

to pay for the costs associated with peer review of grant proposals under the program.

**(d) “In-kind support” defined**

In any law relating to agricultural research, education, or extension activities administered by the Secretary, the term “in-kind support”, with regard to a requirement that the recipient of funds provided by the Secretary match all or part of the amount of the funds, means contributions such as office space, equipment, and staff support.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1469, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1019; Pub. L. 105–185, title II, §230(b), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 547; Pub. L. 110–234, title IV, §4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H), title VII, §7132(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1096, 1097, 1228; Pub. L. 110–246, §4(a), title IV, §4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H), title VII, §7132(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1857, 1858, 1989.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

Sections 450i(e), 450i(f), and 450i(h) of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), were redesignated as sections 450i(f), 450i(g), and 450i(i), respectively, by Pub. L. 101–624, title XIV, §1497(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3630.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110–234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 110–246, §7132(b), substituted “made available” for “appropriated”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–246, §4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 2034 of this title.

1998—Pub. L. 105–185, §230(b)(1), reenacted section catchline without change, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), and inserted heading.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 105–185, §230(b)(2), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “three per centum of the appropriations shall be retained by the Secretary for the administration of the programs authorized under this chapter; and”.

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 105–185, §230(b)(3), added subsecs. (b) to (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment 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, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by section 4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H) of Pub. L. 110–246 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

**§ 3315a. Availability of competitive grant funds**

Except as otherwise provided by law, funds made available to the Secretary to carry out a competitive agricultural research, education, or extension grant program under this or any other Act shall be available for obligation for a 2-year period beginning on October 1 of the fiscal year for which the funds are made available.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1469A, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, §7217, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 449.)

**§ 3316. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary is authorized to issue such rules and regulations as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1470, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1019.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

**§ 3317. Program evaluation studies**

(a) The Secretary shall regularly conduct program evaluations to meet the purposes of this chapter and the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary and the Department of Agriculture in this chapter. Such evaluations shall be designed to provide information that may be used to improve the administration and effectiveness of agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs in achieving their stated objectives.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to encourage and foster the regular evaluation of agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs within the State agricultural experiment stations, cooperative extension services, and colleges and universities, through the development and support of cooperative evaluation programs and program evaluation centers and institutes.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, §1471, as added Pub. L. 97–98, title XIV, §1439(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1314.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97–98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

**§ 3318. Contract, grant, and cooperative agreement authorities**

**(a) Purposes, nature and construction**

The purpose of this section is to confer upon the Secretary general authority to enter into contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements to further the research, extension, or teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences of the Department of Agriculture. This authority supplements all other laws relating to the Department of Agriculture and is not to be construed as limiting or repealing any existing authorities.

**(b) Authority of Secretary; legal effect of agreement; participation by other Federal agencies**

(1) Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, the Secretary may use a cooperative agreement as the legal instrument reflecting a relationship between the Secretary and a State cooperative institution, State department of agriculture, college, university, other research or educational institution or organization, Federal or private agency or organization, individual, or any other party, if the Secretary determines that—