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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to facilitate the use of solar energy systems and energy storage technologies at Federally qualified health centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Community Health Ac-
5 cess Through Resilient Grid Energy Act of 2025” or the
6 “CHARGE Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**
2 **AND ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES AT**
3 **FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting
6 through the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and
7 Renewable Energy of the Department of Energy, shall es-
8 tablish a program to award grants to eligible entities for
9 the conduct of qualifying projects (in this section referred
10 to as the “program”).

11 (b) GRANTS.—

12 (1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may award a
13 grant under the program if an applicant submits to
14 the Secretary an application at such time, in such
15 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
16 retary determines appropriate, including a descrip-
17 tion of—

18 (A) the qualifying project proposed to be
19 conducted by the eligible entity using such
20 grant amounts; and

21 (B) as applicable, how the eligible entity
22 plans to select any Federally qualified health
23 center with respect to which such qualifying
24 project will be conducted.

1 (2) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—Grant amounts
2 awarded under the program may only be used to
3 conduct a qualifying project.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to implement the program
6 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) APPLICANT.—The term “applicant” means
9 an eligible entity that applies for a grant under the
10 program.

11 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
12 ty” means—

13 (A) a unit of State or local government;

14 (B) a Federally-qualified health center;

15 (C) a nonprofit membership organization
16 that operates at the national, regional, or State
17 level and includes within its membership one or
18 more Federally-qualified health centers; or

19 (D) a provider consortia or network that is
20 majority owned or majority controlled by one or
21 more Federally-qualified health centers.

22 (3) ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY.—The
23 term “energy storage technology” has the meaning
24 given that term in section 48E(c)(2) of the Internal
25 Revenue Code of 1986.

1 (4) FEDERALLY-QUALIFIED HEALTH CEN-
2 TER.—The term “Federally-qualified health center”
3 has the meaning given that term in section
4 1905(l)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1396d(l)(2)(B)).

6 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Energy.

8 (6) SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM.—The term “solar
9 energy system”—

10 (A) means an engineered assembly of com-
11 ponents that capture solar radiation and con-
12 vert such radiation into an energy source
13 through technologies such as photovoltaic pan-
14 els or solar thermal collectors; and

15 (B) includes any supporting infrastructure
16 for the delivery of such energy for use.

17 (7) QUALIFYING PROJECT.—The term “quali-
18 fying project” means a project—

19 (A) to install at one or more Federally
20 qualified health centers a solar energy system
21 or an energy storage technology; or

22 (B) to provide to one or more Federally
23 qualified health centers technical assistance re-
24 lating to the design, installation, operation, or

- 1 use of a solar energy system or energy storage
- 2 technology.