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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a program for research and training with respect to Parkinson's disease.

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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 “Morris K. Udall Par-

5 kinson's Research Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that to take full ad-

8 vantage of the tremendous potential for finding a cure or

9 effective treatment, the Federal investment in Parkinson's

10 must be expanded, as well as the coordination strength-

11 ened among the National Institutes of Health research in-

12 stitutes.

13 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-

14 vide for the expansion and coordination of research re-

15 garding Parkinson's, and to improve care and assistance

16 for afflicted individuals and their family caregivers.

17 **SEC. 3. PARKINSON'S RESEARCH.**

18 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act

19 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end

20 the following:

1 “PARKINSON’S DISEASE

2 “SEC. 409B. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of
3 NIH shall establish a program for the conduct and sup-
4 port of research and training with respect to Parkinson’s
5 disease (subject to the extent of amounts appropriated
6 under subsection (e)).

7 “(b) INTER-INSTITUTE COORDINATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall
9 provide for the coordination of the program estab-
10 lished under subsection (a) among all of the national
11 research institutes conducting Parkinson’s research.

12 “(2) CONFERENCE.—Coordination under para-
13 graph (1) shall include the convening of a research
14 planning conference not less frequently than once
15 every 2 years. Each such conference shall prepare
16 and submit to the Committee on Appropriations and
17 the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of
18 the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations
19 and the Committee on Commerce of the House of
20 Representatives a report concerning the conference.

21 “(c) MORRIS K. UDALL RESEARCH CENTERS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall
23 award Core Center Grants to encourage the develop-
24 ment of innovative multidisciplinary research and
25 provide training concerning Parkinson’s. The Direc-

1 tor shall award not more than 10 Core Center
2 Grants and designate each center funded under such
3 grants as a Morris K. Udall Center for Research on
4 Parkinson's Disease.

5 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to Par-
7 kinson's, each center assisted under this sub-
8 section shall—

9 “(i) use the facilities of a single insti-
10 tution or a consortium of cooperating insti-
11 tutions, and meet such qualifications as
12 may be prescribed by the Director of the
13 NIH; and

14 “(ii) conduct basic and clinical re-
15 search.

16 “(B) DISCRETIONARY REQUIREMENTS.—

17 With respect to Parkinson's, each center as-
18 sisted under this subsection may—

19 “(i) conduct training programs for
20 scientists and health professionals;

21 “(ii) conduct programs to provide in-
22 formation and continuing education to
23 health professionals;

24 “(iii) conduct programs for the dis-
25 semination of information to the public;

1 “(iv) separately or in collaboration
2 with other centers, establish a nationwide
3 data system derived from patient popu-
4 lations with Parkinson’s, and where pos-
5 sible, comparing relevant data involving
6 general populations;

7 “(v) separately or in collaboration
8 with other centers, establish a Parkinson’s
9 Disease Information Clearinghouse to fa-
10 cilitate and enhance knowledge and under-
11 standing of Parkinson’s disease; and

12 “(vi) separately or in collaboration
13 with other centers, establish a national
14 education program that fosters a national
15 focus on Parkinson’s and the care of those
16 with Parkinson’s.

17 “(3) STIPENDS REGARDING TRAINING PRO-
18 GRAMS.—A center may use funds provided under
19 paragraph (1) to provide stipends for scientists and
20 health professionals enrolled in training programs
21 under paragraph (2)(B).

22 “(4) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a
23 center under this subsection may be for a period not
24 exceeding five years. Such period may be extended
25 by the Director of NIH for one or more additional

1 periods of not more than five years if the operations
2 of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate
3 technical and scientific peer review group established
4 by the Director and if such group has recommended
5 to the Director that such period should be extended.

6 “(d) MORRIS K. UDALL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
7 IN PARKINSON’S DISEASE RESEARCH.—The Director of
8 NIH shall establish a grant program to support investiga-
9 tors with a proven record of excellence and innovation in
10 Parkinson’s research and who demonstrate potential for
11 significant future breakthroughs in the understanding of
12 the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of Parkinson’s.
13 Grants under this subsection shall be available for a period
14 of not to exceed 5 years.

15 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
16 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
17 to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and
18 such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years
19 1999 and 2000.”.

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