

**§ 3147. Grants for training, research, and technical assistance**

**(a) In general**

**(1) Grants**

On the application of an eligible recipient, the Secretary may make grants for training, research, and technical assistance, including grants for program evaluation and economic impact analyses, that would be useful in alleviating or preventing conditions of excessive unemployment or underemployment.

**(2) Types of assistance**

Grants under paragraph (1) may be used for—

- (A) project planning and feasibility studies;
- (B) demonstrations of innovative activities or strategic economic development investments;
- (C) management and operational assistance;
- (D) establishment of university centers;
- (E) establishment of business outreach centers;
- (F) studies evaluating the needs of, and development potential for, economic growth of areas that the Secretary determines have substantial need for the assistance;
- (G) studies that evaluate the effectiveness of coordinating projects funded under this chapter with projects funded under other Acts;
- (H) assessment, marketing, and establishment of business clusters; and
- (I) other activities determined by the Secretary to be appropriate.

**(3) Cooperation requirement**

In the case of a project assisted under this section that is national or regional in scope, the Secretary may waive the provision in section 3122(4)(A)(vi) of this title requiring a non-profit organization or association to act in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

**(b) Methods of provision of assistance**

In providing research and technical assistance under this section, the Secretary, in addition to making grants under subsection (a) of this section, may—

- (1) provide research and technical assistance through officers or employees of the Department;
- (2) pay funds made available to carry out this section to Federal agencies; or
- (3) employ private individuals, partnerships, businesses, corporations, or appropriate institutions under contracts entered into for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3604; amended Pub. L. 108-373, title II, §205, Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1761.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(2)(G) to (I). Pub. L. 108-373, §205(a), added subpars. (G) and (H) and redesignated former subpar. (G) as (I).

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 108-373, §205(b), added par. (3) and struck out heading and text of former par. (3). Text

read as follows: “In the case of a project assisted under this section, the Secretary may reduce or waive the non-Federal share, without regard to section 3144 or 3145 of this title, if the Secretary finds that the project is not feasible without, and merits, such a reduction or waiver.”

**§ 3148. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-373, title II, § 206(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1761**

Section, Pub. L. 89-136, title II, §208, as added Pub. L. 105-393, title I, §102(a), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3605, related to prevention of unfair competition.

**§ 3149. Grants for economic adjustment**

**(a) In general**

On the application of an eligible recipient, the Secretary may make grants for development of public facilities, public services, business development (including funding of a revolving loan fund), planning, technical assistance, training, and any other assistance to alleviate long-term economic deterioration and sudden and severe economic dislocation and further the economic adjustment objectives of this subchapter.

**(b) Criteria for assistance**

The Secretary may provide assistance under this section only if the Secretary determines that—

- (1) the project will help the area to meet a special need arising from—
  - (A) actual or threatened severe unemployment; or
  - (B) economic adjustment problems resulting from severe changes in economic conditions; and
- (2) the area for which a project is to be carried out has a comprehensive economic development strategy and the project is consistent with the strategy, except that this paragraph shall not apply to planning projects.

**(c) Particular community assistance**

Assistance under this section may include assistance provided for activities identified by communities, the economies of which are injured by—

- (1) military base closures or realignments, defense contractor reductions in force, or Department of Energy defense-related funding reductions, for help in diversifying their economies through projects to be carried out on Federal Government installations or elsewhere in the communities;
- (2) disasters or emergencies, in areas with respect to which a major disaster or emergency has been declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), for post-disaster economic recovery;
- (3) international trade, for help in economic restructuring of the communities;
- (4) fishery failures, in areas with respect to which a determination that there is a commercial fishery failure has been made under section 1861a(a) of title 16; or
- (5) the loss of manufacturing jobs, for reinvesting in and diversifying the economies of the communities.