

zations will host eligible Russians for the purpose described in subsection (a).

“(2) DURATION.—The period of stay in the United States for any eligible Russian supported with grant funds under this section shall not exceed 30 days.

“(3) LIMITATION.—The number of eligible Russians supported with grant funds under this section shall not exceed 3,000 in any fiscal year.

“(4) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the head of the administering agency—

“(i) may contract with nongovernmental organizations having expertise in carrying out the activities described in subsection (a) for the purpose of carrying out the administrative functions of the program (other than the awarding of grants); and

“(ii) may, without regard to the civil service laws and regulations (or, in the case of the Librarian of Congress, any requirement for competition in hiring), appoint and terminate an executive director and such other additional personnel as may be necessary to enable the administering agency to perform its duties under this section.

“(B) WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING.—The Librarian of Congress, after consultation with the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, may enter into contracts under subparagraph (A)(i) to carry out the pilot program during fiscal years 2000 and 2001 without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes [see 41 U.S.C. 6101] or any other requirement for competitive contracting or the providing of notice of contracting opportunities.

“(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under subsection (b) shall be used to pay—

“(1) the costs and expenses incurred by each program participant in traveling between Russia and the United States and in traveling within the United States;

“(2) the costs of providing lodging in the United States to each program participant, whether in public accommodations or in private homes; and

“(3) such additional administrative expenses incurred by organizations in carrying out the program as the head of the administering agency may prescribe.

“(d) APPLICATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each organization in the United States desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the head of the administering agency at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as such head may reasonably require.

“(2) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) describe the activities for which assistance under this section is sought;

“(B) include the number of program participants to be supported;

“(C) describe the qualifications of the individuals who will be participating in the program; and

“(D) provide such additional assurances as the head of the administering agency determines to be essential to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

“(3) WAIVER.—The Librarian of Congress may waive the requirement of this subsection in carrying out the pilot program during fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

“(e) ADVISORY BOARD.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a Russian Leadership Program Advisory Board which shall advise the head of the administering agency as to the carrying out of the permanent program during fiscal years 2002 and thereafter.

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Board under paragraph (1) shall consist of—

“(A) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of whom one shall be designated by the Majority Leader of the House of

Representatives and one shall be designated by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

“(B) two members appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, of whom one shall be designated by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one shall be designated by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

“(C) the Librarian of Congress;

“(D) a private individual with expertise in international exchange programs, designated by the Librarian of Congress; and

“(E) an officer or employee of the administering agency, designated by the head of the administering agency.

“(3) TERMS.—Each member appointed under paragraph (2) shall serve for a term of 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and the individual so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the term.

“(f) REPORTING.—The head of the administering agency shall, not later than 3 months following the close of each fiscal year for which such agency administered the program, report to Congress with respect to the conduct of such program during such fiscal year. Such report shall include information with respect to the number of participants in the program and the cost of the program, and any recommendations on improvements necessary to enable the program to carry out the purposes of this section.

“(g) FUNDING.—

“(1) FISCAL YEAR 1999.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Of funds made available under the heading ‘SENATE’ under title I of the Legislative [Branch] Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-275; 112 Stat. 2430 et seq.) [see Tables for classification], \$10,000,000 shall be made available, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, to the administering agency to carry out the program.

“(B) USE OF FUNDS AT CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR.—Funds made available under this paragraph which are unexpended and unobligated as of the close of fiscal year 1999 shall no longer be available for such purpose and shall be available for the purpose originally appropriated.

“(2) FISCAL YEAR 2000 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—

“(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the administering agency for fiscal years 2000 and thereafter such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program.

“(B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to subparagraph (A) are authorized to remain available until expended.

“(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ADMINISTERING AGENCY.—The term ‘administering agency’ means—

“(A) for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, the Library of Congress; and

“(B) for fiscal year 2002, and subsequent fiscal years, the Executive agency designated by the President of the United States under subsection (a)(2).

“(2) ELIGIBLE RUSSIAN.—The term ‘eligible Russian’ means a Russian national who is an emerging political leader at any level of government.

“(3) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means the grant program established under this section.

“(4) PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘program participant’ means an eligible Russian selected for participation in the program.”

CHAPTER 22B—HUNGER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Sec.

1161. Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows and Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows.

§ 1161. Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows and Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows

(a) Short title

This section may be cited as the “Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows and Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program Act of 2008”.

(b) Definitions

In this subsection:¹

(1) Director

The term “Director” means the head of the Congressional Hunger Center.

(2) Fellow

The term “fellow” means—

- (A) a Bill Emerson Hunger Fellow; or
- (B) Mickey Leland Hunger Fellow.

(3) Fellowship Programs

The term “Fellowship Programs” means the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program established under subsection (c)(1).

(c) Fellowship Programs

(1) In general

There is established the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program.

(2) Purposes

(A) In general

The purposes of the Fellowship Programs are—

- (i) to encourage future leaders of the United States—
 - (I) to pursue careers in humanitarian and public service;
 - (II) to recognize the needs of low-income people and hungry people;
 - (III) to provide assistance to people in need; and
 - (IV) to seek public policy solutions to the challenges of hunger and poverty;
- (ii) to provide training and development opportunities for such leaders through placement in programs operated by appropriate organizations or entities; and
- (iii) to increase awareness of the importance of public service.

(B) Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship Program

The purpose of the Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship Program is to address hunger and poverty in the United States.

(C) Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship Program

The purpose of the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship Program is to address international hunger and other humanitarian needs.

(3) Administration

(A) In general

Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall offer to provide a grant to the Congres-

sional Hunger Center to administer the Fellowship Programs.

(B) Terms of grant

The terms of the grant provided under subparagraph (A), including the length of the grant and provisions for the alteration or termination of the grant, shall be determined by the Secretary in accordance with this section.

(d) Fellowships

(1) In general

The Director shall make available Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowships and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships in accordance with this subsection.

(2) Curriculum

(A) In general

The Fellowship Programs shall provide experience and training to develop the skills necessary to train fellows to carry out the purposes described in subsection (c)(2), including—

- (i) training in direct service programs for the hungry and other anti-hunger programs in conjunction with community-based organizations through a program of field placement; and
- (ii) providing experience in policy development through placement in a governmental entity or nongovernmental, nonprofit, or private sector organization.

(B) Work plan

To carry out subparagraph (A) and assist in the evaluation of the fellowships under paragraph (6), the Director shall, for each fellow, approve a work plan that identifies the target objectives for the fellow in the fellowship, including specific duties and responsibilities relating to those objectives.

(3) Period of fellowship

(A) Bill Emerson Hunger Fellow

A Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship awarded under this section shall be for not more than 15 months.

(B) Mickey Leland Hunger Fellow

A Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship awarded under this section shall be for not more than 2 years.

(4) Selection of fellows

(A) In general

Fellowships shall be awarded pursuant to a nationwide competition established by the Director.

(B) Qualifications

A successful program applicant shall be an individual who has demonstrated—

- (i) an intent to pursue a career in humanitarian services and outstanding potential for such a career;
- (ii) leadership potential or actual leadership experience;
- (iii) diverse life experience;
- (iv) proficient writing and speaking skills;

¹ So in original. Probably should be “section:”.