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116TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a decentralized wastewater grant program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Decentralized Waste-  
5       water Grant Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Federal Water Pol-  
3 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended  
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 222. GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR RE-**  
6 **PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLD DE-**  
7 **CENTRALIZED WASTEWATER TREATMENT**  
8 **SYSTEMS.**

9 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘eligible  
10 individual’ means a member of a household, the members  
11 of which have a combined income (for the most recent 12-  
12 month period for which information is available) equal to  
13 not more than 50 percent of the median nonmetropolitan  
14 household income for the State in which the household is  
15 located, according to the most recent decennial census.

16 “(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Administrator shall es-  
17 tablish a program to provide a grant to a qualified non-  
18 profit organization, as determined by the Administrator,  
19 to provide a subgrant to an eligible individual—

20 “(1) for the construction, repair, or replacement  
21 of an individual household decentralized wastewater  
22 treatment system;

23 “(2) if the eligible individual resides in a house-  
24 hold that could be cost-effectively connected to an  
25 available publicly owned treatment works, for the

1 connection of the household of the eligible individual  
2 to the publicly owned treatment works; or

3 “(3) for the installation of a larger decentral-  
4 ized wastewater system designed to provide treat-  
5 ment for 2 or more households in which eligible indi-  
6 viduals reside, if—

7 “(A) site conditions at the households are  
8 unsuitable for the installation of an individually  
9 owned decentralized wastewater system;

10 “(B) multiple examples of unsuitable site  
11 conditions exist in close geographic proximity to  
12 each other; and

13 “(C) a larger decentralized wastewater sys-  
14 tem could be cost-effectively installed.

15 “(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding subgrants under this  
16 section, a qualified nonprofit organization that receives a  
17 grant under this section shall give priority to—

18 “(1) an eligible individual who does not have  
19 access to a functioning sanitary sewage disposal sys-  
20 tem; and

21 “(2) a group of eligible individuals that do not  
22 have access to a functioning sanitary sewage dis-  
23 posal system.

24 “(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
25 under this section, a qualified nonprofit organization shall

1 submit to the Administrator an application at such time,  
2 in such manner, and containing such information as the  
3 Administrator may require.

4 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
5 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator  
6 such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.”.

7 (b) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN  
8 FUNDS.—Section 603 of the Federal Water Pollution  
9 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c)—

11 (A) in paragraph (10), by adding “and” at  
12 the end;

13 (B) in paragraph (11)(B), by striking “;  
14 and” at the end and inserting a period; and

15 (C) by striking paragraph (12); and

16 (2) by striking subsection (j).

17 (c) NO REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Section 4107 of  
18 the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (Public  
19 Law 115–270; 132 Stat. 3877) is amended by striking  
20 subsection (b).