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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the use of Homeland Security Grant Program funds for anti-blood loss purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mr. WENSTRUP, and Ms. JACKSON LEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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 “Prevent Blood Loss
5 with Emergency Equipment Devices Act of 2019” or the
6 “Prevent BLEEDing Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**
2 **FUNDS FOR ANTI-BLOOD LOSS PURPOSES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2002 of the Homeland
4 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(d) ANTI-BLOOD LOSS GRANTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under section 2003
8 or 2004 may be used for any of the following pur-
9 poses:

10 “(A) To purchase or distribute anti-blood
11 loss supplies for use in medical emergencies in
12 a place where people gather.

13 “(B) To provide training on the proper use
14 of anti-blood loss supplies to appropriate per-
15 sons for the purpose of enhancing public safety.

16 “(C) To make grants to an eligible entity
17 for a purpose described in subparagraph (A) or
18 (B).

19 “(2) PRIORITY IN AWARDING GRANTS.—Subject
20 to the availability of funds, any State, local, or tribal
21 government or high-risk urban area that applies for
22 a grant under section 2003 or 2004 for a purpose
23 described in paragraph (1) shall be awarded such
24 grant. The Secretary shall allocate funds made avail-
25 able under this subsection by a formula developed by
26 the Secretary for such purpose that takes into con-

sideration the relative populations of each geographic area for which a grant is made.

“(3) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall conduct outreach to inform State, local, and tribal governments and high-risk urban areas that apply for grants under sections 2003 and 2004 of the availability of funds under this subsection.

“(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) The term ‘anti-blood loss supplies’ means tourniquets, gauze, wound-packing materials, hemostatic dressings, gloves, markers, or other appropriate materials.

“(B) The term ‘eligible entity’ means an entity that—

“(i) does not use anti-blood loss supplies in the ordinary course of business; and

“(ii) certifies as part of a grant application process that the entity intends to place anti-blood loss supplies procured using the grant in locations where the equipment is immediately available for public use when needed, such as with a publicly displayed automated external defibrillator.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
2 tion to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated
3 for sections 2002, 2003, and 2004 of the Homeland Secu-
4 rity Act of 2002, there is authorized to be appropriated
5 \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, to make
6 grants under subsection (d) of section 2002 of such Act.

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