

United States as possible by the most efficient and economical means, including the use of broadcast and nonbroadcast technologies; (2) increase public telecommunications services and facilities available to, operated by, and owned by minorities and women; and (3) strengthen the capability of existing public television and radio stations to provide public telecommunications services to the public.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title III, § 390, as added Pub. L. 87-447, May 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 64; amended Pub. L. 90-129, title I, § 103(a), title II, § 201(2), Nov. 7, 1967, 81 Stat. 365, 367; Pub. L. 94-309, § 2(c), June 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 683; Pub. L. 95-567, title I, § 101, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2405.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-567 expanded scope of section to authorize construction financing for telecommunications facilities other than television and radio broadcasting, and assistance in the planning, as well as the construction, of such facilities, and substituted provisions relating to the objectives of this subpart for former provision relating to the demonstration of the use of telecommunication technologies for the distribution of information.

1976—Pub. L. 94-309 designated existing phrase relating to assistance in the construction of noncommercial educational broadcasting facilities as cl. (1) and added cl. (2).

1967—Pub. L. 90-129 inserted “noncommercial” and “or radio” and substituted “subpart” for “part”, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-567, title IV, § 403, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2424, provided that: “The provisions of this Act [enacting section 395 of this title, amending this section and sections 391, 392, 393, 394, and 396 to 398 of this title, repealing sections 392a and 395 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section, sections 392 and 396 of this title, and section 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees], and the amendments made by this Act, shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 2, 1978].”

GRANTS

Pub. L. 100-584, § 3, Nov. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 2970, provided that: “The Administrator [of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration] shall enter into discussions with the Federal Communications Commission for the purposes of determining the feasibility of awarding public telecommunications facilities program grants for low-power television stations and television translator stations on a conditional basis pending the award by the Commission of licenses for such stations. The Administrator shall also work with the Commission to establish a schedule for the expedited and coordinated consideration, on a regular basis, of future grant requests and license applications for low-power television stations and television translator stations. The Administrator shall, within ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 3, 1988], report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives on the progress made in carrying out the requirements of this section.”

STUDY OF EDUCATIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL BROADCASTING

Pub. L. 90-129, title III, §§ 301-303, Nov. 7, 1967, 81 Stat. 373, authorized the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to conduct, directly or by contract, and in consultation with other interested Federal agencies, a comprehensive study of instructional television and

radio (including broadcast, closed circuit, community antenna television, and instructional television fixed services and two-way communication of data links and computers) and their relationship to each other and to instructional materials such as videotapes, films, discs, computers, and other educational materials or devices, and such other aspects thereof as may be of assistance in determining whether and what Federal aid should be provided for instructional radio and television and the form that aid should take, and which may aid communities, institutions, or agencies in determining whether and to what extent such activities should be used. The study was required to be submitted to the President for transmittal to the Congress on or before June 30, 1969.

§ 391. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$42,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1992, 1993, and 1994, to be used by the Secretary of Commerce to assist in the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities as provided in this subpart. Sums appropriated under this subpart for any fiscal year shall remain available until expended for payment of grants for projects for which applications approved by the Secretary pursuant to this subpart have been submitted within such fiscal year. Sums appropriated under this subpart may be used by the Secretary to cover the cost of administering the provisions of this subpart.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title III, § 391, as added Pub. L. 87-447, May 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 65; amended Pub. L. 90-129, title I, § 101, Nov. 7, 1967, 81 Stat. 365; Pub. L. 91-97, § 2, Oct. 27, 1969, 83 Stat. 146; Pub. L. 92-411, § 2, Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 643; Pub. L. 93-84, § 1(c), Aug. 6, 1973, 87 Stat. 219; Pub. L. 94-309, § 3, June 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 683; Pub. L. 95-567, title I, § 102, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2405; Pub. L. 97-35, title XII, § 1222, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 725; Pub. L. 99-272, title V, § 5001(a), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 100-626, § 2, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3207; Pub. L. 102-356, § 2, Aug. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 949.)

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1992—Pub. L. 102-356 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$42,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1992, 1993, and 1994 for provisions authorizing appropriations of \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1979, 1980, and 1981, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1982, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1983, \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1984, \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 1986, \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 1987, \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 1988, \$36,000,000 for fiscal year 1989, \$39,000,000 for fiscal year 1990, and \$42,000,000 for fiscal year 1991.

1988—Pub. L. 100-626 struck out “and” after “fiscal year 1987,” and inserted “\$36,000,000 for fiscal year 1989, \$39,000,000 for fiscal year 1990, and \$42,000,000 for fiscal year 1991,” after “fiscal year 1988.”

1986—Pub. L. 99-272 struck out “and” after “1983,” and inserted “, \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 1986, \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 1987, and \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 1988,” after “1984.”

1981—Pub. L. 97-35 inserted provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal years 1982, 1983, and 1984 of \$20,000,000, \$15,000,000, and \$12,000,000, respectively.

1978—Pub. L. 95-567 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$40,000,000 for fiscal years 1979 to 1981 for provisions authorizing appropriations of \$7,500,000 for July 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976 and \$30,000,000 for fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, provision that such funds would remain available until expended for provision that such funds would remain available for one year after the last day of the fiscal year, and also made allowance for the funds to be used for the cost of administering this section.

1976—Pub. L. 94-309 substituted provision authorizing appropriation of \$7,500,000 for period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, and \$30,000,000 for fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, to assist (through matching grants) in the construction of noncommercial educational television or radio broadcasting facilities as provided in this subpart and provision that sums appropriated under this section for any fiscal year or period shall remain available for payment of grants for projects for which applications approved under section 392 of this title have been submitted under such section within one year after the last day of such fiscal year or period for provision authorizing appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 and for the succeeding fiscal year such sums not to exceed \$25,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$30,000,000 for the succeeding fiscal year, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of section 390 of this title and provision that sums appropriated under this section for any fiscal year shall remain available for payment of grants for projects for which applications approved under section 392 of this title have been submitted under such section prior to the end of the succeeding fiscal year, respectively.

1973—Pub. L. 93-84 substituted authorization of appropriation of amounts not exceeding \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1974 and the succeeding fiscal year, respectively, for authorization of appropriation of amount not exceeding \$25,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

1972—Pub. L. 92-411 substituted authorization of appropriation of \$25,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, for authorization of \$15,000,000 for such year, and struck out authorization of appropriations for fiscal years 1963 to 1972.

1969—Pub. L. 91-97 authorized appropriations of \$15,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, and for each of the two succeeding fiscal years, and extended date for submission of applications from “prior to July 1, 1971” to “prior to July 1, 1974”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-129 authorized appropriations of \$10,500,000, and \$12,500,000, and \$15,000,000 for fiscal years ending June 30, 1968, 1969, and 1970, and extended date for submission of applications from “prior to July 1, 1968”, to “prior to July 1, 1971”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-626, §12, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3212, provided that: “This Act and the amendments made by this Act [amending this section and sections 396, 398, 399, and 605 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 396 and 609 of this title] are effective on the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 7, 1988], except that the amendments made by sections 6 and 7(d) [amending section 396 of this title] are effective on October 1, 1989.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-567 effective Nov. 2, 1978, see section 403 of Pub. L. 95-567, set out as a note under section 390 of this title.

§ 392. Grants for construction

(a) Applications for grants

For each project for the construction of public telecommunications facilities there shall be submitted to the Secretary an application for a grant containing such information with respect to such project as the Secretary may require, including the total cost of such project, the amount of the grant requested for such project, and a 5-year plan outlining the applicant's projected facilities requirements and the projected costs of such facilities requirements. Each applicant shall also provide assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that—

(1) the applicant is (A) a public broadcast station; (B) a noncommercial telecommunica-

tions entity; (C) a system of public telecommunications entities; (D) a nonprofit foundation, corporation, institution, or association organized primarily for educational or cultural purposes; or (E) a State or local government (or any agency thereof), or a political or special purpose subdivision of a State;

(2) the operation of such public telecommunications facilities will be under the control of the applicant;

(3) necessary funds to construct, operate, and maintain such public telecommunications facilities will be available when needed;

(4) such public telecommunications facilities will be used primarily for the provision of public telecommunications services, and that the use of such public telecommunications facilities for purposes other than the provision of public telecommunications services will not interfere with the provision of such public telecommunications services as required in this part;

(5) the applicant has participated in comprehensive planning for such public telecommunications facilities in the area which the applicant proposes to serve, and such planning has included an evaluation of alternate technologies and coordination with State educational television and radio agencies, as appropriate; and

(6) the applicant will make the most efficient use of the grant.

(b) Amount of grant

Upon approving any application under this section with respect to any project for the construction of public telecommunications facilities, the Secretary shall make a grant to the applicant in an amount determined by the Secretary, except that such amount shall not exceed 75 percent of the amount determined by the Secretary to be the reasonable and necessary cost of such project.

(c) Information and assurances

The Secretary may provide such funds as the Secretary deems necessary for the planning of any project for which construction funds may be obtained under this section. An applicant for a planning grant shall provide such information with respect to such project as the Secretary may require and shall provide assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that the applicant meets the eligible requirements of subsection (a) of this section to receive construction assistance.

(d) Studies

Any studies conducted by or for any grant recipient under this section shall be provided to the Secretary, if such studies are conducted through the use of funds received under this section.

(e) Rules and regulations

The Secretary shall establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this subpart, including rules and regulations relating to the order of priority in approving applications for construction projects and relating to determining the amount of each grant for such projects.