

requirements of this section for a period determined by the Secretary.

(2) Amount

The Secretary shall determine the amount of payments to be made under this section to a biorefinery after considering—

(A) the quantity of fossil fuels a renewable biomass system is replacing;

(B) the percentage reduction in fossil fuel used by the biorefinery that will result from the installation of the renewable biomass system; and

(C) the cost and cost effectiveness of the renewable biomass system.

(c) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a payment under this section, a biorefinery shall demonstrate to the Secretary that the renewable biomass system of the biorefinery is feasible based on an independent feasibility study that takes into account the economic, technical and environmental aspects of the system.

(d) Funding

(1) Mandatory funding

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to make payments under this section \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, to remain available until expended.

(2) Discretionary funding

In addition to any other funds made available to carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title IX, §9004, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title IX, §9001(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1313, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title IX, §9001(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2075; amended Pub. L. 112-240, title VII, §701(f)(3), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2365.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

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 L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8104, Pub. L. 107-171, title IX, §9004, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 480, related to a biodiesel fuel education program, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 110-246. See section 8106 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 112-240 substituted “2013” for “2012”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-240 effective Sept. 30, 2012, see section 701(j) of Pub. L. 112-240, set out in a 1-Year Extension of Agricultural Programs note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 8105. Bioenergy program for advanced biofuels

(a) Definition of eligible producer

In this section, the term “eligible producer” means a producer of advanced biofuels.

(b) Payments

The Secretary shall make payments to eligible producers to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels.

(c) Contracts

To receive a payment, an eligible producer shall—

(1) enter into a contract with the Secretary for production of advanced biofuels; and

(2) submit to the Secretary such records as the Secretary may require as evidence of the production of advanced biofuels.

(d) Basis for payments

The Secretary shall make payments under this section to eligible producers based on—

(1) the quantity and duration of production by the eligible producer of an advanced biofuel;

(2) the net nonrenewable energy content of the advanced biofuel, if sufficient data is available, as determined by the Secretary; and

(3) other appropriate factors, as determined by the Secretary.

(e) Equitable distribution

The Secretary may limit the amount of payments that may be received by a single eligible producer under this section in order to distribute the total amount of funding available in an equitable manner.

(f) Other requirements

To receive a payment under this section, an eligible producer shall meet any other requirements of Federal and State law (including regulations) applicable to the production of advanced biofuels.

(g) 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) \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

(B) \$55,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

(C) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2011; and

(D) \$105,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

(2) Discretionary funding

In addition to any other funds made available to carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013.

(3) Limitation

Of the funds provided for each fiscal year, not more than 5 percent of the funds shall be made available to eligible producers for production at facilities with a total refining capacity exceeding 150,000,000 gallons per year.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title IX, §9005, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title IX, §9001(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1314, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title IX, §9001(a),

June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2075; amended Pub. L. 112-240, title VII, §701(f)(4), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2365.)

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.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8105, Pub. L. 107-171, title IX, §9005, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 480, related to an energy audit and renewable energy development program, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 112-240 substituted “2013” for “2012”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-240 effective Sept. 30, 2012, see section 701(j) of Pub. L. 112-240, set out in a 1-Year Extension of Agricultural Programs note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 8106. Biodiesel fuel education program

(a) Establishment

The Secretary shall, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, make competitive grants to eligible entities to educate governmental and private entities that operate vehicle fleets, other interested entities (as determined by the Secretary), and the public about the benefits of biodiesel fuel use.

(b) Eligible entities

To receive a grant under subsection (b), an entity shall—

- (1) be a nonprofit organization or institution of higher education;
- (2) have demonstrated knowledge of biodiesel fuel production, use, or distribution; and
- (3) have demonstrated the ability to conduct educational and technical support programs.

(c) Consultation

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Energy.

(d) Funding

(1) Fiscal years 2009 through 2012

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(2) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title IX, §9006, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title IX, §9001(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1315, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title IX, §9001(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2076; amended Pub. L. 112-240, title VII, §701(f)(5), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2365.)

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.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8106, Pub. L. 107-171, title IX, §9006, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 482; Pub. L. 109-171, title I, §1301, Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 6, related to assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 110-246. See section 8107 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-240 added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-240 effective Sept. 30, 2012, see section 701(j) of Pub. L. 112-240, set out in a 1-Year Extension of Agricultural Programs note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 8107. Rural Energy for America Program

(a) Establishment

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall establish a Rural Energy for America Program to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development for agricultural producers and rural small businesses through—

- (1) grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance; and
- (2) financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems.

(b) Energy audits and renewable energy development assistance

(1) In general

The Secretary shall make competitive grants to eligible entities to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses—

- (A) to become more energy efficient; and
- (B) to use renewable energy technologies and resources.

(2) Eligible entities

An eligible entity under this subsection is—

- (A) a unit of State, tribal, or local government;
- (B) a land-grant college or university or other institution of higher education;
- (C) a rural electric cooperative or public power entity; and
- (D) any other similar entity, as determined by the Secretary.

(3) Selection criteria

In reviewing applications of eligible entities to receive grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider—

- (A) the ability and expertise of the eligible entity in providing professional energy audits and renewable energy assessments;
- (B) the geographic scope of the program proposed by the eligible entity in relation to the identified need;
- (C) the number of agricultural producers and rural small businesses to be assisted by the program;
- (D) the potential of the proposed program to produce energy savings and environmental benefits;