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To authorize supplemental funding for supportive housing for the elderly,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN,
Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr.
SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr.
BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was
read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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for the elderly, 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 “Emergency Housing
5 Assistance for Older Adults Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUS-**
7 **ING FOR THE ELDERLY.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated \$1,202,000,000 for fiscal

1 year 2020 for assistance for supportive housing for the
2 elderly, of which—

3 (1) \$845,000,000 shall be for rental assistance
4 under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12
5 U.S.C. 1701q) or section 8 of the United States
6 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), as appro-
7 priate, and for hiring additional staff and for serv-
8 ices and costs, including acquiring personal protec-
9 tive equipment, to prevent, prepare for, or respond
10 to the public health emergency relating to
11 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic
12 for—

13 (A) projects for which assistance is pro-
14 vided under a project rental assistance contract
15 under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of
16 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(c)(2));

17 (B) projects for which a direct loan under
18 section 202 of such Act was made and for
19 which assistance is provided under section 8 of
20 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
21 U.S.C. 1437f); and

22 (C) projects for which project-based assist-
23 ance is provided under such section 8 in which
24 more than 80 percent of tenants are 62 years
25 of age or older;

1 (2) \$50,000,000 shall be for installation of, and
2 service fees for, wireless internet services in projects
3 and individual units described in paragraph (1);

4 (3) \$7,000,000 shall be for a 1-year extension
5 of the Supportive Services Demonstration of the De-
6 partment of Housing and Urban Development au-
7 thorized under the heading “HOUSING FOR THE EL-
8 DERLY” under the heading “HOUSING PROGRAMS”
9 under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF HOUS-
10 ING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT” in title II
11 of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
12 ment Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113–76;
13 128 Stat. 618); and

14 (4) \$300,000,000 shall be for grants under sec-
15 tion 676 of the Housing and Community Develop-
16 ment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13632) for costs of
17 providing service coordinators for purposes of coordi-
18 nating services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to
19 the public health emergency relating to Coronavirus
20 Disease 2019 (COVID–19).

21 (b) ELIGIBILITY OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PER-
22 SONS WITH DISABILITIES.—For purposes of subsection
23 (a), section 676(a) of the Housing and Community Devel-
24 opment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13632(a)) shall be applied
25 by substituting “(G), and (H)” for “ and (G)”.

1 (c) SERVICE COORDINATORS.—

2 (1) HIRING.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the hiring of staff
4 using amounts made available pursuant to this
5 section for costs of providing service coordina-
6 tors, grantees shall consider and hire, at all lev-
7 els of employment and to the greatest extent
8 possible, a diverse staff, including by race, eth-
9 nicity, gender, and disability status.

10 (B) REPORT.—Not later 120 days after
11 the date on which the emergency declared on
12 March 13, 2020 by the President under the
13 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
14 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.)
15 relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
16 (COVID–19) pandemic terminates, each grant-
17 ee described in subparagraph (A) shall submit
18 to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
19 opment a report describing compliance with
20 that subparagraph.

21 (2) ONE-TIME GRANTS.—Grants made using
22 amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a)
23 for costs of providing service coordinators shall not
24 be renewable.

1 (3) ONE-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts
2 made available pursuant to this section for costs of
3 providing service coordinators that are allocated for
4 a grantee and remain unexpended upon the expira-
5 tion of the 12-month period beginning upon such al-
6 location shall be recaptured by the Secretary.