

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 355

To establish a grant program to provide assistance to prevent and repair
damage to structures due to pyrrhotite.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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and repair damage to structures due to pyrrhotite.

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 “Crumbling Founda-
5 tions Small Business and Homeowners Assistance Act of
6 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Admin-
9 istrator” means the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
10 gency Management Agency.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator shall
2 award grants to States to provide assistance to owners of
3 small businesses, condominium associations, and home-
4 owners located within the State to prevent, mitigate, and
5 repair damage to structures that have sustained or may
6 sustain damage due to concrete foundations that contain
7 pyrrhotite.

8 (c) APPLICATION.—A covered State desiring a grant
9 under this section shall submit an application to the Ad-
10 ministrator at such time, in such manner, and accom-
11 panied by such information as the Administrator may re-
12 quire.

13 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State receiving a grant under
14 this section shall use grant funds to provide full or partial
15 reimbursement to affected owners of small businesses,
16 condominium associations, and homeowners for the costs
17 of prevention, mitigation and repair of damage described
18 in subsection (b).

19 (e) GRANT AMOUNT AND DURATION.—

20 (1) AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded to a State
21 under this section in a fiscal year shall be in an
22 amount of not more than \$20,000,000.

23 (2) DURATION.—A grant awarded under this
24 section—

25 (A) shall be for a period of 5 years; and

1 (B) may be renewed for not more than 3
2 additional periods.

3 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

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