

**(1) County funds**

The term “county funds” means all funds an eligible county elects under section 7112(d) of this title to reserve for expenditure in accordance with this subchapter.

**(2) Participating county**

The term “participating county” means an eligible county that elects under section 7112(d) of this title to expend a portion of the Federal funds received under section 7112 of this title in accordance with this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 106-393, title III, §301, as added Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3909.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 301 of Pub. L. 106-393 was set out in a note under section 500 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3893.

**§ 7142. Use****(a) Authorized uses**

A participating county, including any applicable agencies of the participating county, shall use county funds, in accordance with this subchapter, only—

(1) to carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;

(2) to reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting, that are—

(A) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved under subsection (b); and

(B) paid for by the participating county; and

(3) to develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concerned.

**(b) Proposals**

A participating county shall use county funds for a use described in subsection (a) only after a 45-day public comment period, at the beginning of which the participating county shall—

(1) publish in any publications of local record a proposal that describes the proposed use of the county funds; and

(2) submit the proposal to any resource advisory committee established under section 7125 of this title for the participating county.

(Pub. L. 106-393, title III, §302, as added Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3909; amended Pub. L. 112-141, div. F, title I, §100101(a)(9), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 906.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 302 of Pub. L. 106-393 was set out in a note under section 500 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3893.

## AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 112-141 inserted “and” at end.

**§ 7143. Certification****(a) In general**

Not later than February 1 of the year after the year in which any county funds were expended by a participating county, the appropriate official of the participating county shall submit to the Secretary concerned a certification that the county funds expended in the applicable year have been used for the uses authorized under section 7142(a) of this title, including a description of the amounts expended and the uses for which the amounts were expended.

**(b) Review**

The Secretary concerned shall review the certifications submitted under subsection (a) as the Secretary concerned determines to be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 106-393, title III, §303, as added Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3910.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 303 of Pub. L. 106-393 was set out in a note under section 500 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3893.

**§ 7144. Termination of authority****(a) In general**

The authority to initiate projects under this subchapter terminates on September 30, 2012.

**(b) Availability**

Any county funds not obligated by September 30, 2013, shall be returned to the Treasury of the United States.

(Pub. L. 106-393, title III, §304, as added Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3910; amended Pub. L. 112-141, div. F, title I, §100101(a)(2), (10), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 905, 906.)

## AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-141, §100101(a)(2), substituted “2012” for “2011”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-141, §100101(a)(10), substituted “2013” for “2012”.

## SUBCHAPTER IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**§ 7151. Regulations**

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall issue regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 106-393, title IV, §401, as added Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3910.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-393, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1607, known as the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7101 of this title and Tables.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 401 of Pub. L. 106-393 was set out in a note under section 500 of this title prior to repeal by