

## (c) SERVICER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may appoint a financial entity to assist the Secretary in servicing the Federal credit instruments.

(2) DUTIES.—A servicer appointed under paragraph (1) shall act as the agent for the Secretary.

(3) FEE.—A servicer appointed under paragraph (1) shall receive a servicing fee, subject to approval by the Secretary.

(d) ASSISTANCE FROM EXPERT FIRMS.—The Secretary may retain the services of expert firms, including counsel, in the field of municipal and project finance to assist in the underwriting and servicing of Federal credit instruments.

(e) EXPEDITED PROCESSING.—The Secretary shall implement procedures and measures to economize the time and cost involved in obtaining approval and the issuance of credit assistance under this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 105–178, title I, §1503(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §185; renumbered §605 and amended Pub. L. 109–59, title I, §§1601(f), 1602(b)(5), (d), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1241, 1247; Pub. L. 112–141, div. A, title II, §2002, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 619.)

## AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112–141 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to program administration, consisting of subsecs. (a) to (d).

2005—Pub. L. 109–59, §1602(d), renumbered section 185 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 109–59, §1601(f), amended section catchline and text generally, substituting provisions relating to establishment by the Secretary of a uniform system to service the Federal credit instruments made available under this subchapter for provisions authorizing a State to identify a local servicer to assist the Secretary in servicing the Federal credit instrument made available under this subchapter.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109–59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112–141 effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112–141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

**§ 606. State and local permits**

The provision of credit assistance under this chapter with respect to a project shall not—

(1) relieve any recipient of the assistance of any obligation to obtain any required State or local permit or approval with respect to the project;

(2) limit the right of any unit of State or local government to approve or regulate any rate of return on private equity invested in the project; or

(3) otherwise supersede any State or local law (including any regulation) applicable to the construction or operation of the project.

(Added Pub. L. 105–178, title I, §1503(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §186; renumbered §606 and amended Pub. L. 109–59, title I, §1602(b)(5), (d), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1247; Pub. L. 112–141, div. A, title II, §2002, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 620.)

## AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112–141 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The provision

of financial assistance under this chapter with respect to a project shall not—

“(1) relieve any recipient of the assistance of any obligation to obtain any required State or local permit or approval with respect to the project;

“(2) limit the right of any unit of State or local government to approve or regulate any rate of return on private equity invested in the project; or

“(3) otherwise supersede any State or local law (including any regulation) applicable to the construction or operation of the project.”

2005—Pub. L. 109–59, §1602(d), renumbered section 186 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 109–59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter” in introductory provisions.

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**§ 607. Regulations**

The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to carry out this chapter

(Added Pub. L. 105–178, title I, §1503(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §187; renumbered §607 and amended Pub. L. 109–59, title I, §1602(b)(5), (d), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1247; Pub. L. 112–141, div. A, title II, §2002, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 620.)

## AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112–141 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The Secretary may issue such regulations as the Secretary determines appropriate to carry out this chapter.”

2005—Pub. L. 109–59, §1602(d), renumbered section 187 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 109–59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter”.

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**§ 608. Funding**

## (a) FUNDING.—

(1) SPENDING AND BORROWING AUTHORITY.—Spending and borrowing authority for a fiscal year to enter into Federal credit instruments shall be promptly apportioned to the Secretary on a fiscal-year basis.

(2) REESTIMATES.—If the subsidy cost of a Federal credit instrument is reestimated, the cost increase or decrease of the reestimate shall be borne by, or benefit, the general fund of the Treasury, consistent with section 504(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661c(f)).

## (3) RURAL SET-ASIDE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount of funds made available to carry out this chapter for each fiscal year, not more than 10 percent shall be set aside for rural infrastructure projects.

(B) REOBLIGATION.—Any amounts set aside under subparagraph (A) that remain unobligated by June 1 of the fiscal year for which the amounts were set aside shall be available for obligation by the Secretary on

projects other than rural infrastructure projects.

(4) REDISTRIBUTION OF AUTHORIZED FUNDING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in fiscal year 2014, on April 1 of each fiscal year, if the cumulative unobligated and uncommitted balance of funding available exceeds 75 percent of the amount made available to carry out this chapter for that fiscal year, the Secretary shall distribute to the States the amount of funds and associated obligation authority in excess of that amount.

(B) DISTRIBUTION.—The amounts and obligation authority distributed under this paragraph shall be distributed, in the same manner as obligation authority is distributed to the States for the fiscal year, based on the proportion that—

(i) the relative share of each State of obligation authority for the fiscal year; bears to

(ii) the total amount of obligation authority distributed to all States for the fiscal year.

(C) PURPOSE.—Funds distributed under subparagraph (B) shall be available for any purpose described in section 133(b).

(5) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available to carry out this chapter shall remain available until expended.

(6) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Of the amounts made available to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may use not more than 0.50 percent for each fiscal year for the administration of this chapter.

(b) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, execution of a term sheet by the Secretary of a Federal credit instrument that uses amounts made available under this chapter shall impose on the United States a contractual obligation to fund the Federal credit investment.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available to carry out this chapter for a fiscal year shall be available for obligation on October 1 of the fiscal year.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1503(a), (c), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 249, §188; Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, §9007(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 849; Pub. L. 108-88, §5(a)(10), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1115; Pub. L. 108-202, §5(a)(10), Feb. 29, 2004, 118 Stat. 481; Pub. L. 108-224, §4(a)(10), Apr. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 629; Pub. L. 108-263, §4(a)(10), June 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 700; Pub. L. 108-280, §4(a)(10), July 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 879; Pub. L. 108-310, §5(a)(10), Sept. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 1149; Pub. L. 109-14, §4(a)(10), May 31, 2005, 119 Stat. 327; Pub. L. 109-20, §4(a)(10), July 1, 2005, 119 Stat. 348; Pub. L. 109-35, §4(a)(10), July 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 381; Pub. L. 109-37, §4(a)(10), July 22, 2005, 119 Stat. 396; Pub. L. 109-40, §4(a)(10), July 28, 2005, 119 Stat. 413; renumbered §608 and amended Pub. L. 109-59, title I, §§1601(g), 1602(b)(5), (d), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1242, 1247; Pub. L. 112-141, div. A, title II, §2002, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 620.)

AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-141 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to funding for fiscal years 2005 through 2009 and contract authority.

2005—Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(d), renumbered section 188 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 109-59, §1601(g), reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally, substituting provisions relating to funding for fiscal years 2005 through 2009 and contract authority, consisting of subsecs. (a) and (b), for provisions relating to funding for fiscal years 1999 through 2004 and for the period of Oct. 1, 2004, through July 30, 2005, contract authority, and limitations on credit amounts, consisting of subsecs. (a) to (c).

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter”.

Subsec. (a)(1)(G). Pub. L. 109-40, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (G) and struck out former subpar. (G) which read as follows: “\$106,849,340 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 27, 2005.”

Pub. L. 109-37, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (G) and struck out former subpar. (G) which read as follows: “\$105,300,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 21, 2005.”

Pub. L. 109-35, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (G) and struck out former subpar. (G) which read as follows: “\$104,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 19, 2005.”

Pub. L. 109-20, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (G) and struck out former subpar. (G) which read as follows: “\$97,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005.”

Pub. L. 109-14, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (G) and struck out former subpar. (G) which read as follows: “\$86,666,667 for the period of October 1, 2004, through May 31, 2005.”

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 109-40, §4(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,660,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 30, 2005” for “\$1,643,836 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 27, 2005”.

Pub. L. 109-37, §4(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,643,836 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 27, 2005” for “\$1,620,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 21, 2005”.

Pub. L. 109-35, §4(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,620,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 21, 2005” for “\$1,600,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 19, 2005”.

Pub. L. 109-20, §4(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,600,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through July 19, 2005” for “\$1,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005”.

Pub. L. 109-14, §4(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005” for “\$1,333,333 for the period of October 1, 2004, through May 31, 2005”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “administration of this chapter” for “administration of this subchapter”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-59, §1602(b)(5), substituted “this chapter” for “this subchapter”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-40, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$2,158,000,000” for “\$2,136,986,800” in item relating to fiscal year 2005 in table.

Pub. L. 109-37, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$2,136,986,800” for “\$2,106,000,000” in item relating to fiscal year 2005 in table.

Pub. L. 109-35, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$2,106,000,000” for “\$2,080,000,000” in item relating to fiscal year 2005 in table.

Pub. L. 109-20, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$2,080,000,000” for “\$1,950,000,000” in item relating to fiscal year 2005 in table.

Pub. L. 109-14, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$1,950,000,000” for “\$1,733,333,333” in item relating to fiscal year 2005 in table.

2004—Subsec. (a)(1)(F). Pub. L. 108-280, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (F) and struck out former subpar. (F)

which read as follows: “\$116,666,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through July 31, 2004.”

Pub. L. 108-263, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (F) and struck out former subpar. (F) which read as follows: “\$105,000,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004.”

Pub. L. 108-224, §4(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (F) and struck out former subpar. (F) which read as follows: “\$81,666,666 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004.”

Pub. L. 108-202, §5(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (F) and struck out former subpar. (F) which read as follows: “\$58,333,333 for the period of October 1, 2003, through February 29, 2004.”

Subsec. (a)(1)(G). Pub. L. 108-310, §5(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (G).

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 108-310, §5(a)(10)(B), inserted “and \$1,333,333 for the period of October 1, 2004, through May 31, 2005” before period at end.

Pub. L. 108-280, §4(a)(10)(B), struck out “2003 and \$1,666,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through July 31,” before “2004.”

Pub. L. 108-263, §4(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,666,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through July 31, 2004” for “\$1,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004.”

Pub. L. 108-224, §4(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004” for “\$1,166,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004.”

Pub. L. 108-202, §5(a)(10)(B), substituted “\$1,166,667 for the period of October 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004” for “\$833,333 for the period of October 1, 2003, through February 29, 2004.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-310, §5(a)(10)(C), substituted “2005” for “2004” in introductory provisions and inserted item in table relating to fiscal year 2005.

Pub. L. 108-280, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$2,600,000,000” for “\$2,166,666,667” in item relating to fiscal year 2004 in table.

Pub. L. 108-263, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$2,166,666,667” for “\$1,950,000,000” in item relating to fiscal year 2004 in table.

Pub. L. 108-224, §4(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$1,950,000,000” for “\$1,516,666,667” in item relating to fiscal year 2004 in table.

Pub. L. 108-202, §5(a)(10)(C), substituted “\$1,516,666,667” for “\$1,083,333,333” in item relating to fiscal year 2004 in table.

2003—Subsec. (a)(1)(F). Pub. L. 108-88, §5(a)(10)(A), added subpar. (F).

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 108-88, §5(a)(10)(B), inserted “and \$833,333 for the period of October 1, 2003, through February 29, 2004” after “2003”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-88, §5(a)(10)(C), substituted “2004” for “2003” and inserted item in table relating to fiscal year 2004.

1998—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 105-178, §1503(c)(1), as added by Pub. L. 105-206, §9007(a), substituted “1999” for “1998”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-178, §1503(c)(2), as added by Pub. L. 105-206, §9007(a), substituted “1999” for “1998” in introductory provisions, and substituted table for former table which read as follows:

| <b>“Fiscal year:</b> | <b>Maximum amount of credit:</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1998 .....           | \$1,200,000,000                  |
| 1999 .....           | \$1,200,000,000                  |
| 2000 .....           | \$1,800,000,000                  |
| 2001 .....           | \$1,800,000,000                  |
| 2002 .....           | \$2,300,000,000                  |
| 2003 .....           | \$2,300,000,000.”                |

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-141 effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 effective simultaneously with enactment of Pub. L. 105-178 and to be treated as included in Pub. L. 105-178 at time of enactment, and provisions of Pub. L. 105-178, as in effect on day before July 22, 1998, that are amended by title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 to be treated as not enacted, see section 9016 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

#### § 609. Reports to Congress

(a) IN GENERAL.—On June 1, 2012, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report summarizing the financial performance of the projects that are receiving, or have received, assistance under this chapter (other than section 610), including a recommendation as to whether the objectives of this chapter (other than section 610) are best served by—

(1) continuing the program under the authority of the Secretary;

(2) establishing a Federal corporation or federally sponsored enterprise to administer the program; or

(3) phasing out the program and relying on the capital markets to fund the types of infrastructure investments assisted by this chapter (other than section 610) without Federal participation.

(b) APPLICATION PROCESS REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report that includes a list of all of the letters of interest and applications received from project sponsors for assistance under this chapter (other than section 610) during the preceding fiscal year.

(2) INCLUSIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each report under paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, a description of, with respect to each letter of interest and application included in the report—

(i) the date on which the letter of interest or application was received;

(ii) the date on which a notification was provided to the project sponsor regarding whether the application was complete or incomplete;

(iii) the date on which a revised and completed application was submitted (if applicable);

(iv) the date on which a notification was provided to the project sponsor regarding whether the project was approved or disapproved; and

(v) if the project was not approved, the reason for the disapproval.

(B) CORRESPONDENCE.—Each report under paragraph (1) shall include copies of any correspondence provided to the project sponsor in accordance with section 602(d).

(Added Pub. L. 105-178, title I, §1503(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 250, §189; renumbered §609 and amended Pub. L. 109-59, title I, §§1601(h), 1602(d),