

(M) protect and promote rural heritage.

(f) Uses

(1) Leverage

A Regional Board shall prioritize projects and initiatives carried out using funds from a regional innovation grant provided under this section, based in part on the degree to which members of the Regional Board are able to leverage additional funds for the implementation of the projects.

(2) Purposes

A Regional Board may use a regional innovation grant—

(A) to support the development of critical infrastructure (including technology deployment and services) necessary to facilitate the competitiveness of a region;

(B) to provide assistance to entities within the region that provide essential public and community services;

(C) to enhance the value-added production, marketing, and use of agricultural and natural resources within the region, including activities relating to renewable and alternative energy production and usage;

(D) to assist with entrepreneurship, job training, workforce development, housing, educational, or other quality of life services or needs, relating to the development and maintenance of strong local and regional economies;

(E) to assist in the development of unique new collaborations that link public, private, and philanthropic resources, including community foundations;

(F) to provide support for business and entrepreneurial investment, strategy, expansion, and development, including feasibility strategies, technical assistance, peer networks, business development funds, and other activities to strengthen the economic competitiveness of the region;

(G) to provide matching funds to enable community foundations located within the region to build endowments which provide permanent philanthropic resources to implement a regional investment strategy; and

(H) to preserve and promote rural heritage.

(3) Availability of funds

The funds made available to a Regional Board or any other eligible grantee through a regional innovation grant shall remain available for the 7-year period beginning on the date on which the award is provided, on the condition that the Regional Board or other grantee continues to be certified by the Secretary as making adequate progress toward achieving established benchmarks.

(g) Cost sharing

(1) Waiver of grantee share

The Secretary may waive the share of a grantee of the costs of a project funded by a regional innovation grant under this section if the Secretary determines that such a waiver is appropriate, including with respect to special circumstances within tribal regions, in the event an area experiences—

(A) a sudden or severe economic dislocation;

(B) significant chronic unemployment or poverty;

(C) a natural disaster; or

(D) other severe economic, social, or cultural duress.

(2) Other Federal programs

For the purpose of determining cost-sharing requirements for any other Federal program, funds provided as a regional innovation grant under this section shall be considered to be non-Federal funds.

(h) Noncompliance

If a Regional Board or other eligible grantee fails to comply with any requirement relating to the use of funds provided under this section, the Secretary may—

(1) take such actions as are necessary to obtain reimbursement of unused grant funds; and

(2) reprogram the recaptured funds for purposes relating to implementation of this subchapter.

(i) Priority to areas with awards and approved strategies

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (3), in providing rural development assistance under other programs, the Secretary shall give a high priority to areas that receive innovation grants under this section.

(2) Consultation

The Secretary shall consult with the heads of other Federal agencies to promote the development of priorities similar to those described in paragraph (1).

(3) Exclusion of certain programs

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the provision of rural development assistance under any program relating to basic health, safety, or infrastructure, including broadband deployment or minimum environmental needs.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §385F, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6030, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 407; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6028, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1190; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6028, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1951.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §6028, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section provided regional strategic investment planning grants to Regional Boards.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 2009dd-6. Rural endowment loans program

(a) In general

The Secretary may provide long-term loans to eligible community foundations to assist in the

implementation of regional investment strategies.

(b) Eligible community foundations

To be eligible to receive a loan under this section, a community foundation shall—

(1) be located in an area that is covered by a regional investment strategy;

(2) match the amount of the loan with an amount that is at least 250 percent of the amount of the loan; and

(3) use the loan and the matching amount to carry out the regional investment strategy in a manner that is targeted to community and economic development, including through the development of community foundation endowments.

(c) Terms

A loan made under this section shall—

(1) have a term of not less than 10, nor more than 20, years;

(2) bear an interest rate of 1 percent per annum; and

(3) be subject to such other terms and conditions as are determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §385G, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6030, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 408; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6028, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1193; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6028, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1955.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §6028, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section provided for competitive innovation grants to be made to Regional Boards.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 2009dd-7. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$135,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §385H, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6030, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 411; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6028, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1194; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6028, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1955.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §6028, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to National Conference on Rural America.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the

date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER X—SEARCH GRANTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

§§ 2009ee to 2009ee-3. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6002(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1162, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6002(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1923

Section 2009ee, Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6301, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 421, defined terms.

Section 2009ee-1, Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6302, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 422, related to SEARCH grant program. See section 1926 of this title.

Section 2009ee-2, Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6303, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 424, related to annual report on projects.

Section 2009ee-3, Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6304, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 424, related to funding.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 repealed this subchapter. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of this subchapter and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

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§ 2011. Congressional declaration of policy

It is declared to be the policy of Congress, in order to promote the general welfare, to safe-