

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 12543 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 103-82, §101(a).

AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-82, §101(e)(1), (4)(A), substituted “Corporation” for “Commission” in two places and “section 12655 of this title” for “section 12542(b) of this title” and struck out before period at end “, including the information required under subsection (b) of this section”.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 103-82, §101(e)(4)(B), struck out subsec. (c) which specified required contents of State applications and subsec. (d) which required State applicants to establish and implement programs to make grants to applicants within the State.

1991—Subsec. (c)(14), (15). Pub. L. 102-10 added par. (14) and redesignated former par. (14) as (15).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 1701 of Title 16, Conservation.

§ 12655c. Focus of programs**(a) In general**

Programs that receive assistance under this division may carry out activities that—

(1) in the case of conservation corps programs, focus on—

(A) conservation, rehabilitation, and the improvement of wildlife habitat, rangelands, parks, and recreational areas;

(B) urban and rural revitalization, historical and cultural site preservation, and reforestation of both urban and rural areas;

(C) fish culture, wildlife habitat maintenance and improvement, and other fishery assistance;

(D) road and trail maintenance and improvement;

(E) erosion, flood, drought, and storm damage assistance and controls;

(F) stream, lake, waterfront harbor, and port improvement;

(G) wetlands protection and pollution control;

(H) insect, disease, rodent, and fire prevention and control;

(I) the improvement of abandoned railroad beds and rights-of-way;

(J) energy conservation projects, renewable resource enhancement, and recovery of biomass;

(K) reclamation and improvement of strip-mined land;

(L) forestry, nursery, and cultural operations; and

(M) making public facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities.

(2) in the case of youth service corps programs, include participant service in—

(A) State, local, and regional governmental agencies;

(B) nursing homes, hospices, senior centers, hospitals, local libraries, parks, recreational facilities, child and adult day care centers, programs serving individuals with disabilities, and schools;

(C) law enforcement agencies,¹ and penal and probation systems;

(D) private nonprofit organizations that primarily focus on social service such as community action agencies;

(E) activities that focus on the rehabilitation or improvement of public facilities, neighborhood improvements, literacy training that benefits educationally disadvantaged individuals, weatherization of and basic repairs to low-income housing including housing occupied by older adults, energy conservation (including solar energy techniques), removal of architectural barriers to access by individuals with disabilities to public facilities, activities that focus on drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention and treatment, and conservation, maintenance, or restoration of natural resources on publicly held lands; and

(F) any other nonpartisan civic activities and services that the Corporation determines to be of a substantial social benefit in meeting unmet human, educational, or environmental needs (particularly needs related to poverty) or in the community where volunteer service is to be performed; or

(3) encompass the focuses and services described in both paragraphs (1) and (2).

(b) Limitation on service

No participant shall perform any specific activity for more than a 6-month period. No participant shall remain enrolled in programs assisted under this division for more than 24 months.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §199D, formerly §124, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3143; Pub. L. 102-10, §5(4), Mar. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 30; renumbered §199D and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §101(a), (e)(1), (5), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 788, 815, 816.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 12544 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 103-82, §101(a).

AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a)(2)(F). Pub. L. 103-82, §101(e)(1), substituted “Corporation” for “Commission”.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 103-82, §101(e)(5), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which related to ineligible service categories.

1991—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-10, §5(4)(A), substituted “youth service” for “human services” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-10, §5(4)(B), substituted “any specific activity for more than a 6-month period. No participant shall remain enrolled in programs” for “services in any project for more than a 6-month period. No participant shall remain enrolled in projects”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 1701 of Title 16, Conservation.

§ 12655d. Related programs

An activity administered under the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that is operated for the same purpose as a program eligible to be carried out under this division, is encouraged to use services available under this division.

¹ So in original. The comma probably should not appear.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §199E, formerly §125, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3144; renumbered §199E, Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §101(a), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 788.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 12545 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 103-82, §101(a).

§ 12655e. Public lands or Indian lands

(a) Limitation

To be eligible to receive assistance through a grant provided under this division, a program shall carry out activities on public lands or Indian lands, or result in a public benefit.

(b) Review of applications

In reviewing applications submitted under section 12655b of this title that propose programs or projects to be carried out on public lands or Indian lands, the Corporation shall consult with the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) Consistency

A program carried out with assistance provided under this division for conservation, rehabilitation, or improvement of any public lands or Indian lands shall be consistent with—

- (1) the provisions of law and policies relating to the management and administration of such lands, and all other applicable provisions of law; and
- (2) all management, operational, and other plans and documents that govern the administration of such lands.

(d) Participation by other conservation programs

Any land or water conservation program (or any related program) administered in any State under the authority of any Federal program is encouraged to use services available under this part¹ to carry out its program.

(Pub. L. 101-610, title I, §199F, formerly §126, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3144; renumbered §199F and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §101(a), (e)(1), (6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 788, 815, 816.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This part, referred to in subsec. (d), is unidentifiable in the original because subtitle I (§§199 to 199O) of title I of Pub. L. 101-610 does not contain parts.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 12546 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 103-82, §101(a).

AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-82, §101(e)(1), (6), substituted “Corporation” for “Commission” and “section 12655b of this title” for “section 12543 of this title”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 1701 of Title 16, Conservation.

§ 12655f. Training and education services

(a) Assessment of skills

Each program agency shall assess the educational level of participants at the time of

their entrance into the program, using any available records or simplified assessment means or methodology and shall, where appropriate, refer such participants for testing for specific learning disabilities.

(b) Enhancement of skills

Each program agency shall, through the programs and activities administered under this division, enhance the educational skills of participants.

(c) Provision of pre-service and in-service training and education

(1) Requirement

Each program agency shall use not less than 10 percent of the assistance made available to such agency under this division in each fiscal year to provide pre-service and in-service training and educational materials and services for participants in such a program. Program participants shall be provided with information concerning the benefits to the community that result from the activities undertaken by such participants.

(2) Agreements for academic study

A program agency may enter into arrangements with academic institutions or education providers, including—

- (A) local education agencies;
- (B) community colleges;
- (C) 4-year colleges;
- (D) area vocational-technical schools; and
- (E) community based organizations;

to evaluate the basic skills of participants and to make academic study available to participants to enable such participants to upgrade literacy skills, to obtain high school diplomas or the equivalent of such diplomas, to obtain college degrees, or to enhance employable skills.

(3) Counseling

Career and educational guidance and counseling shall be provided to a participant during a period of in-service training as described in this subsection. Each graduating participant shall be provided with counseling with respect to additional study, job skills training or employment and shall be provided job placement assistance where appropriate.

(4) Priority for participants without high school diplomas

A program agency shall give priority to participants who have not obtained a high school diploma or the equivalent of such diploma, in providing services under this subsection.

(d) Standards and procedures

(1) Consistency with State and local requirements

Appropriate State and local officials shall certify that standards and procedures with respect to the awarding of academic credit and the certification of educational attainment in programs conducted under subsection (c) of this section are consistent with the requirements of applicable State and local law and regulations.

(2) Academic standards

The standards and procedures described in paragraph (1) shall provide that an individual

¹ See References in Text note below.