

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1115

AN ACT

To close out expired grants.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Grants Oversight and
3 New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING AND CLOSING OUT EXPIRED FED-
5 ERAL GRANT AWARDS.**

6 (a) EXPIRED FEDERAL GRANT AWARD REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
9 rector of the Office of Management and Budget
10 shall instruct the head of each agency, in coordina-
11 tion with the Secretary, to submit to Congress and
12 the Secretary a report, not later than December 31
13 of the first calendar year beginning after the date of
14 the enactment of this Act, that—

15 (A) lists each Federal grant award held by
16 such agency;

17 (B) provides the total number of Federal
18 grant awards, including the number of grants—

19 (i) by time period of expiration;
20 (ii) with zero dollar balances; and
21 (iii) with undisbursed balances;

22 (C) for an agency with Federal grant
23 awards, describes the challenges leading to
24 delays in grant closeout; and

(D) for the 30 oldest Federal grant awards of an agency, explains why each Federal grant award has not been closed out.

15 (b) NOTICE FROM AGENCIES.—

1 quired pursuant to paragraph (1) have been pro-
2 vided or March 31 of the calendar year following the
3 calendar year described in subsection (a)(1), which-
4 ever is sooner, the Secretary shall compile the no-
5 tices submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) and sub-
6 mit to Congress a report on such notices.

7 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later than
8 1 year after the date on which the head of an agency pro-
9 vides notice to Congress under subsection (b)(2), the In-
10 spector General of an agency with more than
11 \$500,000,000 in annual grant funding shall conduct a risk
12 assessment to determine if an audit or review of the agen-
13 cy's grant closeout process is warranted.

14 (d) REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVER-
15 SIGHT.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which
16 the second report is submitted pursuant to subsection
17 (b)(2), the Director of Office of Management and Budget,
18 in consultation with the Secretary, shall submit to Con-
19 gress a report on recommendations, if any, for legislation
20 to improve accountability and oversight in grants manage-
21 ment, including the timely closeout of a Federal grant
22 award.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
3 United States Code.

4 (2) CLOSEOUT.—The term “closeout” means a
5 closeout of a Federal grant award conducted in ac-
6 cordance with part 200 of title 2, Code of Federal
7 Regulations, including sections 200.16 and 200.343
8 of such title, or any successor thereto.

9 (3) FEDERAL GRANT AWARD.—The term “Fed-
10 eral grant award” means a Federal grant award (as
11 defined in section 200.38(a)(1) of title 2, Code of
12 Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto), in-
13 cluding a cooperative agreement, in an agency cash
14 payment management system held by the United
15 States Government for which—

16 (A) the grant award period of perform-
17 ance, including any extensions, has been expired
18 for more than 2 years; and

19 (B) closeout has not yet occurred in ac-
20 cordance with section 200.343 of title 2, Code
21 of Federal Regulations, or any successor there-
22 to.

1 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Passed the Senate December 18, 2015.

Attest:

Secretary.

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