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To direct the Attorney General to award grants to eligible entities for first responders who handle elder justice-related matters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. EMMER 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 “Senior abuse Training
5 and Offense Prevention Act” or the “STOP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ELDER JUSTICE MATTERS.**
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3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, after con-
4 sultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
5 ices, the Postmaster General, and the Chief Postal Inspec-
6 tor for the United States Postal Inspection Service, shall
7 award grants to eligible entities, on a competitive basis,
8 to provide training, technical assistance, multidisciplinary
9 coordination, policy development, and other types of sup-
10 port to police, sheriffs, detectives, public safety officers,
11 corrections personnel, and other first responders who han-
12 dle elder justice-related matters, to fund specially des-
13 igned elder justice positions or units designed to support
14 first responders in elder justice matters.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) ELDER.—The term “elder” means an indi-
17 vidual age 60 or older.

18 (2) ELDER JUSTICE.—The term “elder justice”
19 means—

20 (A) efforts to—

21 (i) prevent, detect, threat, intervene
22 in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and
23 exploitation; and

24 (ii) protect elders with diminished ca-
25 pacity while maximizing their autonomy;
26 and

1 (B) the recognition of an elder’s rights, in-
2 cluding the right to be free of abuse, neglect,
3 and exploitation.

4 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
5 ty” means a State or local government agency, In-
6 dian tribe or tribal organization, or any other public
7 or nonprofit private entity that is engaged in and
8 has expertise in issues relating to elder justice or a
9 field necessary to promote elder justice efforts.

10 **SEC. 3. EVALUATION; APPLICATIONS.**

11 (a) EVALUATION.—In carrying out the grant pro-
12 gram under this Act, the Attorney General shall—

13 (1) require each recipient of a grant to use a
14 portion of the funds made available through the
15 grant to conduct a validated evaluation of the effec-
16 tiveness of the activities carried out through the
17 grant by such recipient; or

18 (2) as the Attorney General considers appro-
19 priate, use a portion of the funds available under
20 this Act for a grant program under this Act to pro-
21 vide assistance to an eligible entity to conduct a vali-
22 dated evaluation of the effectiveness of the activities
23 carried out through such grant program by each of
24 the grant recipients.

25 (b) APPLICATIONS.—

1 (1) SUBMISSION.—To be eligible to receive a
2 grant under this Act, an entity shall submit an ap-
3 plication to the Attorney General at such time, in
4 such manner, and containing such information as
5 the Attorney General may require, which shall in-
6 clude—

7 (A) a proposal for the evaluation required
8 in accordance with subsection (a)(1); and

9 (B) the amount of assistance under sub-
10 section (a)(2) the entity is requesting, if any.

11 (2) REVIEW AND ASSISTANCE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—An employee of the De-
13 partment of Justice, after consultation with an
14 employee of the Department of Health and
15 Human Services with expertise in evaluation
16 methodology, shall review each application de-
17 scribed in subsection (b) and determine whether
18 the methodology described in the proposal
19 under paragraph (1)(A) is adequate to gather
20 meaningful information.

21 (B) DENIAL.—If the reviewing employee
22 determines the methodology described in such
23 proposal is inadequate, the reviewing employee
24 shall recommend that the Attorney General
25 deny the application for the grant, or make rec-

1 ommendations for how the application should
2 be modified.

3 (C) NOTICE TO APPLICANT.—If the Attor-
4 ney General denies the application on the basis
5 of such proposal, the Attorney General shall in-
6 form the applicant of the reasons the applica-
7 tion was denied, and offer assistance to the ap-
8 plicant in modifying the proposal.