

section in amounts determined appropriate by the Secretary that shall be used for dissemination activities within the eligible school district or nationally.

(4) Definition of eligible school

In this subsection, the term “eligible school” means a public middle school or secondary school, including a charter school, that has implemented comprehensive reforms that have been effective in lowering school dropout rates for all students—

(A) in that secondary school or charter school; or

(B) in the case of a middle school, in the secondary school that the middle school feeds students into.

(c) Capacity building

(1) In general

The Secretary, through a contract with one or more non-Federal entities, may conduct a capacity building and design initiative in order to increase the types of proven strategies for school dropout prevention and reentry that address the needs of an entire school population rather than a subset of students.

(2) Number and duration

(A) Number

The Secretary may award not more than five contracts under this subsection.

(B) Duration

The Secretary may award a contract under this subsection for a period of not more than 5 years.

(d) Support for existing reform networks

(1) In general

The Secretary may provide appropriate support to eligible entities to enable the eligible entities to provide training, materials, development, and staff assistance to schools assisted under this part.

(2) Definition of eligible entity

In this subsection, the term “eligible entity” means an entity that, prior to January 8, 2002—

(A) provided training, technical assistance, and materials related to school dropout prevention or reentry to 100 or more elementary schools or secondary schools; and

(B) developed and published a specific educational program or design related to school dropout prevention or reentry for use by the schools.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1811, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1610.)

SUBPART 2—SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION
INITIATIVE

§ 6561. Definitions

In this subpart:

(1) Low-income student

The term “low-income student” means a student who is determined by a local educational agency to be from a low-income family using the measures described in section 6313(c) of this title.

(2) State

The term “State” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for purposes of serving schools funded by the Bureau.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1821, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1612.)

§ 6561a. Program authorized

(a) Grants to State educational agencies and local educational agencies

(1) Amount less than \$75,000,000

(A) In general

If the amount appropriated under section 6553 of this title for a fiscal year equals or is less than \$75,000,000, then the Secretary shall use such amount to award grants, on a competitive basis, to—

(i) State educational agencies to support activities—

(I) in schools that—

(aa) serve students in grades 6 through 12; and

(bb) have annual school dropout rates that are above the State average annual school dropout rate; or

(II) in the middle schools that feed students into the schools described in subclause (I); or

(ii) local educational agencies that operate—

(I) schools that—

(aa) serve students in grades 6 through 12; and

(bb) have annual school dropout rates that are above the State average annual school dropout rate; or

(II) middle schools that feed students into the schools described in subclause (I).

(B) Use of grant funds

Grant funds awarded under this paragraph shall be used to fund effective, sustainable, and coordinated school dropout prevention and reentry programs that may include the activities described in subsection (b)(2) of this section, in—

(i) schools serving students in grades 6 through 12 that have annual school dropout rates that are above the State average annual school dropout rate; or

(ii) the middle schools that feed students into the schools described in clause (i).

(2) Amount less than \$250,000,000 but more than \$75,000,000

If the amount appropriated under section 6553 of this title for a fiscal year is less than \$250,000,000 but more than \$75,000,000, then the Secretary shall use such amount to award grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational agencies to enable the State educational agencies to award subgrants under subsection (b) of this section.