

(ii) in the form of in-kind contributions.

**(2) Oversight**

At a minimum, not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, a microenterprise development organization that receives a loan or grant under this section shall provide to the Secretary such information as the Secretary may require to ensure that assistance provided under this section is used for the purposes for which the loan or grant was made.

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §379E, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6022, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1173, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6022, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1934; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title VI, §6023, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 848; Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6422, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4765.)

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 L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(4)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 115-334, §6422(1), substituted “Amount” for “Maximum amount” in heading and, in text, inserted “not less than 20 percent and” before “not more than 25 percent”, substituted “, subject to—” for period at end, and added subcls. (I) and (II).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 115-334, §6422(2), added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d) which related to funding for fiscal years 2009 through 2018.

2014—Subsec. (d)(1)(C). Pub. L. 113-79, §6023(1), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 113-79, §6023(2), substituted “2018” for “2012”.

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.

**§ 2008t. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, § 6601(a)(1)(G), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4776**

Section, 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, related to grants for expansion of employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in rural areas.

**§ 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 2023.

(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; Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6423, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4765.)

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.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

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

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.

**§ 2008v. Strategic economic and community development**

**(a) In general**

In the case of any program under this chapter or administered by the Secretary, acting through the rural development mission area, as determined by the Secretary (referred to in this section as a “covered program”), the Secretary shall 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 or the other applicable authorizing law;
- (2) will be carried out in a rural area; and
- (3) supports the implementation of a strategic community investment plan described in

subsection (d) on a multisectoral and multi-jurisdictional basis, to include considerations for improving and expanding broadband services as needed.

**(b) Reserve**

**(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall reserve not more than 15 percent of the funds made available for a fiscal year for covered programs for projects that support the implementation of a strategic community investment plan described in subsection (d) on a multisectoral and multi-jurisdictional basis.

**(2) Period**

Any funds reserved under paragraph (1) shall only be reserved for the 1-year period beginning on the date on which the funds were first made available, as determined by the Secretary.

**(c) Approved applications**

**(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), any applicant who submitted an application under a covered program that was approved before the date of enactment of this section<sup>1</sup> may amend the application to qualify for the funds reserved under subsection (b).

**(2) Rural utilities**

Any applicant who submitted an application under paragraph (2), (14), or (24) of section 1926(a) of this title, or section 1926a or 1932(b) of this title, that was approved by the Secretary before the date of enactment of this section<sup>1</sup> shall be eligible for the funds reserved under subsection (b)—

- (A) on the same basis as an application submitted under this section; and
- (B) until September 30, 2019.

**(d) Strategic community investment plans**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall provide assistance to rural communities in developing strategic community investment plans.

**(2) Plans**

A strategic community investment plan described in paragraph (1) shall include—

- (A) a variety of activities designed to facilitate the vision of a rural community for the future, including considerations for improving and expanding broadband services as needed;
- (B) participation by multiple stakeholders, including local and regional partners;
- (C) leverage of applicable regional resources;
- (D) investment from strategic partners, such as—
  - (i) private organizations;
  - (ii) cooperatives;
  - (iii) other government entities;
  - (iv) Indian Tribes; and
  - (v) philanthropic organizations;
- (E) clear objectives with the ability to establish measurable performance metrics;

(F) action steps for implementation; and

(G) any other elements necessary to ensure that the plan results in a comprehensive and strategic approach to rural economic development, as determined by the Secretary.

**(3) Coordination**

The Secretary shall coordinate with Indian Tribes and local, State, regional, and Federal partners to develop strategic community investment plans under this subsection.

**(4) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, §379H, as added Pub. L. 113–79, title VI, §6025, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 848; amended Pub. L. 115–334, title VI, §6401, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4756.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title III of Pub. L. 87–128, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 307, known as the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title III to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1921 of this title and Tables.

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (c), probably means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 113–79, which enacted this section and which was approved Feb. 7, 2014.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–334 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to strategic economic and community development.

**§ 2008w. Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant Program**

**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Eligible entity**

The term “eligible entity” means a rural jobs accelerator partnership established after December 20, 2018, that—

(A) organizes key community and regional stakeholders into a working group that—

- (i) focuses on the shared goals and needs of the industry clusters that are objectively identified as existing, emerging, or declining;
- (ii) represents a region defined by the partnership in accordance with subparagraph (B);
- (iii) includes 1 or more representatives of—

- (I) an institution of higher education (as defined in section 1001 of title 20);
- (II) a private entity; or
- (III) a government entity; and

(iv) has, as a lead applicant—

(I) a District Organization (as defined in section 300.3 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation));

(II) an Indian tribe (as defined in section 5304 of title 25), or a consortium of Indian tribes;

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.