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Building Solutions for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 7, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 4, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Dec 1, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 31, 2022
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6810	Related bill	Mar 28, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
117 HR 5025	Related bill	Sep 21, 2021: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Building Solutions for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness Act of 2021

This bill addresses various Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) grants, programs, and assistance related to services for homeless veterans.

The bill removes certain funding limitations on grants that assist eligible entities in establishing or modifying programs to furnish outreach, rehabilitative services, vocational counseling and training, and transitional housing assistance to homeless veterans.

Under the bill, grant recipients must not be subject to certain property disposition requirements.

The bill increases the maximum rate of per diem payments provided to grant recipients furnishing services to homeless veterans.

Under the Supportive Services for Veterans Families program, not less than 2% of the amounts available in any fiscal year may be available to provide technical assistance to entities providing supportive services to very low-income veteran families occupying permanent housing.

Among other requirements, the VA must

- provide training and technical assistance to grant recipients regarding the planning, development, and provision of services for which the grant is made;
- establish and carry out a program to provide services to assist veterans with navigating housing and health care resources; and
- implement three pilot programs to provide improved public transportation, nursing staff, and substance use disorder and alcohol use disorder treatment services to certain veterans.

The bill (1) extends through FY2025 the authority for appropriations for homeless veterans reintegration programs, and (2) increases the amount authorized to be appropriated annually for such programs from \$50 million to \$75 million.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-231.
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.