

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3495
OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Improve Well-Being for Veterans Act”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Department of Veterans Affairs grants for provision of covered services under collective impact model to reduce the risk of suicide for veterans and their families.

Sec. 3. Eligibility.

Sec. 4. Application criteria.

Sec. 5. Covered services.

Sec. 6. Use of funds.

Sec. 7. Selection of recipients.

Sec. 8. Grant amounts, intervals of payment, and matching funds.

Sec. 9. Administration of grant program.

Sec. 10. Consultation with advisory group in development of metrics and criteria.

Sec. 11. Reports to Congress.

Sec. 12. Third party assessment.

Sec. 13. Termination.

Sec. 14. Definitions.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANTS FOR**
2 **PROVISION OF COVERED SERVICES UNDER**
3 **COLLECTIVE IMPACT MODEL TO REDUCE**
4 **THE RISK OF SUICIDE FOR VETERANS AND**
5 **THEIR FAMILIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
7 shall establish a program under which, for each fiscal year,
8 the Secretary shall make grants in accordance with this
9 Act as follows:

10 (1) To an eligible organization that carries out
11 a collective impact model that provides covered serv-
12 ices to reduce the risk of suicide, as described in sec-
13 tion 5, to be used to provide such services for cov-
14 ered individuals.

15 (2) To an eligible organization that provides at
16 least one such covered service to be used, not later
17 than two years after receipt of such grant, to de-
18 velop a collective impact model to provide such cov-
19 ered services for covered individuals.

20 (b) NUMBER OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make
21 grants under this Act—

22 (1) for the first fiscal year, to not more than
23 25 eligible organizations;

24 (2) for the second fiscal year, to—

25 (A) any organization that received a grant
26 under this Act for the preceding fiscal year and

1 that the Secretary determines remains eligible
2 for a grant; and

3 (B) 10 additional eligible organizations;
4 and

5 (3) for the third fiscal year, to—

6 (A) any organization that received a grant
7 under this Act for the preceding fiscal year and
8 that the Secretary determines remains eligible
9 for a grant; and

10 (B) 15 additional eligible organizations.

11 (c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this Act, the
12 Secretary shall coordinate, to the extent practicable, with
13 the President’s Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End
14 the National Tragedy of Suicide Task Force, as estab-
15 lished by Executive Order 13861.

16 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY.**

17 To be eligible to receive a grant under this Act, an
18 organization shall—

19 (1) be—

20 (A) an incorporated private institution or
21 foundation—

22 (i) that ensures that no part of the
23 net earnings of which incurs to the benefit
24 of any member, founder, contributor, or in-
25 dividual;

1 (ii) that has a governing board that
2 would be responsible for the operation of
3 the suicide prevention services provided
4 under this Act; and

5 (B) a corporation wholly owned and con-
6 trolled by an organization meeting the require-
7 ments of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph
8 (A);

9 (C) a tribally designated housing entity (as
10 defined in section 4 of the Native American
11 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act
12 of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103));

13 (D) a community-based organization
14 that—

15 (i) has demonstrated the ability to ef-
16 fectively network with local civic organiza-
17 tions, regional health systems, and in other
18 settings where covered individuals are like-
19 ly to have contact; and

20 (ii) has demonstrated the potential to
21 use a collective impact model to effectively
22 network and partner with community part-
23 ners that offer covered services to reduce
24 the risk of suicide for covered individuals;

25 or

1 (E) a State or local government; and

2 (2) in the case of an entity described in sub-
3 paragraph (A), (B), or (D) of paragraph (1), dem-
4 onstrate financial responsibility, as determined by
5 the Secretary.

6 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION CRITERIA.**

7 In addition to the eligibility requirements under sec-
8 tion 3, to be eligible to receive a grant under this section,
9 an organization shall submit to the Secretary an applica-
10 tion containing—

11 (1) a description of the covered services to re-
12 duce the risk of suicide, as described in section 5,
13 that the organization proposes to provide using
14 grant funds and the identified need for such serv-
15 ices;

16 (2) clearly defined objectives for the provision
17 of such services, including documentation of how the
18 objectives are associated with suicide risk among
19 covered individuals;

20 (3) a description and physical address of the
21 primary location of the organization;

22 (4) a description of the geographic area and
23 boundaries the organization plans to serve during
24 the year for which the application applies;

1 (5) a description of the services the organiza-
2 tion proposes to deliver directly and a description of
3 any services the organization proposes to deliver
4 through an agreement with a community partner de-
5 scribed in section 6(b);

6 (6) the amount of grant funds proposed to be
7 made available to community partners through
8 agreements described in section 6(b);

9 (7) a detailed strategic plan describing how the
10 organization proposes to monitor, assess, coordinate,
11 and deliver such services to covered individuals, in-
12 cluding—

13 (A) an identification of any community
14 partner with which the organization proposes to
15 work in delivering such services;

16 (B) a description of any arrangement in
17 place between the organization and such a part-
18 ner as of the date of the submittal of the appli-
19 cation; and

20 (C) an identification of how long any such
21 arrangement has been in place;

22 (8) an estimate of the number of covered indi-
23 viduals proposed to be provided such services using
24 the grant and the basis for such estimate;

1 (9) evidence of the experience of the organiza-
2 tion (and any community partner) in providing such
3 services to covered individuals;

4 (10) a description of how the organization plans
5 to reach covered individuals who may be at an in-
6 creased risk of suicide, including covered individuals
7 who are women, 65 years of age and older, or Native
8 American, and covered individuals who live in re-
9 mote or rural areas;

10 (11) a description of any outreach the organiza-
11 tion plans to provide regarding the services provided
12 or coordinated using the grant;

13 (12) a description of the financial controls in
14 place, or to be put in place, to track the expenditure
15 of grant funds;

16 (13) a description of the managerial and tech-
17 nological capacity of the organization—

18 (A) to coordinate the delivery of such serv-
19 ices to covered individuals;

20 (B) to assess on an ongoing basis the
21 needs of covered individuals;

22 (C) to coordinate the provision of services
23 with the services provided by the Department of
24 Veterans Affairs for which such covered indi-
25 vidual is eligible;

1 (D) to tailor services to the needs of cov-
2 ered individuals;

3 (E) to continuously seek new sources of as-
4 sistance to ensure the continuity of services for
5 covered individuals; and

6 (F) to measure the effects on the lives of
7 covered individuals who receive such services
8 provided by the organization; and

9 (14) such other information and assurances as
10 the Secretary may require.

11 **SEC. 5. COVERED SERVICES.**

12 For purposes of the grant program under this Act,
13 a covered service to reduce the risk of suicide is any of
14 the following:

15 (1) Outreach to identify covered individuals at
16 risk of suicide, with emphasis on covered individuals
17 who are at highest risk.

18 (2) Non-clinical individual, group, or family
19 counseling.

20 (3) Education of families and communities on
21 suicide risk and prevention, including safety plan-
22 ning.

23 (4) Case management services.

24 (5) Structured peer support services.

1 (6) Assistance in obtaining and coordinating
2 the provision of benefits and services provided by the
3 Federal Government, a State or local government, or
4 a nonprofit organization, including—

5 (A) vocational and rehabilitation coun-
6 seling;

7 (B) supportive services for homeless vet-
8 erans;

9 (C) employment and training services; and

10 (D) educational assistance.

11 (7) Assistance for covered individuals at risk of
12 suicide and their family members in obtaining any
13 benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs
14 that such covered individuals or family members
15 may be eligible to receive.

16 (8) Additional services, as determined by the
17 Secretary, including—

18 (A) assistance with emergent needs related
19 to—

20 (i) daily living services;

21 (ii) personal financial planning;

22 (iii) transportation services; and

23 (iv) legal services to assist covered in-
24 dividuals with issues that may contribute
25 to risk of suicide;

- 1 (B) recreational therapy;
- 2 (C) substance use reduction programming;
- 3 (D) relationship coaching; and
- 4 (E) financial counseling.

5 **SEC. 6. USE OF FUNDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The recipient of a grant under
7 this Act shall use the grant to—

8 (1) provide covered services to reduce the risk
9 of suicide to covered individuals under a collective
10 impact model; or

11 (2) develop a collective impact model for the
12 provision of such services to covered individuals.

13 (b) AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS.—If
14 an organization that receives a grant submits an annual
15 report under section 8(a)(1) in which the organization
16 demonstrates a need for the provision of a covered service
17 that the organization lacks the capacity to provide, the or-
18 ganization may use any grant funds provided for the sub-
19 sequent fiscal year to enter into an agreement with a com-
20 munity partner under which the organization shall provide
21 funds to the community partner for the provision of that
22 service to covered individuals.

23 (c) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—A grant
24 under this Act may not be used to provide temporary cash
25 assistance or clinical care.

1 **SEC. 7. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.**

2 In selecting organizations for the award of grants
3 under this Act from among such organizations that meet
4 the eligibility requirements under section 3, the Secretary
5 shall—

6 (1) give preference to organizations that use a
7 collective impact model to effectively network and
8 partner with community partners that offer services
9 for individuals, including covered individuals; and

10 (2) seek to distribute the grants to organiza-
11 tions in the following locations:

12 (A) Locations that are equitably distrib-
13 uted across geographic regions, including rural
14 communities, territories, insular areas of the
15 United States, and Tribal lands.

16 (B) Locations that are medically under-
17 served areas.

18 (C) Locations where a majority of the pop-
19 ulation of covered individuals identifies as a mi-
20 nority.

21 (D) Locations where the percentage of fe-
22 male veterans is higher than the national aver-
23 age (based on the most recent Department of
24 Veterans Affairs National Suicide Data Re-
25 port).

1 (E) Locations from which a high rate of
2 calls to the veterans crisis line originate.

3 (F) States with a rate of veteran suicide
4 above the national average based on the most
5 recent Department of Veterans Affairs National
6 Suicide Data Report.

7 **SEC. 8. GRANT AMOUNTS, INTERVALS OF PAYMENT, AND**
8 **MATCHING FUNDS.**

9 (a) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant awarded to an
10 organization under this Act may not exceed \$750,000 for
11 any fiscal year.

12 (b) PAYMENT INTERVALS.—The Secretary may es-
13 tablish intervals of payment for the administration of the
14 grant.

15 (c) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Secretary shall require
16 an organization that receives a grant under this Act to
17 provide matching funds as follows:

18 (1) In the case of the first year the organization
19 receives a grant, 50 percent of the grant amount.

20 (2) In the case of any subsequent year for
21 which the organization receives a grant, 100 percent
22 of the grant amount.

1 **SEC. 9. ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) AGREEMENTS WITH GRANT RECIPIENTS.—The
3 Secretary shall enter into an agreement with each organi-
4 zation that receives a grant under this Act under which—

5 (1) the organization shall agree—

6 (A) to submit to the Secretary an annual
7 report (and such other reports as the Secretary
8 may request) that includes a description of the
9 services delivered using grant funds during the
10 year covered by the report;

11 (B) to provide information, to the extent
12 feasible, to the Secretary for the purposes of
13 measuring, using metrics developed pursuant to
14 section 9(e) any effect the services provided
15 using the grant have on the quality of life of
16 covered individuals who receive such services;

17 (C) to provide such information and permit
18 such access to the facilities of the organization
19 as the Secretary determines necessary to carry
20 out the monitoring activities under subsection
21 (e);

22 (D) to develop any plan with respect to the
23 provision of covered services to a covered indi-
24 vidual in consultation with the covered indi-
25 vidual or the family of the covered individual;
26 and

1 (E) to provide, to a covered individual who
2 receives covered services under a grant, infor-
3 mation on—

4 (i) the eligibility of the covered indi-
5 vidual to enroll in the patient enrollment
6 system of the Department of Veterans Af-
7 fairs under section 1705 of title 38, United
8 States Code; and

9 (ii) the point of contact at the Depart-
10 ment medical facility that is closest to the
11 residence of the covered individual from
12 whom the covered individual may receive
13 assistance enrolling in such system if the
14 covered individual indicates a desire to en-
15 roll; and

16 (2) the Secretary shall agree to provide, either
17 directly or pursuant to a contract, to the organiza-
18 tion training and technical assistance with respect
19 to—

20 (A) the data required to be collected and
21 shared with the Department;

22 (B) the means of data collection and shar-
23 ing;

24 (C) familiarization with and appropriate
25 use of any tool to be used to measure the effec-

1 tiveness of the use of the grant funds provided;
2 and

3 (D) the requirements for reporting under
4 paragraph (1)(A) on services provided using the
5 grant.

6 (b) **OUTREACH TO ORGANIZATIONS.**—Not sooner
7 than 30 days after the submittal of the report required
8 under section 11(a), the Secretary shall conduct appro-
9 priate outreach to make appropriate organizations aware
10 of the grant program under this Act.

11 (c) **INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES.**—
12 With respect to an individual who may be eligible for serv-
13 ices provided using a grant under this Act, the Secretary
14 may make available to grant recipients the following infor-
15 mation:

16 (1) Whether the individual is a veteran.

17 (2) Whether the individual is enrolled in the pa-
18 tient enrollment system of the Department under
19 section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.

20 (d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
21 **TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—In addition to
22 amounts otherwise made available to carry out this Act,
23 there is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each
24 fiscal year for the provision of training and technical as-
25 sistance under subsection (a)(3).

1 (e) MONITORING ACTIVITIES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each organization that
3 receives a grant under this Act, the Secretary shall
4 develop a written monitoring plan and conduct moni-
5 toring of such organization as provided in the plan.
6 Each such plan shall provide for a specified number
7 of desk audits and visits by the Secretary to the fa-
8 cilities of the organization for the purposes of as-
9 sassing—

10 (A) the extent to which the organization
11 has used the grant to provide services in com-
12 pliance with the agreement entered into under
13 subsection (a);

14 (B) the soundness with which the organi-
15 zation has managed the grant funds; and

16 (C) the financial controls of the organiza-
17 tion.

18 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall con-
19 sult with the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
20 vention to establish criteria and procedures for how
21 suicide deaths will be monitored for purposes of as-
22 sassing changes in the number or rate of suicide in
23 the area or region served by the organization.

1 **SEC. 10. CONSULTATION WITH ADVISORY GROUP IN DEVEL-**
2 **OPMENT OF METRICS AND CRITERIA.**

3 (a) ADVISORY GROUP.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
5 tablish an advisory group which shall consist of
6 members of each of the following:

7 (A) Veterans service organizations.

8 (B) National organizations representing
9 potential community partners of organizations
10 carrying out collective impact models in pro-
11 viding services for covered individuals, including
12 a national organization that—

13 (i) represents mayors;

14 (ii) represents first responders;

15 (iii) represents chiefs of police and
16 sheriffs;

17 (iv) represents governors;

18 (v) represents a territory; or

19 (vi) represents a Tribal alliance.

20 (C) An organization with which the De-
21 partment has a current memoranda of agree-
22 ment or understanding related to mental health
23 or suicide prevention.

24 (D) A State department of veterans af-
25 fairs.

1 (E) A national organization representing
2 members of the Armed Forces.

3 (F) A national organization representing
4 members of the reserve components of the
5 Armed Forces.

6 (G) A national organization representing
7 members of the Coast Guard.

8 (H) A Vet Center (as such term is defined
9 in section 1712A(h)(1) of title 38, United
10 States Code, that is located in a rural or highly
11 rural area.

12 (I) The National Alliance on Mental Ill-
13 ness.

14 (J) The Centers for Disease Control and
15 Prevention.

16 (K) The Substance Abuse and Mental
17 Health Services Administration of the Depart-
18 ment of Health and Human Services.

19 (L) The PREVENTS task force estab-
20 lished under Executive Order 13861.

21 (M) An organization with experience in
22 creating measurement tools for purposes of de-
23 termining programmatic effectiveness.

24 (N) A labor organization (as such term is
25 defined in section 7103(a)(4) of title 5, United

1 States Code) of the Department of Veterans Af-
2 fairs.

3 (O) Any other organization the Secretary
4 considers appropriate.

5 (2) TERMINATION.—Section 14(a)(2)(B) of the
6 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.; re-
7 lating to the termination of advisory committees)
8 shall not apply to the advisory group. The advisory
9 group shall terminate on the date specified in section
10 13.

11 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF METRICS AND CRITERIA.—
12 The Secretary shall consult with the advisory group estab-
13 lished under subsection (a) in the development of each of
14 the following:

15 (1) An evaluation framework for collecting and
16 sharing information about grant recipients in order
17 to improve the discovery of services available for cov-
18 ered individuals, set forth by service type, locality,
19 and eligibility criteria.

20 (2) Evaluation criteria for use by grant recipi-
21 ents to evaluate the effectiveness of the services pro-
22 vided using grant funds to improve the well-being
23 outcomes of and connections to care for covered in-
24 dividuals.

1 (3) Metrics for measuring the effectiveness of
2 amounts made available to community partners pur-
3 suant to section 4(b).

4 (4) Any covered services to be included pursu-
5 ant to section 5(8).

6 (5) The method by which the Secretary deter-
7 mines financial responsibility for purposes of section
8 3(2).

9 (6) Additional application criteria for the grant
10 program pursuant to section 4(14).

11 (7) The method by which the Secretary provides
12 training and technical assistance pursuant to section
13 9(a)(2).

14 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS FOR MEASURING PRO-
15 GRAM EFFECTS.—The Secretary in consultation with the
16 Office of Research and Development of the Department
17 of Veterans Affairs, shall—

18 (1) develop, in consultation with the advisory
19 group established under subsection (a), tools for
20 measuring the effects of the provision of covered
21 services on the quality of life or well being of covered
22 individuals. The Secretary shall ensure that such
23 tools are made available for use by grant recipients
24 and community partners; and

1 (2) consult with the Centers for Disease Control
2 and Prevention to develop a reporting tool for the
3 timely collection of information about suicide at-
4 tempts and suicide deaths in the regions served by
5 organizations that receive a grant under this Act.

6 **SEC. 11. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

7 (a) **REPORT TO CONGRESS ON METRICS AND CRI-**
8 **TERIA.**—Not later than 30 days before the Secretary be-
9 gins soliciting applications for the grant program under
10 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
11 that includes—

12 (1) the criteria for the award of a grant under
13 this Act;

14 (2) a description of the tools developed under
15 section 10(c); and

16 (3) the framework for the sharing of informa-
17 tion required under section 10(b)(1).

18 (b) **INTERIM REPORT.**—Not later than 18 months
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
20 thereafter until the termination of the grant program
21 under section 13, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
22 mittees on Appropriations and Veterans' Affairs of the
23 House of Representatives and the Committees on Appro-
24 priations and Veterans' Affairs of the Senate a report on

1 the grant program under this Act. Such report shall in-
2 clude each of the following;

3 (1) An assessment of the effectiveness of the
4 program, including the effectiveness of community
5 partners in providing services to covered individuals.

6 (2) A list of grant recipients and any commu-
7 nity partners and the amount of the grant received
8 by each recipient and partner.

9 (3) A detailed accounting of how the grant
10 funds were used, including—

11 (A) executive compensation;

12 (B) overhead costs; and

13 (C) other indirect costs.

14 (4) The number of covered individuals sup-
15 ported by each grant recipient, including through
16 services provided to family members of covered indi-
17 viduals, disaggregated by—

18 (A) veteran status;

19 (B) the characterization of the discharge
20 or dismissal of the covered individual from the
21 Armed Forces, to the extent practicable;

22 (C) age;

23 (D) gender;

24 (E) whether each such covered individual
25 is enrolled in the patient enrollment system of

1 the Department under section 1705 of title 38,
2 United States Code;

3 (F) the number of covered individuals who
4 are eligible for enrollment in such system but
5 are not enrolled;

6 (G) the number of covered individuals who
7 are not eligible for enrollment in such system;

8 (H) type of service for which such covered
9 individuals was referred; and

10 (I) the percentage of all such referrals
11 made to the Department.

12 (5) An evaluation of the program based on the
13 use of the tools developed pursuant to section 10(c).

14 (6) The types of data the Department was able
15 to collect and share with grant recipients, including
16 a characterization of the benefits of that data.

17 (7) A description of any outreach activities con-
18 ducted by the organization with respect to services
19 provided using the grant.

20 (8) The number and rate of suicide attempts
21 and deaths by suicide of covered individuals in com-
22 munities served by the organization since the receipt
23 of the grant.

24 (c) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days before
25 the termination of the grant program under section 13,

1 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appro-
2 priations and Veterans' Affairs of the House of Represent-
3 atives and the Committees on Appropriations and Vet-
4 erans' Affairs of the Senate a report that contains—

5 (1) an assessment of the increased capacity of
6 the Department to provide services to covered indi-
7 viduals, disaggregated by State, as a result of the
8 grant program under this Act; and

9 (2) an assessment of the feasibility and advis-
10 ability of extending or expanding the grant program.

11 (d) PUBLIC NOTICE OF GRANTS.—Not later than
12 seven days after making a grant under this Act, the Sec-
13 retary shall issue public notice of the grant, which shall
14 include the name of the organization that received the
15 grant and the amount of the grant.

16 **SEC. 12. THIRD PARTY ASSESSMENT.**

17 (a) STUDY OF GRANT PROGRAM.—Not later than 90
18 days after the commencement of the grant program under
19 this Act, the Secretary shall seek to enter into a contract
20 with an appropriate entity described in subsection (c)
21 under which the entity shall conduct a study of the grant
22 program. In conducting such study the entity shall—

23 (1) evaluate the effectiveness of the program in
24 addressing the factors that contribute to suicide of
25 covered individuals; and

1 (2) compare the results of the program with
2 other national programs in delivering resources to
3 covered individuals in the communities where they
4 live that address the factors that contribute to sui-
5 cide of covered individuals.

6 (b) ASSESSMENT.—The contract under subsection
7 (a) shall provide that not later than 24 months after the
8 commencement of the grant program under this Act, the
9 appropriate entity shall submit to the Secretary and to
10 Congress an assessment based on the study conducted
11 pursuant to such contract.

12 (c) APPROPRIATE ENTITY.—An entity described in
13 this paragraph is an appropriate non-government entity
14 with experience optimizing and assessing organizations
15 that deliver non-clinical services.

16 **SEC. 13. TERMINATION.**

17 The authority to make a grant under this Act shall
18 terminate on the date that is three years after the date
19 on which the first grant is made under this Act.

20 **SEC. 14. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) The term “collective impact model” means
23 a partnership between at least six entities that—

1 (A) collectively provides at least ten cov-
2 ered services to reduce the risk of suicide
3 among covered individuals;

4 (B) shares the common goal of reducing
5 the risk of suicide among covered individuals;

6 (C) has a shared measurement system;

7 (D) offers mutually reinforcing services by
8 which each partner entity understands and sup-
9 ports the services of the other partner entities;

10 (E) engages in continuous communication;

11 and

12 (F) includes an organization that acts as
13 the supporting infrastructure of the model by
14 creating a highly structured process for the
15 purposes of—

16 (i) strategic planning;

17 (ii) project management; and

18 (iii) supporting all the partner entities

19 through ongoing—

20 (I) facilitation;

21 (II) technology and communica-
22 tions support;

23 (III) data collection and report-
24 ing; and

25 (IV) administrative support.

1 (2) The term “risk of suicide” means, with re-
2 spect to an individual, that the individual—

3 (A) has health risk factors, including—

4 (i) mental health challenges;

5 (ii) substance abuse;

6 (iii) serious or chronic health condi-
7 tions or pain;

8 (iv) traumatic brain injury;

9 (B) has experienced or is experiencing en-
10 vironmental risk factors, including—

11 (i) access to lethal means;

12 (ii) prolonged stress;

13 (iii) stressful life events.

14 (iv) exposure to the suicide of another
15 person or to graphic or sensationalized ac-
16 counts of suicide;

17 (v) unemployment;

18 (vi) homelessness;

19 (vii) recent loss; or

20 (viii) legal or financial challenges;

21 (C) has experienced historical risk factors,
22 including—

23 (i) previous suicide attempts;

24 (ii) family history of suicide;

1 (iii) history of abuse, neglect, or trauma;
2 ma; or

3 (D) is not receiving health care or other
4 services furnished by the Department.

5 (3) The term “covered individual” means—

6 (A) an individual at risk of suicide who
7 is—

8 (i) a veteran, as such term is defined
9 in section 101 of title 38, United States
10 Code;

11 (ii) an individual described in section
12 1720(I)(b) of title 38, United States Code;

13 (iii) an individual as described in any
14 of clauses (i) through (iv) of section
15 1712A(a)(1)(C) of title 38, United States
16 Code; or

17 (B) the family member of an individual de-
18 scribed in subparagraph (A).

19 (4) The term “family member” includes the fol-
20 lowing family members of an individual:

21 (A) A parent.

22 (B) A spouse.

23 (C) A child.

24 (D) A sibling.

25 (E) A step-family member.

1 (F) An extended family member.

2 (G) Any other individual who resides with
3 the individual.

4 (5) The term “veterans service organization”
5 means any organization recognized by the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs for the representation of vet-
7 erans included as part of the Directory of Veterans
8 Service Organizations.

9 (6) The term “clinical care” means health care
10 services furnished, as of the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, by the Department of Veterans Affairs
12 pursuant to section 17.38 of title 38, Code of Fed-
13 eral Regulations.

