

payments to employers under this Act and for the purpose of section 18 of this Act. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until September 30, 1991.

“(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated under subsection (a) for any fiscal year which are obligated for the purpose of making payments under section 8 on behalf of a veteran (including funds so obligated which previously had been obligated for such purpose on behalf of another veteran and were thereafter deobligated) and are later deobligated shall immediately upon deobligation become available to the Administrator for obligation for such purpose. The further obligation of such funds by the Administrator for such purpose shall not be delayed, directly or indirectly, in any manner by any officer or employee in the executive branch.

“TIME PERIODS FOR APPLICATION AND INITIATION OF TRAINING

“SEC. 17. Assistance may not be paid to an employer under this Act—

“(1) on behalf of a veteran who initially applies for a program of job training under this Act after September 30, 1989; or

“(2) for any such program which begins after March 31, 1990.

“EXPANSION OF TARGETED DELIMITING DATE EXTENSION

“SEC. 18. (a) Subject to the limitation on the availability of funds set forth in subsection (b), an associate degree program which is predominantly vocational in content may be considered by the Administrator, for the purposes of section 3462(a)(3) of title 38, United States Code, to be a course with an approved vocational objective if such degree program meets the requirements established in such title for approval of such program.

“(b) Funds for the purpose of carrying out subsection (a) shall be derived only from amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorizations of appropriations in section 16. Not more than a total of \$25,000,000 of amounts so appropriated for fiscal years 1984 and 1985 shall be available for that purpose.

“EFFECTIVE DATE

“SEC. 19. This Act shall take effect on October 1, 1983.”

[Amendment of Pub. L. 98-77, set out above, by Pub. L. 100-323 effective on 60th day after May 20, 1988, see section 16(b)(2) of Pub. L. 100-323, set out as a note under section 3104 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.]

[Pub. L. 99-238, title II, §201(f), Jan. 13, 1986, 99 Stat. 1768, provided that:

[“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [amending Pub. L. 98-77 above] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 13, 1986].

[“(2) The amendment made by subsection (e)(2) [amending section 17(a)(1) of Pub. L. 98-77 above] shall take effect on February 1, 1986.”]

COORDINATION WITH PROGRAMS UNDER OTHER LAWS

For provisions requiring coordination of programs under section 3116(b) of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits, with programs under the Veterans' Job Training Act, Pub. L. 98-77, set out above, see section 202 of Pub. L. 99-238, set out as a note under section 3116 of Title 38.

§ 2914. Youth opportunity grants

(a) Grants

(1) In general

Using funds made available under section 2852(b)(1)(A) of this title, the Secretary shall make grants to eligible local boards and eligible entities described in subsection (d) of this section to provide activities described in sub-

section (b) of this section for youth to increase the long-term employment of youth who live in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, and high poverty areas and who seek assistance.

(2) Definition

In this section, the term “youth” means an individual who is not less than age 14 and not more than age 21.

(3) Grant period

The Secretary may make a grant under this section for a 1-year period, and may renew the grant for each of the 4 succeeding years.

(4) Grant awards

In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that grants are distributed equitably among local boards and entities serving urban areas and local boards and entities serving rural areas, taking into consideration the poverty rate in such urban and rural areas, as described in subsection (c)(3)(B) of this section.

(b) Use of funds

(1) In general

A local board or entity that receives a grant under this section shall use the funds made available through the grant to provide activities that meet the requirements of section 2854 of this title, except as provided in paragraph (2), as well as youth development activities such as activities relating to leadership development, citizenship, and community service, and recreation activities.

(2) Intensive placement and followup services

In providing activities under this section, a local board or entity shall provide—

(A) intensive placement services; and

(B) followup services for not less than 24 months after the completion of participation in the other activities described in this subsection, as appropriate.

(c) Eligible local boards

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a local board shall serve a community that—

(1) has been designated as an empowerment zone or enterprise community under section 1391 of title 26;

(2)(A) is a State without a zone or community described in paragraph (1); and

(B) has been designated as a high poverty area by the Governor of the State; or

(3) is 1 of 2 areas in a State that—

(A) have been designated by the Governor as areas for which a local board may apply for a grant under this section; and

(B) meet the poverty rate criteria set forth in subsections (a)(4), (b), and (d) of section 1392 of title 26.

(d) Eligible entities

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity (other than a local board) shall—

(1) be a recipient of financial assistance under section 2911 of this title; and

(2) serve a community that—

(A) meets the poverty rate criteria set forth in subsections (a)(4), (b), and (d) of section 1392 of title 26; and

(B) is located on an Indian reservation or serves Oklahoma Indians or Alaska Natives.

(e) Application

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a local board or entity shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including—

(1) a description of the activities that the local board or entity will provide under this section to youth in the community described in subsection (c) of this section;

(2) a description of the performance measures negotiated under subsection (f) of this section, and the manner in which the local boards or entities will carry out the activities to meet the performance measures;

(3) a description of the manner in which the activities will be linked to activities described in section 2854 of this title; and

(4) a description of the community support, including financial support through leveraging additional public and private resources, for the activities.

(f) Performance measures

(1) In general

The Secretary shall negotiate and reach agreement with the local board or entity on performance measures for the indicators of performance referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 2871(b)(2) of this title that will be used to evaluate the performance of the local board or entity in carrying out the activities described in subsection (b) of this section. Each local performance measure shall consist of such a¹ indicator of performance, and a performance level referred to in paragraph (2).

(2) Performance levels

The Secretary shall negotiate and reach agreement with the local board or entity regarding the levels of performance expected to be achieved by the local board or entity on the indicators of performance.

(g) Role model academy project

(1) In general

Using the funds made available pursuant to section 2852(b)(1)(A)(iv) of this title for fiscal year 1999, the Secretary shall provide assistance to an entity to carry out a project establishing a role model academy for out-of-school youth.

(2) Residential center

The entity shall use the assistance to establish an academy that consists of a residential center located on the site of a military installation closed or realigned pursuant to a law providing for closures and realignments of such installations.

(3) Services

The academy established pursuant to this subsection shall provide services that—

(A) utilize a military style model that emphasizes leadership skills and discipline, or another model of demonstrated effectiveness; and

(B) include vocational training, secondary school course work leading to a secondary school diploma or recognized equivalent, and the use of mentors who serve as role models and who provide academic training and career counseling to the youth.

(Pub. L. 105-220, title I, §169, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1028; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(4) [title V, §518], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-276.)

AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 106-113 substituted “or Alaska Natives.” for “or Alaska Native villages or Native groups (as such terms are defined in section 1602 of title 43).”

§ 2915. Technical assistance

(a) General technical assistance

(1) In general

The Secretary shall provide, coordinate, and support the development of, appropriate training, technical assistance, staff development, and other activities, including assistance in replicating programs of demonstrated effectiveness, to States and localities, and, in particular, to assist States in making transitions from carrying out activities under the provisions of law repealed under section 199¹ to carrying out activities under this chapter.

(2) Form of assistance

In carrying out paragraph (1) on behalf of a State, or recipient of financial assistance under any of sections 2911 through 2914 of this title, the Secretary, after consultation with the State or grant recipient, may award grants and enter into contracts and cooperative agreements.

(3) Limitation

Grants or contracts awarded under paragraph (1) to entities other than States or local units of government that are for amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall only be awarded on a competitive basis.

(b) Dislocated worker technical assistance

(1) Authority

Of the amounts available pursuant to section 2862(a)(2) of this title, the Secretary shall reserve not more than 5 percent of such amounts to provide technical assistance to States that do not meet the State performance measures described in section 2871 of this title with respect to employment and training activities for dislocated workers. Using such reserved funds, the Secretary may provide such assistance to other States, local areas, and other entities involved in providing assistance to dislocated workers, to promote the continuous improvement of assistance provided to dislocated workers, under this chapter.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “an”.

¹ See References in Text note below.