

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4404

To establish a pilot program to develop, expand, and maintain digital community resource guides to advance the reentry efforts of individuals returning to their communities after incarceration.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To establish a pilot program to develop, expand, and maintain digital community resource guides to advance the reentry efforts of individuals returning to their communities after incarceration.

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 “Reentry Resource  
5        Guide Act of 2023”.

6        **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

7        Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
8        of this Act, the Attorney General shall establish a pilot

1 program to make grants to eligible applicants to develop,  
2 expand, and maintain digital community resource guides  
3 of statewide resources to advance the reentry efforts of  
4 individuals returning to their communities after incarceration.  
5 Such guides shall—

6 (1) be a comprehensive list detailing names and  
7 contact information for statewide resources;

8 (2) be sortable by regions within the State for  
9 easier accessibility;

10 (3) be available for download; and

11 (4) be appropriate, relevant, and available, with  
12 special considerations for—

13 (A) employment services;

14 (B) housing services;

15 (C) local crisis lines;

16 (D) outreach agencies;

17 (E) local shelters;

18 (F) shower and restrooms;

19 (G) clothing and storage;

20 (H) cooling and warming stations for ex-  
21 treme temperature or weather conditions;

22 (I) food pantries;

23 (J) hot meals;

24 (K) identification assistance services;

25 (L) transportation services;

- 1 (M) relocation services;  
2 (N) legal services;  
3 (O) education services;  
4 (P) government services;  
5 (Q) addiction counseling and treatment for  
6 gambling;  
7 (R) addiction counseling and treatment for  
8 substance abuse services;  
9 (S) harm reduction services;  
10 (T) mental and health services and refer-  
11 rals;  
12 (U) medical and dental services;  
13 (V) domestic violence shelters;  
14 (W) services for living with HIV or AIDS;  
15 (X) disability services;  
16 (Y) seniors services;  
17 (Z) family services;  
18 (AA) veteran services;  
19 (BB) youth and young people services;  
20 (CC) government services; and  
21 (DD) information and referral services.

22 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION; GRANT TERM.**

23 (a) APPLICATION.—A State may apply for a grant  
24 under this section by submitting an application includ-  
25 ing—

1           (1) a strategy for identifying community re-  
2 sources;

3           (2) identification of relevant statewide re-  
4 sources, their physical locations, and contact infor-  
5 mation;

6           (3) identification of the entity or personnel re-  
7 sponsible for the creation and management of the  
8 guide

9           (4) identification of where the guide will be ac-  
10 cessible; and

11           (5) a plan for promotion of awareness of the re-  
12 source guides within the prison and returning popu-  
13 lation.

14       (b) GRANT TERM.—A grant under this section shall  
15 be for a term of 3 years.

16 **SEC. 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

17       Amounts provided as grants under this Act may be  
18 used for—

19           (1) project planning and community engage-  
20 ment;

21           (2) project implementation;

22           (3) operational costs including costs of startup  
23 or expansion of the existing system, outreach, and  
24 language translation;

1           (4) employee salary associated with the guide’s  
2           expansion, creation, and maintenance; and

3           (5) maintenance of the digital site the guide is  
4           listed.

5 **SEC. 5. REPORTING.**

6           (a) GRANTEES.—Each grantee shall submit an an-  
7           nual report to AG that details specific uses of the grant  
8           funds, and the outcome of the program.

9           (b) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—After the termination of  
10          the pilot program, the Attorney General shall submit to  
11          Congress a report including an evaluation detailing the im-  
12          plementation of, outcome of, and impact of the program  
13          on reduction of recidivism and overall successful reentry.

14 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15          There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
16          this Act \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through  
17          2027.

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