

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. HUSTED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Delivering for Rural  
5 Seniors Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**  
2 **HOME DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of  
4 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note; Public Law 93–86) is amended  
5 by inserting after section 5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 5A. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**  
7 **HOME DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

9 “(1) to award grants for the operation of  
10 projects that increase access for low-income elderly  
11 persons to commodities through home delivery; and

12 “(2) to evaluate those projects.

13 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PRO-  
15 GRAM.—The term ‘commodity supplemental food  
16 program’ means the program established under sec-  
17 tion 4.

18 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
19 tity’ means—

20 “(A) a local agency; or

21 “(B) a subdistributing agency.

22 “(3) LOCAL AGENCY; STATE AGENCY; SUB-  
23 DISTRIBUTING AGENCY.—The terms ‘local agency’,  
24 ‘State agency’, and ‘subdistributing agency’ have the  
25 meanings given those terms in section 247.1 of title

1       7, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regu-  
2       lation).

3           “(4) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’ has  
4       the meaning given the term in section 343(a) of the  
5       Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
6       U.S.C. 1991(a)).

7           “(c) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants, on  
8       a competitive basis, to State agencies to carry out the ac-  
9       tivities described in subsection (f)(1).

10          “(d) MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD.—The amount of a  
11       grant awarded to a State agency under subsection (c) may  
12       not exceed the lesser of—

13           “(1) \$4,000,000; and

14           “(2) the product obtained by multiplying—

15               “(A) the commodity supplemental food  
16               program caseload of the applicable State at the  
17               time that the application for the grant is sub-  
18               mitted under subsection (e); and

19               “(B) \$60.

20          “(e) APPLICATIONS.—A State agency seeking a grant  
21       under subsection (c) shall submit to the Secretary an ap-  
22       plication at such time, in such manner, and containing  
23       such information as the Secretary may require.

24          “(f) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State agency awarded a  
2           grant under subsection (c) shall distribute the grant  
3           funds to eligible entities to operate projects that fa-  
4           cilitate home delivery of commodities to participants  
5           in the commodity supplemental food program, in-  
6           cluding for costs associated with—

7                   “(A) transportation and distribution of  
8                   commodities to participants in the commodity  
9                   supplemental food program, including transpor-  
10                  tation and distribution services provided by a  
11                  third party;

12                   “(B) staffing required to operate home de-  
13                  livery services; and

14                   “(C) outreach to participants or potential  
15                  participants in the commodity supplemental  
16                  food program with respect to home delivery.

17           “(2) PRIORITY.—In distributing grant funds in  
18           accordance with paragraph (1), a State agency shall  
19           prioritize eligible entities that serve participants in  
20           the commodity supplemental food program who re-  
21           side in a rural area.

22           “(g) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—Not later than  
23           180 days after the end of the fiscal year in which a State  
24           agency is awarded a grant under subsection (c), and each  
25           fiscal year thereafter until all grant funds are expended,

1 a State agency shall submit to the Secretary a report that  
2 includes—

3 “(1) a summary of the activities carried out  
4 under the projects funded by the grant, including  
5 the quantity of commodities delivered, number of  
6 participants in the commodity supplemental food  
7 program served, and total number of deliveries;

8 “(2) an assessment of the effectiveness of those  
9 projects, including—

10 “(A) a calculation of the average cost per  
11 delivery; and

12 “(B) an evaluation of any services provided  
13 by a third party; and

14 “(3) best practices regarding use of home deliv-  
15 ery to improve the effectiveness of the commodity  
16 supplemental food program.

17 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
18 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
19 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029,  
20 to remain available until expended.”.