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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Cartwright introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _______________________.

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIALS PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means a nonprofit organization that applies for a grant under this section.

(2) ENERGY EFFICIENCY MATERIAL.—
(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “energy efficiency material” means a material (including a product, equipment, or system) the installation of which results in a reduction in use of energy or fuel.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “energy efficiency material” includes—

(i) a roof or lighting system or component of the system;

(ii) a window;

(iii) a door, including a security door;

(iv) a heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system or component of the system (including insulation and wiring and plumbing improvements needed to serve a more efficient system); and

(v) a renewable energy generation or heating system, including a solar, photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass (including wood pellet) system or component of the system.

(3) NONPROFIT BUILDING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “nonprofit building” means a building operated and owned by a nonprofit organization.
(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “nonprofit building” includes a building described in sub-
paragraph (A) that is—

(i) a hospital;

(ii) a youth center;

(iii) a school;

(iv) a social-welfare program facility;

(v) a facility of a faith-based organiza-
tion; or

(vi) any other nonresidential and non-
commercial structure.

(4) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
“nonprofit organization” means an organization that
is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-

(c) GRANTS.—
(1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a
grant under the pilot program established under
subsection (b) if an applicant submits to the Sec-
retary an application at such time, in such form,
and containing such information as the Secretary
may prescribe.

(2) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—In determining
whether to award a grant under the pilot program
established under subsection (b), the Secretary shall
apply performance-based criteria, which shall give
priority to applicants based on—

(A) the energy savings expected to be
achieved;

(B) the cost-effectiveness of the use of the
energy efficiency materials that are proposed to
be purchased;

(C) an effective plan for evaluation, meas-
urement, and verification of energy savings; and

(D) the financial need of the applicant.

(3) LIMITATION ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT
AMOUNT.—Each grant awarded under this section
shall not exceed $200,000.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026,
to remain available until expended.