

(b) Special consideration

In designating an eligible entity under subsection (a) of this section, the chief executive officer shall grant the designation to an organization of demonstrated effectiveness in meeting the goals and purposes of this chapter and may give priority, in granting the designation, to eligible entities that are providing related services in the unserved area, consistent with the needs identified by a community-needs assessment.

(c) No qualified organization in or near area

If no private, nonprofit organization is identified or determined to be qualified under subsection (a) of this section to serve the unserved area as an eligible entity the chief executive officer may designate an appropriate political subdivision of the State to serve as an eligible entity for the area. In order to serve as the eligible entity for that area, the political subdivision shall have a board or other mechanism as required in section 9910(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §676A, as added Pub. L. 105-285, title II, §201, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2739.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9909, Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §680, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 517; Pub. L. 99-425, title IV, §405(c)(2), Sept. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 970; Pub. L. 103-171, §7(c)(3), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1994, related to limitation on use of grants for construction and waiver of such limitation, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

A prior section 676A of Pub. L. 97-35 was classified to section 9905a of this title, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

§ 9910. Tripartite boards**(a) Private nonprofit entities****(1) Board**

In order for a private, nonprofit entity to be considered to be an eligible entity for purposes of section 9902(1) of this title, the entity shall administer the community services block grant program through a tripartite board described in paragraph (2) that fully participates in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the program to serve low-income communities.

(2) Selection and composition of board

The members of the board referred to in paragraph (1) shall be selected by the entity and the board shall be composed so as to assure that—

(A) $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members of the board are elected public officials, holding office on the date of selection, or their representatives, except that if the number of such elected officials reasonably available and willing to serve on the board is less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the membership of the board, membership on the board of appointive public officials or their representatives may be counted in meeting such $\frac{1}{3}$ requirement;

(B)(i) not fewer than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members are persons chosen in accordance with democratic selection procedures adequate to assure that these members are representative of low-income individuals and families in the neighborhood served; and

(ii) each representative of low-income individuals and families selected to represent a specific neighborhood within a community under clause (i) resides in the neighborhood represented by the member; and

(C) the remainder of the members are officials or members of business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community served.

(b) Public organizations

In order for a public organization to be considered to be an eligible entity for purposes of section 9902(1) of this title, the entity shall administer the community services block grant program through—

(1) a tripartite board, which shall have members selected by the organization and shall be composed so as to assure that not fewer than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members are persons chosen in accordance with democratic selection procedures adequate to assure that these members—

(A) are representative of low-income individuals and families in the neighborhood served;

(B) reside in the neighborhood served; and

(C) are able to participate actively in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs funded under this chapter; or

(2) another mechanism specified by the State to assure decisionmaking and participation by low-income individuals in the development, planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs funded under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §676B, as added Pub. L. 105-285, title II, §201, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2740.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 9910 and 9910a were omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

Section 9910, Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §681, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 518; Pub. L. 98-558, title II, §204, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2886; Pub. L. 99-425, title IV, §405(a), (b), Sept. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 969, 970; Pub. L. 101-501, title IV, §§405, 407(b), Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1252, 1255; Pub. L. 103-171, §7(a), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1993; Pub. L. 103-252, title II, §203, May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 654, related to the discretionary authority of the Secretary.

Section 9910a, Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §681A, as added Pub. L. 98-558, title II, §206, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2886; amended Pub. L. 99-425, title IV, §406, Sept. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 970; Pub. L. 101-501, title IV, §§401(b), 406, Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1251, 1253; Pub. L. 103-171, §7(c)(4), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1994; Pub. L. 103-252, title II, §204, May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 655, related to community food and nutrition.

A prior section 9910b, Pub. L. 99-425, title IV, §408, Sept. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 972, as amended, which related to demonstration partnership agreements addressing needs of poor, was transferred to section 9925 of this title.

A prior section 9910c, Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §682, as added Pub. L. 103-252, title II, §205(2), May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 655; amended Pub. L. 105-244, title I, §102(a)(13)(I), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1621, related to national or regional programs designed to provide instructional activities for low-income youth, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

A prior section 9910d, Pub. L. 100-485, title V, §505, Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2404, as amended, which related to demonstration partnership agreements addressing needs of poor, was transferred to section 9926 of this title.

§ 9911. Payments to Indian tribes**(a) Reservation**

If, with respect to any State, the Secretary—

- (1) receives a request from the governing body of an Indian tribe or tribal organization within the State that assistance under this chapter be made directly to such tribe or organization; and
- (2) determines that the members of such tribe or tribal organization would be better served by means of grants made directly to provide benefits under this chapter,

the Secretary shall reserve from amounts that would otherwise be allotted to such State under section 9906 of this title for the fiscal year the amount determined under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Determination of reserved amount

The Secretary shall reserve for the purpose of subsection (a) of this section from amounts that would otherwise be allotted to such State, not less than 100 percent of an amount that bears the same ratio to the State allotment for the fiscal year involved as the population of all eligible Indians for whom a determination has been made under subsection (a) of this section bears to the population of all individuals eligible for assistance through a community services block grant made under this chapter in such State.

(c) Awards

The sums reserved by the Secretary on the basis of a determination made under subsection (a) of this section shall be made available by grant to the Indian tribe or tribal organization serving the individuals for whom such a determination has been made.

(d) Plan

In order for an Indian tribe or tribal organization to be eligible for a grant award for a fiscal year under this section, the tribe or organization shall submit to the Secretary a plan for such fiscal year that meets such criteria as the Secretary may prescribe by regulation.

(e) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Indian tribe; tribal organization

The terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” mean a tribe, band, or other organized group recognized in the State in which the tribe, band, or group resides, or considered by the Secretary of the Interior, to be an Indian tribe or an Indian organization for any purpose.

(2) Indian

The term “Indian” means a member of an Indian tribe or of a tribal organization.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §677, as added Pub. L. 105-285, title II, §201, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2741.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9911, Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §683, formerly §682, as added Pub. L. 101-501, title IV, §407(a), Nov. 3, 1990, 104 Stat. 1254; amended Pub. L. 103-171, §7(b), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1993; renumbered §683, Pub. L. 103-252, title II, §205(1), May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 655, related to annual reports by Secretary, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

Another prior section 9911, Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §682, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 518; Pub. L. 97-115, §17(c), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1609; Pub. L. 97-274, Sept. 30, 1982, 96 Stat. 1183, related to transition provisions, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 101-501, §407(a).

A prior section 677 of Pub. L. 97-35 was classified to section 9906 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

§ 9912. Office of Community Services**(a) Office**

The Secretary shall carry out the functions of this chapter through an Office of Community Services, which shall be established in the Department of Health and Human Services. The Office shall be headed by a Director.

(b) Grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements

The Secretary shall carry out functions of this chapter through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §678, as added Pub. L. 105-285, title II, §201, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2742.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9912, Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §684, formerly §683, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 519; Pub. L. 98-288, §31(b), May 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 198; renumbered §684, Pub. L. 103-252, title II, §205(1), May 18, 1994, 108 Stat. 655, contained provisions repealing certain other statutory provisions, reauthorizing appropriations, and conforming references, prior to general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

A prior section 678 of Pub. L. 97-35 was classified to section 9907 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-285.

§ 9913. Training, technical assistance, and other activities**(a) Activities****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall use amounts reserved in section 9903(b)(2) of this title—

(A) for training, technical assistance, planning, evaluation, and performance measurement, to assist States in carrying out corrective action activities and monitoring (to correct programmatic deficiencies of eligible entities), and for reporting and data collection activities, related to programs carried out under this chapter; and

(B) to distribute amounts in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

(2) Grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements

The activities described in paragraph (1)(A) may be carried out by the Secretary through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements with appropriate entities.

(b) Terms and technical assistance process

The process for determining the training and technical assistance to be carried out under this section shall—

(1) ensure that the needs of eligible entities and programs relating to improving program quality (including quality of financial management practices) are addressed to the maximum extent feasible; and

(2) incorporate mechanisms to ensure responsiveness to local needs, including an on-