

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

116TH 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 remove lead water service lines, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to public housing agencies and owners of other federally assisted housing to remove lead water service lines, and for other purposes.

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 “_____ Act
5 of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES.**

2 (a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban
3 Development, in consultation with public housing agen-
4 cies, owners of other federally assisted housing, and the
5 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Adminis-
6 tration shall, not later than the expiration of the 12-month
7 period beginning upon the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, undertake and complete a review of all public housing
9 projects and all other federally assisted housing projects
10 to identify any such projects for which the source of pota-
11 ble water is a lead-based water service pipe or pipes.

12 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Upon completion of the
13 review required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
14 cause the results to be published in the Federal Register
15 and shall make such results publicly available on a website
16 of the Department.

17 **SEC. 3. GRANT AUTHORITY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
19 Urban Development may make grants to public housing
20 agencies and owners of other federally assisted housing to
21 cover the eligible costs of removing and replacing lead-
22 based water service pipes for housing projects identified
23 pursuant to the review under section 2.

24 (b) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Amounts from a grant under
25 this section may be used only for costs of removing and
26 replacing the portion of a lead-based water service pipe

1 for a housing project that is owned by the public housing
2 agency or owner of other federally assisted housing, or is
3 the responsibility of the public housing agency or owner
4 of other federally assisted housing to maintain. Such grant
5 amounts may not be used for costs of removing or replac-
6 ing any portion of a lead-based water service pipe that
7 is owned by, or the responsibility to maintain of, a unit
8 of local government or utility service or agency.

9 (c) ASSURANCES.—The Secretary shall require each
10 public housing agency and owner of other federally as-
11 sisted housing receiving a grant under this section for a
12 housing project to make such assurances and enter into
13 such agreements as the Secretary considers necessary to
14 ensure that—

15 (1) the lead-based water service pipes for the
16 project that will be removed and replaced using such
17 grant amounts are identified; and

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

22 (d) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—The amount of
23 grant under this section with respect to a housing project
24 may not exceed the estimate of the Secretary of the full
25 cost or removing and replacing the portions of the lead-

1 based water service pipes for the project identified pursu-
2 ant to subsection (c)(1).

3 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
5 shall apply:

6 (1) **HOUSING PROJECT.**—The term “housing
7 project” means a public housing project or a project
8 that is other federally assisted housing.

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

17 (3) **LEAD-BASED WATER SERVICE PIPE.**—The
18 term “lead-based water service pipe” means, with re-
19 spect to a housing project, a pipe or other conduit
20 that—

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

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

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

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

7 **SEC. 5. REGULATIONS.**

8 The Secretary, after consultation with the Adminis-
9 trator of the Environmental Protection Administration,
10 may issue any regulations necessary to carry out this Act.

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There is authorized to be appropriated for grants
13 under section 3—

14 (1) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;

15 (2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

16 (3) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.