

**§ 6615. Training and education****(a) Programs**

In furtherance of an action plan, the Secretary may use the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and other appropriate agencies of the Department of Agriculture to develop and conduct education programs that assist businesses, elected or appointed officials, and individuals in rural communities to deal with the effects of a transition from being economically disadvantaged to economic diversification. These programs may include—

- (1) community economic analysis and strategic planning;
- (2) methods for improving and retooling enterprises now dependent on National Forest System land resources;
- (3) methods for expanding enterprises and creating new economic opportunities by emphasizing economic opportunities in other industries or services not dependent on National Forest System land resources; and
- (4) assistance in the evaluation, counseling, and enhancement of vocational skills, training in basic and remedial literacy skills, assistance in job seeking skills, and training in starting or operating a business enterprise.

**(b) Existing educational and training programs**

Insofar as practicable, the Secretary shall use existing Federal, State, and private education resources in carrying out these programs.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2377, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4048; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(3) [title III, § 345(e)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-204; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7511(c)(26), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1270; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7511(c)(26), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2031.)

## 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 L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, § 7511(c)(26), substituted “National Institute of Food and Agriculture” for “Extension Service” in introductory provisions.

1999—Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 106-113, which directed substitution of “National Forest System land resources” for “national forest resources” in pars. (3) and (4), was executed by making the substitution in pars. (2) and (3) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

## 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 7511(c)(26) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

**§ 6616. Loans to economically disadvantaged rural communities****(a) In general**

The Secretary, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary shall establish, may

make loans to economically disadvantaged rural communities for the purposes of securing technical assistance and services to aid in the development and implementation of action plans, including planning for—

- (1) improving existing facilities in the community that may generate employment or revenue;
- (2) expanding existing infrastructure, facilities, and services to capitalize on opportunities to diversify economies now dependent on National Forest System land resources; and
- (3) supporting the development of new industries or commercial ventures unrelated to National Forest System land resources.

**(b) Interest rates**

The interest rates on a loan made pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Secretary, but not in excess of the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with remaining periods to maturity comparable to the maturity of such loan, plus not to exceed 1 percent, as determined by the Secretary, and rounded to the nearest one-eighth of 1 percent.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2378, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4048; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(3) [title III, § 345(f)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-204.)

## AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 106-113 substituted “National Forest System land resources” for “national forest resources”.

**§ 6617. Authorization of appropriations and spending authority****(a) Authorization of appropriations**

Except as provided in subsection (b), there are authorized to be appropriated—

- (1) an amount not to exceed 5 percent of the sum of—
  - (A) the sums received by the Secretary from sales of timber and other products of the forests; and
  - (B) user fees paid in connection with the use of forest lands; and
- (2) such additional sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

**(b) Limitation on authorization**

Subsection (a) shall not in any way affect payments to the States pursuant to section 500 of title 16.

**(c) Spending authority**

Any spending authority (as defined in section 651 of title 2) provided in this subchapter shall be effective for any fiscal year only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, § 2379, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4049.)

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