

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 ongoing 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 comple-