

Puerto Rico, and for such purpose, authorized appropriations, commencing with initial authorization of \$88,000 for the fiscal year beginning after August 28, 1937, and on an ascending scale thereafter, until they amounted to \$408,000 annually. See sections 341 to 343, 344 to 346, and 347a to 349 of this title.

§ 344. Ascertainment of entitlement of State to funds; time and manner of payment; State reporting requirements; plans of work

(a) Ascertainment of entitlement

On or about the first day of October in each year after June 26, 1953, the Secretary of Agriculture shall ascertain as to each State whether it is entitled to receive its share of the annual appropriation for cooperative agricultural extension work under this subchapter and the amount which it is entitled to receive. Before the funds herein provided shall become available to any college for any fiscal year, plans for the work to be carried on under this subchapter shall be submitted by the proper officials of each college and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary shall ensure that each college seeking to receive funds under this subchapter has in place appropriate guidelines, as determined by the Secretary, to minimize actual or potential conflicts of interest among employees of such college whose salaries are funded in whole or in part with such funds.

(b) Time and manner of payment; related reports

The amount to which a State is entitled shall be paid in equal quarterly payments in or about July, October, January, and April of each year to the treasurer or other officer of the State duly authorized by the laws of the State to receive the same, and such officer shall be required to report to the Secretary of Agriculture on or about the first day of April of each year, a detailed statement of the amount so received during the previous fiscal year and its disbursement, on forms prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Requirements related to plan of work

Each extension plan of work for a State required under subsection (a) shall contain descriptions of the following:

- (1) The critical short-term, intermediate, and long-term agricultural issues in the State and the current and planned extension programs and projects targeted to address the issues.
- (2) The process established to consult with extension users regarding the identification of critical agricultural issues in the State and the development of extension programs and projects targeted to address the issues.
- (3) The efforts made to identify and collaborate with other colleges and universities within the State, and within other States, that have a unique capacity to address the identified agricultural issues in the State and the extent of current and emerging efforts (including regional efforts) to work with those other institutions.
- (4) The manner in which research and extension, including research and extension activities funded other than through formula funds, will cooperate to address the critical issues in the State, including the activities to be car-

ried out separately, the activities to be carried out sequentially, and the activities to be carried out jointly.

(5) The education and outreach programs already underway to convey available research results that are pertinent to a critical agricultural issue, including efforts to encourage multicounty cooperation in the dissemination of research results.

(d) Extension protocols

(1) Development

The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop protocols to be used to evaluate the success of multistate, multi-institutional, and multidisciplinary extension activities and joint research and extension activities in addressing critical agricultural issues identified in the plans of work submitted under subsection (a).

(2) Consultation

The Secretary of Agriculture shall develop the protocols in consultation with the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board established under section 3123 of this title and land-grant colleges and universities.

(e) Treatment of plans of work for other purposes

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall consider a plan of work submitted under subsection (a) to satisfy other appropriate Federal reporting requirements.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 4, 38 Stat. 374; June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 1, 67 Stat. 85; Pub. L. 87-749, § 1(f), Oct. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 745; Pub. L. 94-273, § 15, Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 379; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, § 1617, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3732; Pub. L. 105-185, title II, § 202(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 531.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-185 inserted section catchline, designated existing provisions as subssecs. (a) and (b), inserted subsec. headings, in subsec. (b) substituted “The amount to which a State is entitled” for “Such sums”, and added subssecs. (c) to (e).

1990—Pub. L. 101-624 inserted after second sentence “The Secretary shall ensure that each college seeking to receive funds under this subchapter has in place appropriate guidelines, as determined by the Secretary, to minimize actual or potential conflicts of interest among employees of such college whose salaries are funded in whole or in part with such funds.”

1976—Pub. L. 94-273 substituted “of October” for “of July” and “of April” for “of January”.

1962—Pub. L. 87-749 substituted “quarterly payments in or about July, October, January, and April” for “semiannual payments on the first day of January and July”, and struck out “, Territory or possession” wherever appearing.

1953—Act June 26, 1953, among other changes, inserted first two sentences, inserted references to “Territory, or possession” after references to “State,” in sentence commencing “Such sums”, and in such sentence, struck out reference to payment by the Secretary of the Treasury upon warrant of the Secretary of Agriculture, and substituted “January” for “September” with respect to submission of annual detailed statements.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-185, title II, § 202(c), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 533, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 361g of this title] take effect on October 1, 1999.”

§ 345. Replacement of diminished, lost or misapplied funds; restrictions on use; reports of colleges

If any portion of the moneys received by the designated officer of any State for the support and maintenance of cooperative agricultural extension work, as provided in this subchapter, shall by any action or contingency be diminished or lost or be misapplied, it shall be replaced by said State and until so replaced no subsequent appropriation shall be apportioned or paid to said State. No portion of said moneys shall be applied, directly or indirectly, to the purchase, erection, preservation, or repair of any building or buildings, or the purchase or rental of land, or in college-course teaching, lectures in college, or any other purpose not specified in this subchapter.

(May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 5, 38 Stat. 374; June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 1, 67 Stat. 85; Pub. L. 87-749, § 1(g), Oct. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 745; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7403(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1246; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7403(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2007.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, § 7403(b), struck out at end “It shall be the duty of said colleges, annually, on or about the first day of January, to make to the Governor of the State in which it is located a full and detailed report of its operations in extension work as defined in this subchapter, including a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures from all sources for this purpose, a copy of which report shall be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture.”

1962—Pub. L. 87-749 struck out references to territories and possessions wherever appearing.

1953—Act June 26, 1953, among other changes, inserted “Territory, or possession” after “State,” wherever latter term appeared, struck out provision that not more than five per centum of each annual appropriation should be applied to the printing and distribution of publications, and struck out the provision that copies of the required reports should be sent to the Secretary of the Treasury.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 346. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-185, title I, § 103(f)(1), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 528

Section, acts May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 6, 38 Stat. 374; June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 1, 67 Stat. 85; Pub. L. 87-749, § 1(g), Oct. 5, 1962, 76 Stat. 745, related to report of nonentitlement to President, retention of amount involved in Treasury, appeal from determination, and disposition of sum.

§ 347. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-533, § 1(21), June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 249

Section, acts May 8, 1914, ch. 79, § 7, 38 Stat. 374; June 26, 1953, ch. 157, § 1, 67 Stat. 85, required Secretary of Agriculture to report to Congress receipts, expenditures, and results of cooperative agriculture extension

work in all States, Territories, or possessions receiving benefits of sections 341 to 343, 344 to 346, and 347a to 349 of this title.

§ 347a. Disadvantaged agricultural areas

(a) Congressional findings

The Congress finds that there exists special circumstances in certain agricultural areas which cause such areas to be at a disadvantage insofar as agricultural development is concerned, which circumstances include the following: (1) There is concentration of farm families on farms either too small or too unproductive or both; (2) such farm operators because of limited productivity are unable to make adjustments and investments required to establish profitable operations; (3) the productive capacity of the existing farm unit does not permit profitable employment of available labor; (4) because of limited resources, many of these farm families are not able to make full use of current extension programs designed for families operating economic units nor are extension facilities adequate to provide the assistance needed to produce desirable results.

(b) Appropriation

In order to further the purposes of section 342 of this title in such areas and to encourage complementary development essential to the welfare of such areas, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as the Congress from time to time shall determine to be necessary for payments to the States on the basis of special needs in such areas as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Assistance

In determining that the area has such special need, the Secretary shall find that it has a substantial number of disadvantaged farms or farm families for one or more of the reasons heretofore enumerated. The Secretary shall make provisions for the assistance to be extended to include one or more of the following: (1) Intensive on-the-farm educational assistance to the farm family in appraising and resolving its problems; (2) assistance and counseling to local groups in appraising resources for capability of improvement in agriculture or introduction of industry designed to supplement farm income; (3) cooperation with other agencies and groups in furnishing all possible information as to existing employment opportunities, particularly to farm families having under-employed workers; and (4) in cases where the farm family, after analysis of its opportunities and existing resources, finds it advisable to seek a new farming venture, the providing of information, advice, and counsel in connection with making such change.

(d) Allocation of funds

No more than 10 per centum of the sums available under this section shall be allotted to any one State. The Secretary shall use project proposals and plans of work submitted by the State Extension directors as a basis for determining the allocation of funds appropriated pursuant to this section.