

- (i) in cash (including through fees, grants (including community development block grants), and gifts); or
- (ii) in the form of in-kind contributions.

**(2) Oversight**

At a minimum, not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, a microenterprise development organization that receives a loan or grant under this section shall provide to the Secretary such information as the Secretary may require to ensure that assistance provided under this section is used for the purposes for which the loan or grant was made.

**(d) 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) \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2011; and
- (B) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

**(2) Discretionary funding**

In addition to amounts made available under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379E, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6022, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1173, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6022, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1934.)

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 L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 2008t. Grants for expansion of employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas**

**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Individual with a disability**

The term “individual with a disability” means an individual with a disability (as defined in section 12102 of title 42).

**(2) Individuals with disabilities**

The term “individuals with disabilities” means more than 1 individual with a disability.

**(b) Grants**

The Secretary shall make grants to nonprofit organizations, or to a consortium of nonprofit organizations, to expand and enhance employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas.

**(c) Eligibility**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a nonprofit organization or consortium of nonprofit organizations shall have—

(1) a significant focus on serving the needs of individuals with disabilities;

(2) demonstrated knowledge and expertise in—

(A) employment of individuals with disabilities; and

(B) advising private entities on accessibility issues involving individuals with disabilities;

(3) expertise in removing barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities, including access to transportation, assistive technology, and other accommodations; and

(4) existing relationships with national organizations focused primarily on the needs of rural areas.

**(d) Uses**

A grant received under this section may be used only to expand or enhance—

(1) employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas by developing national technical assistance and education resources to assist small businesses in a rural area to recruit, hire, accommodate, and employ individuals with disabilities; and

(2) self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for individuals with disabilities in a rural area.

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379F, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6023, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1176, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6023, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1937.)

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 2008u. Health care services**

**(a) Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and other individuals and entities in the region.

**(b) Definition of eligible entity**

In this section, the term “eligible entity” means a consortium of regional institutions of higher education, academic health and research institutes, and economic development entities located in the Delta region that have experience in addressing the health care issues in the region.

**(c) Grants**

To carry out the purpose described in subsection (a), the Secretary may award a grant to an eligible entity for—

- (1) the development of—
  - (A) health care services;
  - (B) health education programs; and
  - (C) health care job training programs; and

(2) the development and expansion of public health-related facilities in the Delta region to address longstanding and unmet health needs of the region.

**(d) Use**

As a condition of the receipt of the grant, the eligible entity shall use the grant to fund projects and activities described in subsection (c), based on input solicited from local governments, public health care providers, and other entities in the Delta region.

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section, \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379G, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6024, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1176, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6024, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1938.)

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER V—RURAL COMMUNITY  
ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

**§ 2009. Definitions**

In this subchapter:

**(1) State**

The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

**(2) State director**

The term “State director” means, with respect to a State, the Director of the Rural Economic and Community Development State Office.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381A, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139; amended Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6020(b)(2), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-171 redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: “The terms ‘rural’ and ‘rural area’ mean, subject to section 1926(a)(7) of this title, a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants.”

DEFINITION OF RURAL AREAS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESS  
AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAMS

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §730, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1164, provided that: “Notwithstanding section 381A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009), in fiscal year 2000 and thereafter, the definitions of rural areas for certain business programs administered by the Rural Business-Cooperative Service and the community facilities programs administered by the Rural Housing Service shall be those provided for in statute and regulations prior to the enactment of Public Law 104-127 [Apr. 4, 1996].”

Similar provisions were contained in Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §735], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-29, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6020(b)(3), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363.

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC  
ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 2009a. Establishment**

The Secretary shall establish a rural community advancement program to provide grants, loans, loan guarantees, and other assistance to meet the rural development needs of local communities in States and federally recognized Indian tribes.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381B, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139.)

**§ 2009b. National objectives**

The national objectives of the program established under this subchapter shall be to—

(1) promote strategic development activities and collaborative efforts by State and local communities, and federally recognized Indian tribes, to maximize the impact of Federal assistance;

(2) optimize the use of resources;

(3) provide assistance in a manner that reflects the complexity of rural needs, including the needs for business development, health care, education, infrastructure, cultural resources, the environment, and housing;

(4) advance activities that empower, and build the capacity of, State and local communities to design unique responses to the special needs of the State and local communities, and federally recognized Indian tribes, for rural development assistance; and

(5) adopt flexible and innovative approaches to solving rural development problems.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381C, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1139.)

**§ 2009c. Strategic plans**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall direct each of the Directors of Rural Economic and Community Development State Offices to prepare a strategic plan—

(1) for each State for the delivery of assistance under this subchapter in the State; and

(2) for each federally recognized Indian tribe for the delivery of assistance under this subchapter to the Indian tribe.