

services to rural microentrepreneurs; and

(II) carry out such other projects and activities as the Secretary determines appropriate to further the purposes of the program.

(ii) Selection

In making grants under clause (i), the Secretary shall—

(I) place an emphasis on microenterprise development organizations that serve microentrepreneurs that are located in rural areas that have suffered significant outward migration, as determined by the Secretary; and

(II) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that grant recipients include microenterprise development organizations—

(aa) of varying sizes; and

(bb) that serve racially and ethnically diverse populations.

(B) Grants to assist microentrepreneurs

(i) In general

The Secretary shall make grants to microenterprise development organizations to provide marketing, management, and other technical assistance to microentrepreneurs that—

(I) received a loan from the microenterprise development organization under paragraph (3); or

(II) are seeking a loan from the microenterprise development organization under paragraph (3).

(ii) Maximum amount of grant

A microenterprise development organization shall be eligible to receive an annual grant under this subparagraph in an amount equal to not more than 25 percent of the total outstanding balance of microloans made by the microenterprise development organization under paragraph (3), as of the date the grant is awarded.

(C) Administrative expenses

Not more than 10 percent of a grant received by a microenterprise development organization for a fiscal year under this paragraph may be used to pay administrative expenses.

(c) Administration

(1) Cost share

(A) Federal share

Subject to subparagraph (B), the Federal share of the cost of a project funded under this section shall not exceed 75 percent.

(B) Matching requirement

As a condition of any grant made under this subparagraph, the Secretary shall require the microenterprise development organization to match not less than 15 percent of the total amount of the grant in the form of matching funds, indirect costs, or in-kind goods or services.

(C) Form of non-Federal share

The non-Federal share of the cost of a project funded under this section may be provided—

(i) in cash (including through fees, grants (including community development block grants), and gifts); or

(ii) in the form of in-kind contributions.

(2) Oversight

At a minimum, not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, a microenterprise development organization that receives a loan or grant under this section shall provide to the Secretary such information as the Secretary may require to ensure that assistance provided under this section is used for the purposes for which the loan or grant was made.

(d) Funding

(1) Mandatory funding

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section, to remain available until expended—

(A) \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2011; and

(B) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

(2) Discretionary funding

In addition to amounts made available under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379E, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6022, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1173, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6022, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1934.)

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.

§ 2008t. Grants for expansion of employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Individual with a disability

The term “individual with a disability” means an individual with a disability (as defined in section 12102 of title 42).

(2) Individuals with disabilities

The term “individuals with disabilities” means more than 1 individual with a disability.

(b) Grants

The Secretary shall make grants to nonprofit organizations, or to a consortium of nonprofit organizations, to expand and enhance employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas.

(c) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a nonprofit organization or consortium of nonprofit organizations shall have—

- (1) a significant focus on serving the needs of individuals with disabilities;
- (2) demonstrated knowledge and expertise in—
 - (A) employment of individuals with disabilities; and
 - (B) advising private entities on accessibility issues involving individuals with disabilities;
- (3) expertise in removing barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities, including access to transportation, assistive technology, and other accommodations; and
- (4) existing relationships with national organizations focused primarily on the needs of rural areas.

(d) Uses

A grant received under this section may be used only to expand or enhance—

- (1) employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas by developing national technical assistance and education resources to assist small businesses in a rural area to recruit, hire, accommodate, and employ individuals with disabilities; and
- (2) self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for individuals with disabilities in a rural area.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379F, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6023, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1176, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6023, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1937.)

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§ 2008u. Health care services**(a) Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and other individuals and entities in the region.

(b) Definition of eligible entity

In this section, the term “eligible entity” means a consortium of regional institutions of higher education, academic health and research institutes, and economic development entities located in the Delta region that have experience in addressing the health care issues in the region.

(c) Grants

To carry out the purpose described in subsection (a), the Secretary may award a grant to an eligible entity for—

- (1) the development of—
 - (A) health care services;
 - (B) health education programs; and
 - (C) health care job training programs; and
- (2) the development and expansion of public health-related facilities in the Delta region to address longstanding and unmet health needs of the region.

(d) Use

As a condition of the receipt of the grant, the eligible entity shall use the grant to fund projects and activities described in subsection (c), based on input solicited from local governments, public health care providers, and other entities in the Delta region.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section, \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379G, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6024, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1176, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6024, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1938.)

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SUBCHAPTER V—RURAL COMMUNITY
ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM**§ 2009. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

(1) State

The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

(2) State director

The term “State director” means, with respect to a State, the Director of the Rural Economic and Community Development State Office.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381A, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6020(b)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: “The terms ‘rural’ and ‘rural area’ mean, subject to section 1926(a)(7) of this title, a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants.”