

acted Title 5, U.S.C., into law). Section 5102 of Title 5, now contains the applicability provisions of the 1949 Act, and section 5103 of Title 5 authorizes the Office of Personnel Management to determine the applicability to specific positions and employees.

§ 1627a. Sheep production and marketing grant program

(a) Establishment

The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, shall establish a competitive grant program for the purposes of strengthening and enhancing the production and marketing of sheep and sheep products in the United States, including through—

- (1) the improvement of—
 - (A) infrastructure;
 - (B) business; and
 - (C) resource development; and
- (2) the development of innovative approaches to solve long-term needs.

(b) Eligibility

The Secretary shall make grants under this section to at least one national entity, the mission of which is consistent with the purpose of the grant program.

(c) Funding

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2019, to remain available until expended.

(Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 966, title II, § 209, as added Pub. L. 113-79, title XII, § 12102(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 978; amended Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, § 12102, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4942.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “\$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2019” for “\$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2014”.

§ 1627b. National Sheep Industry Improvement Center

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Board

The term “Board” means the Board of Directors established under subsection (f).

(2) Center

The term “Center” means the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center established under subsection (b).

(3) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means an entity that promotes the betterment of the United States sheep or goat industries and that is—

- (A) a public, private, or cooperative organization;
- (B) an association, including a corporation not operated for profit;
- (C) a federally recognized Indian Tribe; or
- (D) a public or quasi-public agency.

(4) Fund

The term “Fund” means the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center Revolving Fund established under subsection (e).

(5) Intermediary

The term “intermediary” means a financial institution receiving Center funds for establishing a revolving fund and relending to an eligible entity.

(b) Establishment of Center

The Secretary shall establish a National Sheep Industry Improvement Center.

(c) Purposes

The purposes of the Center shall be to—

(1) promote strategic development activities and collaborative efforts by private and State entities to maximize the impact of Federal assistance to strengthen and enhance production and marketing of sheep or goat products in the United States;

(2) optimize the use of available human capital and resources within the sheep or goat industries;

(3) provide assistance to meet the needs of the sheep or goat industry for infrastructure development, business development, production, resource development, and market and environmental research;

(4) advance activities that empower and build the capacity of the United States sheep or goat industry to design unique responses to the special needs of the sheep or goat industries on both a regional and national basis; and

(5) adopt flexible and innovative approaches to solving the long-term needs of the United States sheep or goat industry.

(d) Strategic plan

(1) In general

The Center shall submit to the Secretary an annual strategic plan for the delivery of financial assistance provided by the Center.

(2) Requirements

A strategic plan shall identify—

(A) goals, methods, and a benchmark for measuring the success of carrying out the plan and how the plan relates to the national and regional goals of the Center;

(B) the amount and sources of Federal and non-Federal funds that are available for carrying out the plan;

(C) funding priorities;

(D) selection criteria for funding; and

(E) a method of distributing funding.

(e) Revolving Fund

(1) Establishment

There is established in the Treasury the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center Revolving Fund. The Fund shall be available to the Center, without fiscal year limitation, to carry out the authorized programs and activities of the Center under this section.

(2) Contents of Fund

There shall be deposited in the Fund—

(A) such amounts as may be appropriated, transferred, or otherwise made available to support programs and activities of the Center;

(B) payments received from any source for products, services, or property furnished in connection with the activities of the Center;