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# H. R. 433

To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. MEUSER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To establish a grant program for family community organizations that provide support for individuals struggling with substance use disorder and their families.

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 “Family Support Serv-  
5 ices for Addiction Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
 2 **STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**  
 3 **ORDER.**

4 Part D of title V of the Public Health Service Act  
 5 (42 U.S.C. 290dd et seq.) is amended by adding at the  
 6 end the following:

7 **“SEC. 553. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
 8 **STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DIS-**  
 9 **ORDER.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 “(1) the term ‘family community organization’  
 12 means an independent nonprofit organization that—

13 “(A) mobilizes resources within and out-  
 14 side of the community of families with individ-  
 15 uals living with addiction, to provide a support  
 16 network, education, and evidence-informed tools  
 17 for families and loved ones of individuals strug-  
 18 gling with substance use disorders; and

19 “(B) is governed by experts in the field of  
 20 addiction, which may include—

21 “(i) experts in evidence-informed  
 22 interventions for family members;

23 “(ii) experts in the impact of addic-  
 24 tion on family systems;

1 “(iii) families who have experience  
2 with substance use disorders and addiction;  
3 and

4 “(iv) other experts in the field of ad-  
5 diction; and

6 “(2) the term ‘family support services’ means  
7 resources or programs that support families that in-  
8 clude an individual with substance use disorder.

9 “(b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall  
10 award grants to family community organizations to enable  
11 such organizations to develop, expand, and enhance evi-  
12 dence-informed family support services.

13 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the  
14 costs of a program funded by a grant under this section  
15 may not exceed 85 percent.

16 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-  
17 section (b)—

18 “(1) shall be used to develop, expand, and en-  
19 hance community and statewide evidence-informed  
20 family support services; and

21 “(2) may be used to—

22 “(A) build connections between family sup-  
23 port networks, including providing technical as-  
24 sistance between family community organiza-  
25 tions and peer support networks, and with

1 other family support services, focused on en-  
2 hancing knowledge of evidence-informed inter-  
3 ventions for family members and loved ones of  
4 individuals living with substance use disorders  
5 and reducing harm by educating service pro-  
6 viders on current evidence regarding addiction  
7 and the family, including—

8 “(i) behavioral health providers, in-  
9 cluding such providers focused specifically  
10 on family and couples therapy in the con-  
11 text of addiction;

12 “(ii) primary care providers;

13 “(iii) providers of foster care services  
14 or support services for grandparents,  
15 guardians, and other extended family im-  
16 pacted by addiction; and

17 “(iv) other family support services  
18 that connect to community resources for  
19 individuals with substance use disorders,  
20 including non-clinical community services;

21 “(B) reduce stigma associated with the  
22 family of individuals with substance use dis-  
23 orders by improving knowledge about addiction  
24 and its treatment, providing compassionate sup-

1 port, and dispelling myths that perpetuate such  
2 stigma;

3 “(C) conduct outreach on issues relating to  
4 substance use disorders and family support,  
5 which may include education, training, and re-  
6 sources with respect to—

7 “(i) building a resilience- and  
8 strengths-based approach to prevention of,  
9 and living with, addiction in the family;

10 “(ii) identifying the signs of substance  
11 use disorder;

12 “(iii) adopting an approach that mini-  
13 mizes harm to all family members; and

14 “(iv) families of individuals with a  
15 substance use disorder, including with re-  
16 spect to—

17 “(I) navigating the treatment  
18 and recovery systems;

19 “(II) paying for addiction treat-  
20 ment;

21 “(III) education about substance  
22 use disorder; and

23 “(IV) avoiding predatory treat-  
24 ment programs; and

1                   “(D) connect families to evidence-informed  
2                   peer support programs.

3           “(e) DATA REPORTING AND PROGRAM OVER-  
4 SIGHT.—With respect to a grant awarded under sub-  
5 section (a), not later than 90 days after the end of the  
6 first year of the grant period, and annually thereafter for  
7 the duration of the grant period, the entity shall submit  
8 data, as appropriate and to the extent practicable, to the  
9 Secretary regarding—

10           “(1) the programs and activities funded by the  
11           grant;

12           “(2) health outcomes of the population of indi-  
13           viduals with a substance use disorder who received  
14           services through programs supported by the grant,  
15           as evaluated by an independent program evaluator  
16           through the use of outcomes measures, as deter-  
17           mined by the Secretary; and

18           “(3) any other information that the secretary  
19           may require for the purpose of ensuring that the  
20           grant recipient is complying with all the require-  
21           ments of the grant.

22           “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
24 \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

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