

and is encouraged to, detail to the Secretary for the support of the Partnership 1 or more employees of the agency with rural responsibilities without reimbursement for a period of up to 1 year.

(B) Civil service status

The detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(2) Additional support

The Secretary may provide for any additional support staff to the Partnership as the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out the duties of the Partnership.

(3) Intermediaries

The Secretary may enter into a contract with a qualified intermediary under which the intermediary shall be responsible for providing administrative and technical assistance to a State rural development council, including administering the financial assistance available to the State rural development council.

(f) Matching requirements for State rural development councils

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), a State rural development council shall provide matching funds, or in-kind goods or services, to support the activities of the State rural development council in an amount that is not less than 33 percent of the amount of Federal funds received from a Federal agency under subsection (g)(2).

(2) Exceptions to matching requirement for certain Federal funds

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to funds, grants, funds provided under contracts or cooperative agreements, gifts, contributions, or technical assistance received by a State rural development council from a Federal agency that are used—

(A) to support 1 or more specific program or project activities; or

(B) to reimburse the State rural development council for services provided to the Federal agency providing the funds, grants, funds provided under contracts or cooperative agreements, gifts, contributions, or technical assistance.

(3) Department's share

The Secretary shall develop a plan to decrease, over time, the share of the Department of Agriculture of the cost of the core operations of State rural development councils.

(g) Funding

(1) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

(2) Federal agencies

(A) In general

Notwithstanding any other provision of law limiting the ability of an agency, along with other agencies, to provide funds to the Coordinating Committee or a State rural development council in order to carry out the

purposes of this section, a Federal agency may make grants, gifts, or contributions to, provide technical assistance to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, the Coordinating Committee or a State rural development council.

(B) Assistance

Federal agencies are encouraged to use funds made available for programs that have an impact on rural areas to provide assistance to, and enter into contracts with, the Coordinating Committee or a State rural development council, as described in subparagraph (A).

(3) Contributions

The Coordinating Committee and a State rural development council may accept private contributions.

(h) Termination

The authority provided under this section shall terminate on September 30, 2018.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 378, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6021, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 363; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, § 6019, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1172; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VI, § 6019, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1933; Pub. L. 113-79, title VI, § 6021, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 847.)

CODIFICATION

The authorities provided by each provision of, and each amendment made by, Pub. L. 110-246, as in effect on Sept. 30, 2012, to continue, and the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the authorities, until the later of Sept. 30, 2013, or the date specified in the provision of, or amendment made by, Pub. L. 110-246, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 112-240, set out in a 1-Year Extension of Agricultural Programs note under section 8701 of this title.

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

2014—Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 113-79, § 6021(1), substituted “2018” for “2012”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 113-79, § 6021(2), substituted “2018” for “2012”.

2008—Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6019(1), substituted “2008 through 2012” for “2003 through 2007”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6019(2), substituted “September 30, 2012” for “the date that is 5 years after May 13, 2002”.

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.

§ 2008n. Rural telework

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Eligible organization

The term “eligible organization” means a nonprofit entity, an educational institution, an Indian tribe (as defined in section 450b of title 25), or any other organization, in a rural

area (except for the institute), that meets the requirements of this section and such other requirements as are established by the Secretary.

(2) Institute

The term “institute” means a rural telework institute established using a grant under subsection (b).

(3) Telework

The term “telework” means the use of telecommunications to perform work functions at a rural work center located outside the place of business of an employer.

(b) Rural telework institute

(1) In general

The Secretary shall make 1 or more grants to an eligible organization to pay the Federal share of the cost of establishing and operating a national rural telework institute to carry out projects described in paragraph (2).

(2) Projects

The institute shall use grant funds received under this subsection to carry out a 5-year project—

(A) to serve as a clearinghouse for telework research and development;

(B) to conduct outreach to rural communities and rural workers;

(C) to develop and share best practices in rural telework throughout the United States;

(D) to develop innovative, market-driven telework projects and joint ventures with the private sector that employ workers in rural areas in jobs that promote economic self-sufficiency;

(E) to share information about the design and implementation of telework arrangements;

(F) to support private sector businesses that are transitioning to telework;

(G) to support and assist telework projects and individuals at the State and local level; and

(H) to perform such other functions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) Non-Federal share

(A) In general

As a condition of receiving a grant under this subsection, an eligible organization shall agree to obtain, after the application of the eligible organization has been approved and notice of award has been issued, contributions from non-Federal sources that are equal to—

(i) during each of the first, second, and third years of a project, 30 percent of the amount of the grant; and

(ii) during each of the fourth and fifth years of the project, 50 percent of the amount of the grant.

(B) Indian tribes

Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), an Indian tribe may use any Federal funds made available to the Indian tribe for self-governance to pay the non-Federal contributions required under subparagraph (A).

(C) Form

The non-Federal contributions required under subparagraph (A) may be in the form of in-kind contributions, including office equipment, office space, computer software, consultant services, computer networking equipment, and related services.

(c) Telework grants

(1) In general

Subject to paragraphs (2) through (5), the Secretary shall make grants to eligible organizations to pay the Federal share of the cost of—

(A) obtaining equipment and facilities to establish or expand telework locations in rural areas; and

(B) operating telework locations in rural areas.

(2) Applications

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an eligible organization shall submit to the Secretary, and receive the approval of the Secretary of, an application for the grant that demonstrates that the eligible organization has adequate resources and capabilities to establish or expand a telework location in a rural area.

(3) Non-Federal share

(A) In general

As a condition of receiving a grant under this subsection, an eligible organization shall agree to obtain, after the application of the eligible organization has been approved and notice of award has been issued, contributions from non-Federal sources that are equal to 50 percent of the amount of the grant.

(B) Indian tribes

Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), an Indian tribe may use Federal funds made available to the tribe for self-governance to pay the non-Federal contributions required under subparagraph (A).

(C) Sources

The non-Federal contributions required under subparagraph (A)—

(i) may be in the form of in-kind contributions, including office equipment, office space, computer software, consultant services, computer networking equipment, and related services; and

(ii) may not be made from funds made available for community development block grants under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

(4) Duration

The Secretary may not provide a grant under this subsection to expand or operate a telework location in a rural area after the date that is 3 years after the establishment of the telework location.

(5) Amount

The amount of a grant provided to an eligible organization under this subsection shall be

not less than \$1,000,000 and not more than \$2,000,000.

(d) Applicability of certain Federal law

An eligible organization that receives funds under this section shall be subject to the provisions of Federal law (including regulations) administered by the Secretary of Labor or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that govern the responsibilities of employers to employees.

(e) Regulations

Not later than 180 days after May 13, 2002, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(f) Authorization of appropriation

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007, of which \$5,000,000 shall be provided to establish and support an institute under subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 379, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6022, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 368.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (c)(3)(C)(ii), is Pub. L. 93-383, Aug. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 633, as amended. Title I of the Act is classified principally to chapter 69 (§ 5301 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5301 of Title 42 and Tables.

§ 2008o. Historic barn preservation

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Barn

The term “barn” means a building (other than a dwelling) on a farm, ranch, or other agricultural operation for—

- (A) housing animals;
- (B) storing or processing crops;
- (C) storing and maintaining agricultural equipment; or
- (D) serving an essential or useful purpose related to agricultural activities conducted on the adjacent land.

(2) Eligible applicant

The term “eligible applicant” means—

- (A) a State department of agriculture (or a designee);
- (B) a national or State nonprofit organization that—
 - (i) is described in section 501(c)(3) of title 26 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of title 26; and
 - (ii) has experience or expertise, as determined by the Secretary, in the identification, evaluation, rehabilitation, preservation, or protection of historic barns; and
- (C) a State historic preservation office.

(3) Historic barn

The term “historic barn” means a barn that—

- (A) is at least 50 years old;
- (B) retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, and construction to clearly identify the barn as an agricultural building; and

(C) meets the criteria for listing on National, State, or local registers or inventories of historic structures.

(4) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary of Rural Development.

(b) Program

The Secretary shall establish a historic barn preservation program—

- (1) to assist States in developing a list of historic barns;
- (2) to collect and disseminate information on historic barns;
- (3) to foster educational programs relating to the history, construction techniques, rehabilitation, and contribution to society of historic barns; and
- (4) to sponsor and conduct research on—
 - (A) the history of barns; and
 - (B) best practices to protect and rehabilitate historic barns from the effects of decay, fire, arson, and natural disasters.

(c) Grants

(1) In general

The Secretary may make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, eligible applicants to carry out an eligible project under paragraph (2).

(2) Eligible projects

A grant under this subsection may be made to an eligible applicant for a project—

- (A) to rehabilitate or repair historic barns;
- (B) to preserve historic barns through—
 - (i) the installation of a fire protection system, including fireproofing or fire detection system and sprinklers; and
 - (ii) the installation of a system to prevent vandalism; and
- (C) to identify, document, and conduct research on historic barns (including surveys) to develop and evaluate appropriate techniques or best practices for protecting historic barns.

(3) Priority

In making grants under this subsection, the Secretary shall give the highest priority to funding projects described in paragraph (2)(C).

(4) Requirements

An eligible applicant that receives a grant for a project under this subsection shall comply with any standards established by the Secretary of the Interior for historic preservation projects.

(5) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 379A, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6023, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 370; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, § 6020, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1172; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VI, § 6020, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1934.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub.