amendments made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section]."

## § 4956. Participation of program beneficiaries

To the maximum extent practicable, the people of the communities to be served by volunteers under this subchapter shall participate in planning, developing, and implementing programs thereunder, and the Director, after consultation with sponsoring agencies (including volunteers assigned to them) and the people served by such agencies, shall establish in regulations, a continuing mechanism for the meaningful participation of such program beneficiaries.

(Pub. L. 93-113, title I, §106, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 398; Pub. L. 98-288, §7, May 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 191.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-288 substituted "establish in regulations" for "take all necessary steps to establish, in regulations he shall prescribe".

# § 4957. Participation of younger and older persons

In carrying out this part and part C of this subchapter, the Director shall take necessary steps, including the development of special projects, where appropriate, to encourage the fullest participation of individuals 18 through 27 years of age, and individuals 55 years of age and older, in the various programs and activities authorized under such parts.

(Pub. L. 93-113, title I, §107, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 399; Pub. L. 103-82, title III, §326, Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 901.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103–82 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: "In carrying out this part and part C of this subchapter, the Director shall take necessary steps, including the development of special projects, where appropriate, to encourage the fullest participation of older persons and older persons membership groups as volunteers and participant agencies in the various programs and activities authorized under such parts and, because of the high proportion of older persons within the poverty group, shall encourage the development of a variety of volunteer services to older persons, including special projects, to assure that such persons are served in proportion to their need."

# EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103–82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 392 of Pub. L. 103–82, set out as a note under section 4951 of this title.

# § 4958. Limitation on funds appropriated for grants and contracts for direct cost of supporting volunteers in programs or projects

(a) Of funds appropriated for the purpose of this part under section 5081 of this title, not more than 30 percent for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, and for each fiscal year thereafter, may be obligated for the direct cost of supporting volunteers in programs or projects carried out pursuant to grants and contracts made under section 5042(12) of this title.

(b) No funds shall be obligated under this part pursuant to grants or contracts made after December 13, 1979, for new projects for the direct cost of supporting volunteers unless the recipient of each such grant or contract has been selected through a competitive process which includes—

- (1) public announcements of the availability of funds for such grants or contracts, general criteria for the selection of new recipients, and a description of the application process and the application review process; and
- (2) a requirement that each applicant for any such grant or contract identify, with sufficient particularity to assure that the assignments of volunteers under such grants and contracts will carry out the purpose of this part, the particular poverty or poverty-related problems on which the grant or contract will focus, and any such grant or contract shall specifically so identify such problems.

(Pub. L. 93–113, title I, §108, as added Pub. L. 94–293, §4(a)(1), May 27, 1976, 90 Stat. 525; amended Pub. L. 96–143, §4, Dec. 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 1075; Pub. L. 98–288, §8, May 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 191; Pub. L. 101–204, title VII, §703, Dec. 7, 1989, 103 Stat. 1821.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5042 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 103-82, title II, §203(b), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 892.

#### AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-204 substituted "30 percent" for "16 per centum".

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98–288, §8(1), (2), substituted "1984" for "1977", and struck out "During the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980—(1) in no event may in excess of \$5,800,000 be used pursuant to grants and contracts under this part for the direct cost of supporting such volunteers; and (2) funds obligated pursuant to such grants and contracts for such cost may be used to support no greater number of years of volunteer service than the number of such years supported during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, pursuant to grants and contracts for such cost."

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 98-288, §8(3), struck out "human, social, or environmental" after "poverty-related".

1979—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96–143, §4, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and, in subsec. (a) as so designated, substituted "16" for "20", inserted "During the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980", and added pars. (1) and (2).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96–143,  $\S4(b)$ , added subsec. (b).

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 4(c) of Pub. L. 94–293 provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) and subsection (b) of this section [enacting this section and amending section 5042 of this title] shall be effective on October 1, 1976, and shall not apply to any agreement for the assignment of volunteers entered into before such date during the period of any such agreement."

# § 4959. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-13, title II, § 2104, Apr. 21, 2009, 123 Stat. 1583

Section, Pub. L. 93–113, title I,  $\S$ 109, as added Pub. L. 99–551,  $\S$ 4(a), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3072; amended Pub. L. 101–204, title VI,  $\S$ 601, Dec. 7, 1989, 103 Stat. 1819; Pub. L. 103–82, title III,  $\S$ 327, Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 902; Pub. L. 105–277, div. A,  $\S$ 101(f) [title VIII,  $\S$ 405(d)(36)(B), (f)(28)(B)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–337, 2681–427, 2681–434, related to the VISTA Literacy Corps.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.