

**§ 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-

going procedure for obtaining input from the national and State networks of eligible entities.

**(c) Distribution requirement**

**(1) In general**

The amounts reserved under section 9903(b)(2)(A) of this title for activities to be carried out under this subsection shall be distributed directly to eligible entities, organizations, or associations described in paragraph (2) for the purpose of improving program quality (including quality of financial management practices), management information and reporting systems, and measurement of program results, and for the purpose of ensuring responsiveness to identified local needs.

**(2) Eligible entities, organizations, or associations**

Eligible entities, organizations, or associations described in this paragraph shall be eligible entities, or statewide or local organizations or associations, with demonstrated expertise in providing training to individuals and organizations on methods of effectively addressing the needs of low-income families and communities.

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

**§ 9914. Monitoring of eligible entities**

**(a) In general**

In order to determine whether eligible entities meet the performance goals, administrative standards, financial management requirements, and other requirements of a State, the State shall conduct the following reviews of eligible entities:

(1) A full onsite review of each such entity at least once during each 3-year period.

(2) An onsite review of each newly designated entity immediately after the completion of the first year in which such entity receives funds through the community services block grant program.

(3) Followup reviews including prompt return visits to eligible entities, and their programs, that fail to meet the goals, standards, and requirements established by the State.

(4) Other reviews as appropriate, including reviews of entities with programs that have had other Federal, State, or local grants (other than assistance provided under this chapter) terminated for cause.

**(b) Requests**

The State may request training and technical assistance from the Secretary as needed to comply with the requirements of this section.

**(c) Evaluations by the Secretary**

The Secretary shall conduct in several States in each fiscal year evaluations (including investigations) of the use of funds received by the States under this chapter in order to evaluate compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and especially with respect to compliance with section 9908(b) of this title. The Secretary shall submit, to each State evaluated, a report containing the results of such evaluations, and rec-

ommendations of improvements designed to enhance the benefit and impact of the activities carried out with such funds for people in need. On receiving the report, the State shall submit to the Secretary a plan of action in response to the recommendations contained in the report. The results of the evaluations shall be submitted annually to the Chairperson of the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate as part of the report submitted by the Secretary in accordance with section 9917(b)(2) of this title.

(Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, §678B, as added Pub. L. 105-285, title II, §201, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2743.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Labor and Human Resources of Senate changed to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of Senate by Senate Resolution No. 20, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 19, 1999.

**§ 9915. Corrective action; termination and reduction of funding**

**(a) Determination**

If the State determines, on the basis of a final decision in a review pursuant to section 9914 of this title, that an eligible entity fails to comply with the terms of an agreement, or the State plan, to provide services under this chapter or to meet appropriate standards, goals, and other requirements established by the State (including performance objectives), the State shall—

(1) inform the entity of the deficiency to be corrected;

(2) require the entity to correct the deficiency;

(3)(A) offer training and technical assistance, if appropriate, to help correct the deficiency, and prepare and submit to the Secretary a report describing the training and technical assistance offered; or

(B) if the State determines that such training and technical assistance are not appropriate, prepare and submit to the Secretary a report stating the reasons for the determination;

(4)(A) at the discretion of the State (taking into account the seriousness of the deficiency and the time reasonably required to correct the deficiency), allow the entity to develop and implement, within 60 days after being informed of the deficiency, a quality improvement plan to correct such deficiency within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the State; and

(B) not later than 30 days after receiving from an eligible entity a proposed quality improvement plan pursuant to subparagraph (A), either approve such proposed plan or specify the reasons why the proposed plan cannot be approved; and

(5) after providing adequate notice and an opportunity for a hearing, initiate proceedings to terminate the designation of or reduce the funding under this chapter of the eligible entity unless the entity corrects the deficiency.

**(b) Review**

A determination to terminate the designation or reduce the funding of an eligible entity is re-