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# H. R. 4632

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to set-aside community development block grant amounts in each fiscal year for grants to local chapters of veterans service organizations for rehabilitation of their facilities.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. PETERSON, Mrs. HALVORSON, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MCMAHON, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to set-aside community development block grant amounts in each fiscal year for grants to local chapters of veterans service organizations for rehabilitation of their facilities.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Renovate and Enhance  
3 Veterans’ Meeting Halls and Posts Act of 2010” or the  
4 “REVAMP Act of 2010”.

5 **SEC. 2. COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO VETERANS SERVICE OR-**  
6 **GANIZATIONS FOR FACILITY REHABILITA-**  
7 **TION.**

8 (a) GRANTS.—Section 107 of the Housing and Com-  
9 munity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5307) is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12 “(g) COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO VETERANS SERVICE  
13 ORGANIZATIONS FOR FACILITY REHABILITATION.—

14 “(1) AUTHORITY.—Using the amounts made  
15 available under section 106(a)(4) in each fiscal year  
16 for grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall  
17 make grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible vet-  
18 erans service organizations for use for repairs and  
19 rehabilitation of existing facilities of such organiza-  
20 tions.

21 “(2) ELIGIBLE VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZA-  
22 TIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the term  
23 ‘eligible veterans service organization’ means—

24 “(A) an entity that is exempt from tax-  
25 ation pursuant to section 501(c)(19) of the In-  
26 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.

1           501(c)(19)) and is organized on a local or area  
2           basis; and

3           “(B) a local or area chapter, post, or other  
4           unit of a national, regional, Statewide, or other  
5           larger entity of which local or area chapters,  
6           posts, or units are members, that is exempt  
7           from taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(19) of  
8           the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.  
9           501(c)(19)).

10          Such term does not include any such national, re-  
11          gional, Statewide, or other larger entity.

12          “(3) LIMITATIONS.—

13                 “(A) AMOUNT.—No eligible veterans serv-  
14                 ice organization may receive grant amounts  
15                 under this subsection, from the amounts made  
16                 available for any single fiscal year, in an  
17                 amount exceeding the lesser of—

18                         “(i) the cost of the proposed repair or  
19                         rehabilitation; or

20                         “(ii) \$200,000.

21                 “(B) TIMING.—Any eligible veterans serv-  
22                 ice organization that receives grant amounts  
23                 under this subsection from amounts made avail-  
24                 able for a fiscal year shall be ineligible for any  
25                 grant from any amounts made available for

1           such grants for any of the succeeding 5 fiscal  
2           years.

3           “(4) APPLICATIONS.—Applications for assist-  
4           ance under this subsection may be submitted only by  
5           eligible veterans service organizations, and shall be  
6           in such form and in accordance with such proce-  
7           dures as the Secretary shall establish. Such applica-  
8           tions shall include a plan for the proposed repair or  
9           rehabilitation activities to be conducted using grant  
10          amounts under this subsection.

11          “(5) SELECTION; CRITERIA.—The Secretary  
12          shall select applications to receive grants under this  
13          subsection pursuant to a competition and based on  
14          criteria for such selection, which shall include—

15                 “(A) the extent of need for such assist-  
16                 ance;

17                 “(B) the quality of the plan proposed for  
18                 repair or rehabilitation of the facility involved;

19                 “(C) the capacity or potential capacity of  
20                 the applicant to successfully carry out the plan;  
21                 and

22                 “(D) such other factors as the Secretary  
23                 determines to be appropriate.

24          “(6) PROHIBITION OF CONSTRUCTION OR AC-  
25          QUISITION.—No amounts from a grant under this

1 subsection may be used for the construction or ac-  
2 quisition of a new facility.”.

3 (b) FUNDING.—Subsection (a) of section 106 of the  
4 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42  
5 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and (3)” and  
7 inserting “(3), and (4)”;

8 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
9 graph (5); and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(4) For each fiscal year, after reserving  
13 amounts under paragraphs (1) and (2) and allo-  
14 cating amounts under paragraph (3), the Secretary  
15 shall allocate \$50,000,000 (subject to sufficient  
16 amounts remaining after such reservations and allo-  
17 cation) for grants under section 107(g).”.

18 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Housing and  
19 Urban Development shall issue any regulations necessary  
20 to carry out sections 106(a)(4) and 107(g) of the Housing  
21 and Community Development Act of 1974, as added by  
22 the amendments made by this section, not later than the  
23 expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of  
24 the enactment of this Act.

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