

(B) Alternative environmental protection procedure

In lieu of applying environmental protection procedures otherwise applicable, the Secretary may by regulation provide for the release of funds for specific projects to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands if the Director of the Department assumes all of the responsibilities for environmental review, decisionmaking, and action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and such other provisions of law as the regulations of the Secretary specify, that would apply to the Secretary were the Secretary to undertake those projects as Federal projects.

(2) Regulations

(A) In general

The Secretary shall issue regulations to carry out this section only after consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality.

(B) Contents

The regulations issued under this paragraph shall—

(i) provide for the monitoring of the environmental reviews performed under this section;

(ii) in the discretion of the Secretary, facilitate training for the performance of such reviews; and

(iii) provide for the suspension or termination of the assumption of responsibilities under this section.

(3) Effect on assumed responsibility

The duty of the Secretary under paragraph (2)(B) shall not be construed to limit or reduce any responsibility assumed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for grant amounts with respect to any specific release of funds.

(b) Procedure

(1) In general

The Secretary shall authorize the release of funds subject to the procedures under this section only if, not less than 15 days before that approval and before any commitment of funds to such projects, the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands submits to the Secretary a request for such release accompanied by a certification that meets the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

(2) Effect of approval

The approval of the Secretary of a certification described in paragraph (1) shall be deemed to satisfy the responsibilities of the Secretary under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and such other provisions of law as the regulations of the Secretary specify to the extent that those responsibilities relate to the releases of funds for projects that are covered by that certification.

(c) Certification

A certification under the procedures under this section shall—

(1) be in a form acceptable to the Secretary;

(2) be executed by the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;

(3) specify that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has fully carried out its responsibilities as described under subsection (a) of this section; and

(4) specify that the Director—

(A) consents to assume the status of a responsible Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and each provision of law specified in regulations issued by the Secretary to the extent that those laws apply by reason of subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) is authorized and consents on behalf of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Director to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of the responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as such an official.

(Pub. L. 104-330, title VIII, §806, as added Pub. L. 106-568, title II, §203, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2883, and Pub. L. 106-569, title V, §513, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2977.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1), (b)(2), and (c)(4)(A), is Pub. L. 91-190, Jan. 1, 1970, 83 Stat. 852, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 55 (§4321 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 4321 of Title 42 and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 106-568, §203, and Pub. L. 106-569, §513, enacted substantially identical sections 806 of Pub. L. 104-330. This section is based on the text of section 806 of Pub. L. 104-330, as added by Pub. L. 106-569, §513.

§ 4227. Regulations

The Secretary shall issue final regulations necessary to carry out this subchapter not later than October 1, 2001.

(Pub. L. 104-330, title VIII, §807, as added Pub. L. 106-568, title II, §203, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2885, and Pub. L. 106-569, title V, §513, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2979.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 106-568, §203, and Pub. L. 106-569, §513, enacted substantially identical sections 807 of Pub. L. 104-330. This section is based on the text of section 807 of Pub. L. 104-330, as added by Pub. L. 106-569, §513. Section 807 of Pub. L. 104-330, as added by Pub. L. 106-568, §203, required the issuance of final regulations not later than October 1, 2000, instead of October 1, 2001.

§ 4228. Affordable housing activities

(a)¹ National objectives and eligible families

(1) Primary objective

The national objectives of this subchapter are—

(A) to assist and promote affordable housing activities to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments for occupancy by low-income Native Hawaiian families;

¹ So in original. No subsec. (b) has been enacted.

(B) to ensure better access to private mortgage markets and to promote self-sufficiency of low-income Native Hawaiian families;

(C) to coordinate activities to provide housing for low-income Native Hawaiian families with Federal, State, and local activities to further economic and community development;

(D) to plan for and integrate infrastructure resources on the Hawaiian Home Lands with housing development; and

(E) to—

(i) promote the development of private capital markets; and

(ii) allow the markets referred to in clause (i) to operate and grow, thereby benefiting Native Hawaiian communities.

(2) Eligible families

(A) In general

Except as provided under subparagraph (B), assistance for eligible housing activities under this subchapter shall be limited to low-income Native Hawaiian families.

(B) Exception to low-income requirement

(i) In general

The Director may provide assistance for homeownership activities under—

(I) section 4229(b) of this title;

(II) model activities under section 4229(f) of this title; or

(III) loan guarantee activities under section 1715z-13b of title 12 to Native Hawaiian families who are not low-income families, to the extent that the Secretary approves the activities under that section to address a need for housing for those families that cannot be reasonably met without that assistance.

(ii) Limitations

The Secretary shall establish limitations on the amount of assistance that may be provided under this subchapter for activities for families that are not low-income families.

(C) Other families

Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Director may provide housing or housing assistance provided through affordable housing activities assisted with grant amounts under this subchapter to a family that is not composed of Native Hawaiians if—

(i) the Department determines that the presence of the family in the housing involved is essential to the well-being of Native Hawaiian families; and

(ii) the need for housing for the family cannot be reasonably met without the assistance.

(D) Preference

(i) In general

A housing plan submitted under section 4223 of this title may authorize a preference, for housing or housing assistance provided through affordable housing activities assisted with grant amounts provided under this subchapter to be provided,

to the extent practicable, to families that are eligible to reside on the Hawaiian Home Lands.

(ii) Application

In any case in which a housing plan provides for preference described in clause (i), the Director shall ensure that housing activities that are assisted with grant amounts under this subchapter are subject to that preference.

(E) Use of nonprofit organizations

As a condition of receiving grant amounts under this subchapter, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, shall to the extent practicable, provide for private nonprofit organizations experienced in the planning and development of affordable housing for Native Hawaiians to carry out affordable housing activities with those grant amounts.

(Pub. L. 104-330, title VIII, §809, as added Pub. L. 106-568, title II, §203, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2885, and Pub. L. 106-569, title V, §513, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2979.)

CODIFICATION

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§ 4229. Eligible affordable housing activities

(a) In general

Affordable housing activities under this section are activities conducted in accordance with the requirements of section 4230 of this title to—

(1) develop or to support affordable housing for rental or homeownership; or

(2) provide housing services with respect to affordable housing, through the activities described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Activities

The activities described in this subsection are the following:

(1) Development

The acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or moderate or substantial rehabilitation of affordable housing, which may include—

(A) real property acquisition;

(B) site improvement;

(C) the development of utilities and utility services;

(D) conversion;

(E) demolition;

(F) financing;

(G) administration and planning; and

(H) other related activities.

(2) Housing services

The provision of housing-related services for affordable housing, including—

(A) housing counseling in connection with rental or homeownership assistance;

(B) the establishment and support of resident organizations and resident management corporations;

(C) energy auditing;

(D) activities related to the provisions of self-sufficiency and other services; and