

(3) expertise in removing barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities, including access to transportation, assistive technology, and other accommodations; and

(4) existing relationships with national organizations focused primarily on the needs of rural areas.

(d) Uses

A grant received under this section may be used only to expand or enhance—

(1) employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas by developing national technical assistance and education resources to assist small businesses in a rural area to recruit, hire, accommodate, and employ individuals with disabilities; and

(2) self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for individuals with disabilities in a rural area.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379F, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6023, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1176, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6023, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1937.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 2008u. Health care services

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this section is to address the continued unmet health needs in the Delta region through cooperation among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research institutions, and other individuals and entities in the region.

(b) Definition of eligible entity

In this section, the term “eligible entity” means a consortium of regional institutions of higher education, academic health and research institutes, and economic development entities located in the Delta region that have experience in addressing the health care issues in the region.

(c) Grants

To carry out the purpose described in subsection (a), the Secretary may award a grant to an eligible entity for—

- (1) the development of—
 - (A) health care services;
 - (B) health education programs; and
 - (C) health care job training programs; and

(2) the development and expansion of public health-related facilities in the Delta region to address longstanding and unmet health needs of the region.

(d) Use

As a condition of the receipt of the grant, the eligible entity shall use the grant to fund projects and activities described in subsection (c), based on input solicited from local governments, public health care providers, and other entities in the Delta region.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section, \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2018.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379G, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6024, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1176, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6024, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1938; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title VI, §6024, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 848.)

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AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “2018” for “2012”.

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§ 2008v. Strategic economic and community development

(a) In general

In the case of any rural development program described in subsection (d)(2), the Secretary may give priority to an application for a project that, as determined and approved by the Secretary—

- (1) meets the applicable eligibility requirements of this chapter;
- (2) will be carried out solely in a rural area; and
- (3) supports strategic community and economic development plans on a multijurisdictional basis.

(b) Rural area

For purposes of subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall consider an application to be for a project that will be carried out solely in a rural area only if—

- (1) in the case of an application for a project in the rural community facilities category described in subsection (d)(2)(A), the project will be carried out in a rural area described in section 1991(a)(13)(C) of this title;
- (2) in the case of an application for a project in the rural utilities category described in subsection (d)(2)(B), the project will be carried out in a rural area described in section 1991(a)(13)(B) of this title; and
- (3) in the case of an application for a project in the rural business and cooperative development category described in subsection (d)(2)(C), the project will be carried out in a rural area described in section 1991(a)(13)(A) of this title.