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To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to rural decentralized water systems grants.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SEWELL (for herself and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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# A BILL

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to rural decentralized water systems grants.

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. RURAL DECENTRALIZED WATER SYSTEMS**  
4 **GRANT PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS.**

5 Section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
6 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e) is amended—

1           (1) by striking the section designation and  
2           heading and all that follows through the end of sub-  
3           section (b)(1) and inserting the following:

4   **“SEC. 306E. GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAK-**  
5                   **ING LOANS AND SUBGRANTS FOR CONSTRUC-**  
6                   **TION, REFURBISHING, AND SERVICING OF IN-**  
7                   **DIVIDUALLY OWNED HOUSEHOLD WATER**  
8                   **WELL SYSTEMS AND HOUSEHOLD DECEN-**  
9                   **TRALIZED WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IN RURAL**  
10                  **AREAS.**

11           “(a) GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—The  
12   Secretary may provide grants to private nonprofit organi-  
13   zations for the purpose of providing subgrants and loans  
14   in accordance with subsection (b) to individuals for the  
15   construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual  
16   household water well systems and individually owned  
17   household decentralized wastewater systems in rural areas  
18   that are or will be owned by the individuals.

19           “(b) LOANS AND SUBGRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS.—

20                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—A nonprofit organization  
21   shall use grant amounts received under subsection  
22   (a) to provide—

23                           “(A) subgrants for use in accordance with  
24   this section to individuals residing in the service  
25   area of the nonprofit organization who are

1 members of a household with a combined in-  
2 come (for the most recent 12-month period for  
3 which the information is available) that is less  
4 than 60 percent of the median nonmetropolitan  
5 household income for the area, according to the  
6 most recent decennial census; and

7 “(B) loans for use in accordance with this  
8 section to individuals residing in the service  
9 area of the nonprofit organization who are  
10 members of a household with a combined in-  
11 come (for the most recent 12-month period for  
12 which the information is available) that is 60  
13 percent or more of the median nonmetropolitan  
14 household income for the area, according to the  
15 most recent decennial census.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking  
18 “\$15,000” and inserting “\$20,000”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(5) FUNDING TO COVER COST OF PERFORM-  
21 ANCE WARRANTIES.—A subgrant provided to an in-  
22 dividual under this subsection for an individually  
23 owned household decentralized wastewater system  
24 may include sufficient additional funding to cover

1 the cost of a performance warranty with a duration  
2 of at least 5 years.”; and  
3 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “2023” and  
4 inserting “2031”.