

council established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### § 582a-5. Apportionments, advice, criteria, etc.

Apportionments among participating States shall be determined by the Secretary after consultation with the council appointed under section 582a-4 of this title. In making such apportionments, consideration shall be given to pertinent factors including non-Federal expenditures for forestry research by State-certified eligible institutions, areas of non-Federal commercial forest land, and the volume of timber cut annually. Three per centum of such funds as may be appropriated shall be made available to the Secretary for administration of this subchapter. These administrative funds may be used for transportation of scientists who are not officers or employees of the United States to research meetings convened for purposes of assessing research opportunities or research planning.

(Pub. L. 87-788, § 6, Oct. 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 807; Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, § 1441(c), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1320.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 substituted provisions directing the Secretary to make apportionments among participating States only after consultation with the council appointed under section 582a-4 of this title, enumerating the factors to be considered in making apportionments, and authorizing the expenditure of funds to transport scientists to research meetings for provisions which had authorized the Secretary to prescribe necessary rules and regulations, to furnish necessary advice and assistance, and to appoint an advisory committee. See section 582a-4 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### § 582a-6. Scope of forestry research

The term “forestry research” as used in this subchapter shall include investigations relating to: (1) Reforestation and management of land for the production of crops of timber and other related products of the forest; (2) management of forest and related watershed lands to improve conditions of waterflow and to protect resources against floods and erosion; (3) management of forest and related rangeland for production of forage for domestic livestock and game and improvement of food and habitat for wildlife; (4) management of forest lands for outdoor recreation; (5) protection of forest land and resources against fire, insects, diseases, or other destructive agents; (6) utilization of wood and other forest products; (7) development of sound policies for the management of forest lands and the harvesting and marketing of forest products; and (8) such other studies as may be necessary to obtain the fullest and most effective use of forest resources.

(Pub. L. 87-788, § 7, Oct. 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 807.)

#### § 582a-7. “State” defined

The term “State” as used in this subchapter shall include Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

(Pub. L. 87-788, § 8, Oct. 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 807; Pub. L. 92-318, title V, § 506(j), June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 351.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-318 inserted reference to Virgin Islands and Guam.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-318 effective after June 30, 1970, see section 506(n) of Pub. L. 92-318, set out as an Effective Date note under section 326a of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### § 582a-8. Competitive forestry, natural resources, and environmental grants program

##### (a) Establishment

The Secretary of Agriculture (hereafter referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall establish a competitive forestry, natural resources, and environmental grant program to award grants for the conduct of research or forest restoration as described in subsection (c).

##### (b) Eligible entities

To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), an entity shall—

- (1) be a State agricultural experiment station, a college or university, a research institution or organization, a Federal agency, a private organization, or a corporation that has a demonstrable capacity to conduct forestry, natural resources, and environmental research as determined by the Secretary; and
- (2) prepare and submit to the Secretary, an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary shall require, including the proposed use of the amounts that may be received under a grant.

##### (c) Priorities

###### (1) Research

In awarding the initial grants under subsection (a) the Secretary shall give priority to applicants who will use such grants for research concerning—

- (A) the biology of forest organisms, including physiology, genetic mechanisms, and biotechnology;
- (B) ecosystem function and management, including forest ecosystem research, biodiversity, forest productivity, pest management, water resources, and alternative silvicultural systems;
- (C) wood as a raw material, including forest products and harvesting;
- (D) human forest interactions, including outdoor recreation, public policy formulation, economics, sociology, and administrative behavior;
- (E) international trade, competition, and cooperation related to forest products;
- (F) alternative native crops, products, and services that can be produced from renewable natural resources associated with privately held forest lands;