

lege access through collaboration and replication of successful strategies; and

(B) ensure that students served under this division on the day before August 14, 2008, continue to receive assistance through the completion of secondary school.

**(c) “Eligible entity” defined**

For the purposes of this division, the term “eligible entity” means—

- (1) a State; or
- (2) a partnership—
  - (A) consisting of—
    - (i) one or more local educational agencies; and
    - (ii) one or more degree granting institutions of higher education; and

(B) which may include not less than two other community organizations or entities, such as businesses, professional organizations, State agencies, institutions or agencies sponsoring programs authorized under subpart 4, or other public or private agencies or organizations.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, § 404A, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title IV, § 403, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1656; amended Pub. L. 110-315, title IV, § 404(a), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3206.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1070a-21, Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, § 404A, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, § 402(a)(4), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 492; amended Pub. L. 103-208, § 2(b)(12), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2459, authorized establishment of early intervention program, prior to the general amendment of this division by Pub. L. 105-244.

**AMENDMENTS**

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(a)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary is authorized, in accordance with the requirements of this division, to establish a program that—

“(1) encourages eligible entities to provide or maintain a guarantee to eligible low-income students who obtain a secondary school diploma (or its recognized equivalent), of the financial assistance necessary to permit the students to attend an institution of higher education; and

“(2) supports eligible entities in providing—

“(A) additional counseling, mentoring, academic support, outreach, and supportive services to elementary school, middle school, and secondary school students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and

“(B) information to students and their parents about the advantages of obtaining a postsecondary education and the college financing options for the students and their parents.”

Subsec. (b)(2), (3). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(a)(2), added pars. (2) and (3) and struck out former par. (2) which related to priority in making awards to eligible entities.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(a)(3), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “a partnership consisting of—

“(A) one or more local educational agencies acting on behalf of—

“(i) one or more elementary schools or secondary schools; and

“(ii) the secondary schools that students from the schools described in clause (i) would normally attend;

“(B) one or more degree granting institutions of higher education; and

“(C) at least two community organizations or entities, such as businesses, professional associations,

community-based organizations, philanthropic organizations, State agencies, institutions or agencies sponsoring programs authorized under subpart 4 of this part, or other public or private agencies or organizations.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Division effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as an Effective Date of 1998 Amendment note under section 1001 of this title.

**EVALUATION OF TUITION GUARANTY PROGRAMS**

Pub. L. 102-325, title XIV, § 1407, July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 819, directed Secretary of Education to conduct study of effectiveness of programs for disadvantaged children that promise the child financial resources needed to pursue postsecondary education in exchange for child’s commitment to achieve satisfactory elementary and secondary education, and to submit reports regarding study by June 30, 1996, and by Jan. 1, 1997, to committees of Congress, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-332, § 6(b)(2), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3128.

**§ 1070a-22. Requirements**

**(a) Funding rules**

In awarding grants from the amount appropriated under section 1070a-28 of this title for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall make available—

(1) to eligible entities described in section 1070a-21(c)(1) of this title, not less than 33 percent of such amount;

(2) to eligible entities described in section 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title, not less than 33 percent of such amount; and

(3) to eligible entities described in paragraph (1) or (2) of section 1070a-21(c) of this title, the remainder of such amount taking into consideration the number, quality, and promise of the applications for the grants, and, to the extent practicable—

(A) the geographic distribution of such grant awards; and

(B) the distribution of such grant awards between urban and rural applicants.

**(b) Coordination**

Each eligible entity shall ensure that the activities assisted under this division are, to the extent practicable, coordinated with, and complement and enhance—

(1) services under this division provided by other eligible entities serving the same school district or State; and

(2) related services under other Federal or non-Federal programs.

**(c) Designation of fiscal agent**

An eligible entity described in section 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title shall designate an institution of higher education or a local educational agency as the fiscal agent for the eligible entity.

**(d) Cohort approach**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall require that eligible entities described in section 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title—

(A) provide services under this division to at least one grade level of students, beginning not later than 7th grade, in a participating school that has a 7th grade and in

which at least 50 percent of the students enrolled are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act [42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.] (or, if an eligible entity determines that it would promote the effectiveness of a program, an entire grade level of students, beginning not later than the 7th grade, who reside in public housing as defined in section 1437a(b)(1) of title 42);

(B) ensure that the services are provided through the 12th grade to students in the participating grade level and provide the option of continued services through the student's first year of attendance at an institution of higher education to the extent the provision of such services was described in the eligible entity's application for assistance under this division; and

(C) provide services under this division to students who have received services under a previous GEAR UP grant award but have not yet completed the 12th grade.

### (2) Coordination requirement

In order for the Secretary to require the cohort approach described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, where applicable, ensure that the cohort approach is done in coordination and collaboration with existing early intervention programs and does not duplicate the services already provided to a school or community.

### (e) Supplement, not supplant

Grant funds awarded under this division shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, other Federal, State, and local funds that would otherwise be expended to carry out activities assisted under this division.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, § 404B, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title IV, § 403, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1657; amended Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, § 752(b)(8), Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1169; Pub. L. 110-315, title IV, § 404(b), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3207.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(A), is act June 4, 1946, ch. 281, 60 Stat. 230, which is classified generally to chapter 13 (§ 1751 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1751 of Title 42 and Tables.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1070a-22, Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, § 404B, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, § 402(a)(4), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 492; amended Pub. L. 103-208, § 2(b)(13), (14), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2459, related to State eligibility and State plan, prior to the general amendment of this division by Pub. L. 105-244.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(b)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which related to funding rules.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(b)(2), (3), redesignated subsecs. (c) and (d) as (b) and (c), respectively, and struck out former subsec. (b). Text read as follows: "Each eligible entity described in section 1070a-21(c)(1) of this title, and each eligible entity described in section 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title that conducts a scholarship component under section 1070a-25 of this title,

shall use not less than 25 percent and not more than 50 percent of grant funds received under this division for the early intervention component of an eligible entity's program under this division, except that the Secretary may waive the 50 percent limitation if the eligible entity demonstrates that the eligible entity has another means of providing the students with financial assistance that is described in the plan submitted under section 1070a-23 of this title."

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(b)(3), redesignated subsec. (g) as (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (d)(1)(B), (C). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(b)(4), inserted "and provide the option of continued services through the student's first year of attendance at an institution of higher education to the extent the provision of such services was described in the eligible entity's application for assistance under this division" after "grade level" in par. (B) and added par. (C).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(b)(2), (5), added subsec. (e) and struck out former subsec. (e). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "An eligible entity described in section 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title shall have a full-time program coordinator or a part-time program coordinator, whose primary responsibility is a project under section 1070a-23 of this title."

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(b)(2), struck out subsec. (f). Text read as follows: "An eligible entity described in 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title shall ensure that the activities assisted under this division will not displace an employee or eliminate a position at a school assisted under this division, including a partial displacement such as a reduction in hours, wages or employment benefits."

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 110-315, § 404(b)(3), redesignated subsec. (g) as (d).

1999—Subsec. (g)(1)(A). Pub. L. 106-78 substituted "Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act" for "National School Lunch Act".

## § 1070a-23. Applications

### (a) Application required for eligibility

#### (1) In general

In order for an eligible entity to qualify for a grant under this division, the eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary an application for carrying out the program under this division.

#### (2) Contents

Each application submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be in such form, contain or be accompanied by such information or assurances, and be submitted at such time as the Secretary may reasonably require. Each such application shall, at a minimum—

(A) describe the activities for which assistance under this division is sought, including how the eligible entity will carry out the required activities described in section 1070a-24(a) of this title;

(B) describe, in the case of an eligible entity described in section 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title that chooses to provide scholarships, or an eligible entity described in section 1070a-21(c)(1) of this title, how the eligible entity will meet the requirements of section 1070a-25 of this title;

(C) describe, in the case of an eligible entity described in section 1070a-21(c)(2) of this title that requests a reduced match percentage under subsection (b)(2), how such reduction will assist the entity to provide the scholarships described in subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii);

(D) provide assurances that adequate administrative and support staff will be re-