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To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize certain recovery services grants to be used to establish regional technical assistance centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio) 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. BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF RECOVERY.**

4 Section 547 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 290ee-2) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in the heading, by striking “DEFINI-
8 TION” and inserting “DEFINITIONS”;

1 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2 by striking “In this section, the term ‘recovery
3 community organization’ means an independent
4 nonprofit organization that—” and inserting
5 “In this section:”;

6 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
7 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
8 and moving such subparagraphs (as so redesign-
9 nated) 2 ems to the right;

10 (D) by inserting before subparagraph (A)
11 (as so redesignated) the following:

12 “(1) RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.—
13 The term ‘recovery community organization’ means
14 an independent nonprofit organization that—”; and

15 (E) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
17 tity’ means—

18 “(A) a national non-profit entity focused
19 on substance use disorder with a network of
20 local affiliates and partners that are geographi-
21 cally and organizationally diverse; or

22 “(B) a non-profit organization—

23 “(i) focused on substance use dis-
24 order;

1 “(ii) established by individuals in per-
2 sonal and family recovery; and

3 “(iii) serving prevention, treatment,
4 recovery, payor, faith-based, and criminal
5 justice stakeholders in the implementation
6 of local addiction and recovery initiatives.”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by striking “The Secretary shall award
9 grants to recovery community organizations”
10 and inserting “The Secretary—

11 “(1) shall award grants to recovery community
12 organizations”;

13 (B) by striking “services.” and inserting
14 “services and, at the option of each such orga-
15 nization, carry out the activities described in
16 subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection
17 (c)(2); and”;

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

19 “(2) may award grants to eligible entities for
20 purposes of establishing regional technical assistance
21 centers, in accordance with subsection (c)(2)(D).”;

22 (3) by striking subsection (c);

23 (4) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as
24 subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

25 (5) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “shall be
2 used” and inserting “to a recovery community
3 organization shall be used”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
6 graph (A), by striking “may be used to—
7 ” and inserting “may be used to carry out
8 the activities described in subparagraphs
9 (A) through (C) in the case of a grant
10 awarded to a recovery community organi-
11 zation and to carry out subparagraph (D)
12 in the case of a grant awarded to an eligi-
13 ble entity.”;

14 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (I) in the matter preceding clause
16 (i), by striking “build” and inserting
17 “Build”; and

18 (II) in clause (vii), by striking
19 the semicolon at the end and inserting
20 a period;

21 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

22 (I) by striking “reduce” and in-
23 serting “Reduce”; and

24 (II) by striking “; and” and in-
25 serting a period;

1 (iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking

2 “conduct” and inserting “Conduct”; and

3 (v) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(D) Provide for the establishment of re-
5 gional technical assistance centers to provide re-
6 gional technical assistance for the following:

7 “(i) Implementation of regionally driv-
8 en, peer-delivered addiction recovery sup-
9 port services before, during, after, or in
10 lieu of addiction treatment.

11 “(ii) Establishment of recovery com-
12 munity organizations.

13 “(iii) Establishment of recovery com-
14 munity centers.

15 “(iv) Overdose reversal medication
16 training and dissemination.”; and

17 (6) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated), by
18 inserting before the period the following: “, and
19 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through
20 2023”.