

- (2) transportation planning and economic development;
- (3) information technology;
- (4) movement of freight and individuals within the region;
- (5) federally-funded research at institutions of higher education; and
- (6) conservation land management.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §383C, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6026(c)(1)(B), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1178, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6026(c)(1)(B), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1940.)

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

### § 2009bb-2. Economic and community development grants

#### (a) In general

The Authority may approve grants to States, Indian tribes, local governments, and public and nonprofit organizations for projects, approved in accordance with section 2009bb-8 of this title—

- (1) to assist the region in obtaining the job training, employment-related education, and business development (with an emphasis on entrepreneurship) that are needed to build and maintain strong local economies;
- (2) to develop the transportation, renewable energy transmission, and telecommunication infrastructure of the region for the purpose of facilitating economic development in the region (except that grants for this purpose may be made only to States, Indian tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations);
- (3) to provide assistance to severely distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for improving basic public services;
- (4) to provide assistance to severely distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for equipping industrial parks and related facilities; and
- (5) to otherwise achieve the purposes of this subchapter.

#### (b) Funding

##### (1) In general

Funds for grants under subsection (a) of this section may be provided—

- (A) entirely from appropriations to carry out this section;
- (B) in combination with funds available under another Federal grant program; or
- (C) from any other source.

##### (2) Priority of funding

To best build the foundations for long-term economic development and to complement other Federal, State, and tribal resources in the region, Federal funds available under this subchapter shall be focused on the following activities:

(A) Basic public infrastructure in distressed counties and isolated areas of distress.

(B) Transportation and telecommunication infrastructure for the purpose of facilitating economic development in the region.

(C) Business development, with emphasis on entrepreneurship.

(D) Job training or employment-related education, with emphasis on use of existing public educational institutions located in the region.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §383D, formerly §383C, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6028, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 380; renumbered §383D and amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6026(c)(1)(A), (2)(B), (d), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1178, 1179, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6026(c)(1)(A), (2)(B), (d), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1940, 1941.)

#### 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.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 383D of Pub. L. 87-128, title III, was renumbered section 383E and is classified to section 2009bb-3 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, §6026(c)(2)(B), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in introductory provisions as reference to section 2009bb-8 of this title.

Subsec. (a)(1), (2). Pub. L. 110-246, §6026(d)(1), redesignated pars. (2) and (1) as (1) and (2), respectively, and, in par. (2), substituted “transportation, renewable energy transmission, and telecommunication” for “transportation and telecommunication”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-246, §6026(d)(2), substituted “the following activities” for “the activities in the following order or priority” in introductory provisions.

#### 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.

### § 2009bb-3. Supplements to Federal grant programs

#### (a) Finding

Congress finds that certain States and local communities of the region may be unable to take maximum advantage of Federal grant programs for which the States and communities are eligible because—

- (1) they lack the economic resources to provide the required matching share; or
- (2) there are insufficient funds available under the applicable Federal law authorizing the Federal grant program to meet pressing needs of the region.

#### (b) Federal grant program funding

Notwithstanding any provision of law limiting the Federal share, the areas eligible for assistance, or the authorizations of appropriations, under any Federal grant program, and in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, the Au-