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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To establish a grant program to facilitate the veterinary care of former  
law enforcement canines, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. FEENSTRA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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purposes.

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 “Honoring Police Offi-  
5       cer and K9 Service Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE VETERINARY**  
2 **CARE FOR FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT CA-**  
3 **NINES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-  
6 eral shall establish a grant program to facilitate the care  
7 of former law enforcement canines (in this section referred  
8 to as the “program”).

9 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBLE RECIPI-  
10 ENTS.—In carrying out the program, the Attorney Gen-  
11 eral may award a grant on a competitive basis to any enti-  
12 ty that qualifies as a nonprofit organization under section  
13 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and that  
14 the Attorney General determines has—

15 (1) a demonstrated history of successfully as-  
16 sisting the owners of former law enforcement ca-  
17 nines with costs associated with veterinary care,  
18 medication and antibiotics, or other medical ex-  
19 penses for the canine; and

20 (2) the capacity to record and provide a de-  
21 tailed accounting of the purposes for which grant  
22 amounts are expended.

23 (c) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—A recipient of a grant  
24 under the program may only use grant funds to cover the  
25 costs associated with veterinary care, medication and anti-

1 biotics, or other medical expenses determined necessary by  
2 a veterinarian for the former law enforcement canine.

3 (d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under  
4 the Program, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an  
5 application at such time, in such form, and containing  
6 such information as the Attorney General determines ap-  
7 propriate.

8 (e) REPORTS.—

9 (1) REPORTS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.—As a  
10 condition of receiving a grant under the program, a  
11 prospective recipient shall agree to submit to the At-  
12 torney General, on an annual basis for the duration  
13 of the project to be carried out using grant funds a  
14 report containing, with respect to the year covered  
15 by the report—

16 (A) a detailed accounting of how grant  
17 funds were used; and

18 (B) a proposal for how activities carried  
19 out under the project may be improved in the  
20 future.

21 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Upon receiv-  
22 ing a report under paragraph (1), the Attorney Gen-  
23 eral shall submit a copy of the report to Congress.

1       (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
3 out this section \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

4       (g) FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINE DE-  
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “former law enforce-  
6 ment canine” means a canine that has been used by a  
7 Federal, State, or local agency in the performance of law  
8 enforcement duties and that has been determined by such  
9 agency to be no longer needed for official purposes.