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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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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF RECOVERY.

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

(1) in subsection (a)—

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

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and moving such subparagraphs (as so redesignated) 2 ems to the right; 

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

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

(E) by adding at the end the following: 

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible entity’ means—

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

“(B) a non-profit organization—

“(i) focused on substance use disorder;
“(ii) established by individuals in personal and family recovery; and

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

(2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

(B) by striking “services.” and inserting “services and, at the option of each such organization, carry out the activities described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection (c)(2); and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

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

(3) by striking subsection (c);

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

(5) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated)—
(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “shall be used” and inserting “to a recovery community organization shall be used”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “may be used to—” and inserting “may be used to carry out the activities described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) in the case of a grant awarded to a recovery community organization and to carry out subparagraph (D) in the case of a grant awarded to an eligible entity.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

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

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

(iii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by striking “reduce” and inserting “Reduce”; and

(II) by striking “; and” and inserting a period;
(iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking “conduct” and inserting “Conduct”; and

(v) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) Provide for the establishment of regional technical assistance centers to provide regional technical assistance for the following:

“(i) Implementation of regionally driven, peer-delivered addiction recovery support services before, during, after, or in lieu of addiction treatment.

“(ii) Establishment of recovery community organizations.

“(iii) Establishment of recovery community centers.

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

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