

search, extension, and teaching assistance programs for the administration of those programs authorized under this Act or any other Act; and

(4) the Secretary shall establish appropriate criteria for grant and assistance approval and necessary regulations pertaining thereto.

(b) Agreements with former agricultural research facilities of the department

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary, for purposes of supporting ongoing research and information dissemination activities, including supporting research and those activities through co-locating scientists and other technical personnel, sharing of laboratory and field equipment, and providing financial support, shall enter into grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, or other legal instruments with former Department of Agriculture agricultural research facilities.

(c) Community food projects

The Secretary may retain, for the administration of community food projects under section 2034 of this title, 4 percent of amounts available for the projects, notwithstanding the availability of any appropriation for administrative expenses of the projects.

(d) Peer panel expenses

Notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding a competitive research, education, or extension grant program of the Department of Agriculture, the Secretary may use grant program funds, as necessary, to supplement funds otherwise available for program administration, to pay for the costs associated with peer review of grant proposals under the program.

(e) “In-kind support” defined

In any law relating to agricultural research, education, or extension activities administered by the Secretary, the term “in-kind support”, with regard to a requirement that the recipient of funds provided by the Secretary match all or part of the amount of the funds, means contributions such as office space, equipment, and staff support.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1469, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1019; Pub. L. 105–185, title II, § 230(b), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 547; Pub. L. 110–234, title IV, § 4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H), title VII, § 7132(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1096, 1097, 1228; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title IV, § 4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H), title VII, § 7132(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1857, 1858, 1989; Pub. L. 113–79, title VII, § 7121, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 876.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (a), see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

Sections 3157(e), 3157(f), and 3157(h) of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), were redesignated as sections 3157(f), 3157(g), and 3157(i), respectively, by Pub. L. 101–624, title XIV, § 1497(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3630.

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

2014—Subsecs. (b) to (e). Pub. L. 113–79 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsecs. (b) to (d) as (c) to (e), respectively.

2008—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 110–246, § 7132(b), substituted “made available” for “appropriated”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–246, § 4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 2034 of this title.

1998—Pub. L. 105–185, § 230(b)(1), reenacted section catchline without change, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), and inserted heading.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 105–185, § 230(b)(2), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “three per centum of the appropriations shall be retained by the Secretary for the administration of the programs authorized under this chapter; and”.

Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 105–185, § 230(b)(3), added subsecs. (b) to (d).

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, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by section 4002(b)(1)(B), (2)(H) of Pub. L. 110–246 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95–113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

§ 3315a. Availability of competitive grant funds

Except as otherwise provided by law, funds made available to the Secretary to carry out a competitive agricultural research, education, or extension grant program under this or any other Act shall be available for obligation for a 2-year period beginning on October 1 of the fiscal year for which the funds are made available.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1469A, as added Pub. L. 107–171, title VII, § 7217, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 449.)

§ 3316. Rules and regulations

The Secretary is authorized to issue such rules and regulations as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95–113, title XIV, § 1470, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1019.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 3102 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95–113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

§ 3317. Program evaluation studies

(a) The Secretary shall regularly conduct program evaluations to meet the purposes of this chapter and the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary and the Department of Agriculture in this chapter. Such evaluations shall be designed