assur-
11 ances and enter into such agreements as the Sec-
12 retary considers necessary to ensure that—

13 (A) the lead-based water service pipes for
14 the project that will be fully removed and re-
15 placed using such grant amounts are identified;
16 and

17 (B) all work to fully remove and replace
18 such pipes is completed before the expiration of
19 the 24-month period beginning upon the initial
20 availability to the agency or owner of such
21 grant amounts.

22 (4) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—The amount of
23 grant under this subsection with respect to a hous-
24 ing project may not exceed the estimate of the Sec-
25 retary of the full cost of removing and replacing the

1 lead-based water service pipes for the project identi-
2 fied pursuant to paragraph (3)(A).

3 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Upon the expiration of the 6-
4 year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report
6 identifying the housing projects for which lead-based
7 water service pipes were removed and replaced using
8 grants under subsection (b) and analyzing the effective-
9 ness of the program for such grants.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
11 following definitions shall apply:

12 (1) HOUSING PROJECT.—The term “housing
13 project” means a public housing project or a project
14 that is other federally assisted housing.

15 (2) OTHER FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.—
16 The term “other federally assisted housing” has the
17 meaning given the term “federally assisted housing”
18 in section 683 of the Housing and Community De-
19 velopment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13641), except
20 that such term does not include any public housing
21 project described in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-
22 tion.

23 (3) LEAD-BASED WATER SERVICE PIPE.—The
24 term “lead-based water service pipe” means, with re-

1 spect to a housing project, a pipe or other conduit
2 that—

3 (A) is used to supply potable water for the
4 housing project from outside the project; and

5 (B) does not satisfy the definition of “lead-
6 free” established under section 1417 of the Safe
7 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–6).

8 (4) PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “public hous-
9 ing” has the meaning given such term in section
10 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
11 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

12 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

14 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary, after consulta-
15 tion with the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-
16 tion Administration, may issue any regulations necessary
17 to carry out this section.

18 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated for grants under subsection
20 (b)—

21 (1) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

22 (2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2023; and

23 (3) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.