

1998—Subsec. (a)(5) to (7). Pub. L. 105-244 struck out “or” at end of par. (5), added par. (6), and redesignated former par. (6) as (7).

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-325 substituted “Secretary may waive” for “Secretary shall waive”.

1987—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 100-50, §2(a)(14), substituted “low-income” for “low- and middle-income”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 100-50, §2(a)(15), added par. (3).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-39 effective as if enacted on the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-315 (Aug. 14, 2008), see section 3 of Pub. L. 111-39, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-325 effective Oct. 1, 1992, see section 2 of Pub. L. 102-325, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-50 effective as if enacted as part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986, Pub. L. 99-498, see section 27 of Pub. L. 100-50, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions of law requiring submittal to Congress of any annual, semiannual, or other regular periodic report listed in House Document No. 103-7 (in which the last item on page 79 identifies a reporting provision which, as subsequently amended, is contained in subsec. (b)(2) of this section), see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

### § 1068b. Application review process

#### (a) Review panel

(1) All applications submitted under this subchapter by institutions of higher education shall be read by a panel of readers composed of individuals selected by the Secretary. The Secretary shall assure that no individual assigned under this section to review any application has any conflict of interest with regard to the application which might impair the impartiality with which the individual conducts the review under this section.

(2) The Secretary shall take care to assure that representatives of historically and predominantly Black colleges, Hispanic institutions, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and institutions with substantial numbers of Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Native American Pacific Islanders (including Native Hawaiians) are included as readers.

(3) All readers selected by the Secretary shall receive thorough instruction from the Secretary regarding the evaluation process for applications submitted under this subchapter and consistent with the provisions of this subchapter, including—

(A) explanations and examples of the types of activities referred to in section 1057(b) of this title that should receive special consideration for grants awarded under part A of this subchapter and of the types of activities re-

ferred to in section 1062 of this title that should receive special consideration for grants awarded under part B of this subchapter;

(B) an enumeration of the factors to be used to determine the quality of applications submitted under this subchapter; and

(C) an enumeration of the factors to be used to determine whether a grant should be awarded for a project under this subchapter, the amount of any such grant, and the duration of any such grant.

#### (b) Recommendations of panel

In awarding grants under this subchapter, the Secretary shall take into consideration the recommendations of the panel made under subsection (a) of this section.

#### (c) Notification

Not later than June 30 of each year, the Secretary shall notify each institution of higher education making an application under this subchapter of—

(1) the scores given the applicant by the panel pursuant to this section;

(2) the recommendations of the panel with respect to such application; and

(3) the reasons for the decision of the Secretary in awarding or refusing to award a grant under this subchapter, and any modifications, if any, in the recommendations of the panel made by the Secretary.

#### (d) Exclusion

The provisions of this section shall not apply to applications submitted under part D of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §393, formerly §353, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title III, §301(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1305; renumbered §393 and amended Pub. L. 105-244, title III, §§301(a)(2), 308(e), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636, 1649.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1068 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 105-244.

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 105-244, §308(e)(1), substituted “Tribal Colleges and Universities” for “Native American colleges and universities”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-244, §308(e)(2), added subsec. (d).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

### § 1068c. Cooperative arrangements

#### (a) General authority

The Secretary may make grants to encourage cooperative arrangements—

(1) with funds available to carry out part A of this subchapter, between institutions eligible for assistance under part A of this subchapter and between such institutions and institutions not receiving assistance under this subchapter; or

(2) with funds available to carry out part B of this subchapter, between institutions eligi-

ble for assistance under part B of this subchapter and institutions not receiving assistance under this subchapter;

for the activities described in section 1057(b) of this title or section 1062 of this title, as the case may be, so that the resources of the cooperating institutions might be combined and shared to achieve the purposes of such parts and avoid costly duplicative efforts and to enhance the development of part A and part B eligible institutions.

**(b) Priority**

The Secretary shall give priority to grants for the purposes described under subsection (a) of this section whenever the Secretary determines that the cooperative arrangement is geographically and economically sound or will benefit the applicant institution.

**(c) Duration**

Grants to institutions having a cooperative arrangement may be made under this section for a period as determined under section 1059 of this title or section 1062 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §394, formerly §354, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title III, §301(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1305; renumbered §394, Pub. L. 105-244, title III, §301(a)(2), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1069 of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 105-244.

**§ 1068d. Assistance to institutions under other programs**

**(a) Assistance eligibility**

Each institution which the Secretary determines to be an institution eligible under part A of this subchapter or an institution eligible under part B of this subchapter may be eligible for waivers in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

**(b) Waiver applicability**

(1) Subject to, and in accordance with, regulations promulgated for the purpose of this section, in the case of any application by an institution referred to in subsection (a) of this section for assistance under any programs specified in paragraph (2), the Secretary is authorized, if such application is otherwise approvable, to waive any requirement for a non-Federal share of the cost of the program or project, or, to the extent not inconsistent with other law, to give, or require to be given, priority consideration of the application in relation to applications from other institutions.

(2) The provisions of this section shall apply to any program authorized by part D of this subchapter or subchapter IV of this chapter or part C of subchapter I of chapter 34 of title 42.

**(c) Limitation**

The Secretary shall not waive, under subsection (b) of this section, the non-Federal share requirement for any program for applications which, if approved, would require the expenditure of more than 10 percent of the appropriations for the program for any fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §395, formerly §356, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title III, §301(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1306; amended Pub. L. 102-325, title III, §305(d), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 478; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §709(d)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-314; renumbered §395 and amended Pub. L. 105-244, title III, §§301(a)(2), 308(f), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636, 1649.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1069b of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 105-244.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-244, §308(f), substituted “part D of this subchapter or subchapter IV of this chapter” for “subchapter IV, VII, or VIII of this chapter”.

1996—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 104-208 struck out “II,” after “authorized by subchapter”.

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-325 substituted “may be eligible” for “shall be eligible”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-325 effective Oct. 1, 1992, see section 2 of Pub. L. 102-325, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

**§ 1068e. Limitations**

The funds appropriated under section 1068h of this title may not be used—

- (1) for a school or department of divinity or any religious worship or sectarian activity;
- (2) for an activity that is inconsistent with a State plan for desegregation of higher education applicable to such institution;
- (3) for an activity that is inconsistent with a State plan of higher education applicable to such institution; or
- (4) for purposes other than the purposes set forth in the approved application under which the funds were made available to the institution.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title III, §396, formerly §357, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title III, §301(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1307; renumbered §396, Pub. L. 105-244, title III, §301(a)(2), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1636; amended Pub. L. 110-315, title III, §320(6), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3188.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1069c of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 105-244.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-315 substituted “1068h of this title” for “1069f of this title” in introductory provisions.

**§ 1068f. Penalties**

Whoever, being an officer, director, agent, or employee of, or connected in any capacity with, any recipient of Federal financial assistance or grant pursuant to this subchapter embezzles, willfully misapplies, steals, or obtains by fraud any of the funds which are the subject of such grant or assistance, shall be fined not more than