

“(A) enhance the capacity of, and provide support for, local development districts in the region; or

“(B) if no local development district exists in an area in a participating State in the region, foster the creation of a local development district;”.

Subsec. (d)(7). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(b)(2)(E), inserted “renewable energy,” after “commercial.”.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(b)(3), substituted “a cochairperson” for “the Federal cochairperson”.

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(b)(4), added subpars. (A) to (C) and struck out former subpars. (A) to (C) which read as follows:

“(A) for fiscal year 2002, 100 percent;

“(B) for fiscal year 2003, 75 percent; and

“(C) for fiscal year 2004 and each fiscal year thereafter, 50 percent.”

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

§ 2009bb-1a. Interstate cooperation for economic opportunity and efficiency

(a) In general

The Authority shall provide assistance to States in developing regional plans to address multistate economic issues, including plans—

(1) to develop a regional transmission system for movement of renewable energy to markets outside the region;

(2) to address regional transportation concerns, including the establishment of a Northern Great Plains Regional Transportation Working Group;

(3) to encourage and support interstate collaboration on federally-funded research that is in the national interest; and

(4) to establish a Regional Working Group on Agriculture Development and Transportation.

(b) Economic issues

The multistate economic issues referred to in subsection (a) shall include—

(1) renewable energy development and transmission;

(2) transportation planning and economic development;

(3) information technology;

(4) movement of freight and individuals within the region;

(5) federally-funded research at institutions of higher education; and

(6) conservation land management.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 383C, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, § 6026(c)(1)(B), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1178, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VI, § 6026(c)(1)(B), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1940.)

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 L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub.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

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 383C of Pub. L. 87-128, title III, was renumbered section 383D and is classified to section 2009bb-2 of this title.

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.

§ 2009bb-2. Economic and community development grants

(a) In general

The Authority may approve grants to States, Indian tribes, local governments, and public and nonprofit organizations for projects, approved in accordance with section 2009bb-8 of this title—

(1) to assist the region in obtaining the job training, employment-related education, and business development (with an emphasis on entrepreneurship) that are needed to build and maintain strong local economies;

(2) to develop the transportation, renewable energy transmission, and telecommunication infrastructure of the region for the purpose of facilitating economic development in the region (except that grants for this purpose may be made only to States, Indian tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations);

(3) to provide assistance to severely distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for improving basic public services;

(4) to provide assistance to severely distressed and underdeveloped areas that lack financial resources for equipping industrial parks and related facilities; and

(5) to otherwise achieve the purposes of this subchapter.

(b) Funding

(1) In general

Funds for grants under subsection (a) may be provided—

(A) entirely from appropriations to carry out this section;

(B) in combination with funds available under another Federal grant program; or

(C) from any other source.

(2) Priority of funding

To best build the foundations for long-term economic development and to complement other Federal, State, and tribal resources in the region, Federal funds available under this subchapter shall be focused on the following activities:

(A) Basic public infrastructure in distressed counties and isolated areas of distress.

(B) Transportation and telecommunication infrastructure for the purpose of facilitating economic development in the region.

(C) Business development, with emphasis on entrepreneurship.

(D) Job training or employment-related education, with emphasis on use of existing public educational institutions located in the region.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 383D, formerly § 383C, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6028, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 380; renumbered § 383D and amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, § 6026(c)(1)(A), (2)(B), (d), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1178, 1179, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VI, § 6026(c)(1)(A), (2)(B), (d), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1940, 1941.)

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.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 383D of Pub. L. 87-128, title III, was renumbered section 383E and is classified to section 2009bb-3 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(c)(2)(B), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in introductory provisions as reference to section 2009bb-8 of this title.

Subsec. (a)(1), (2). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(d)(1), redesignated pars. (2) and (1) as (1) and (2), respectively, and, in par. (2), substituted “transportation, renewable energy transmission, and telecommunication” for “transportation and telecommunication”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(d)(2), substituted “the following activities” for “the activities in the following order or priority” in introductory provisions.

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

§ 2009bb-3. Supplements to Federal grant programs

(a) Finding

Congress finds that certain States and local communities of the region may be unable to take maximum advantage of Federal grant programs for which the States and communities are eligible because—

- (1) they lack the economic resources to provide the required matching share; or
- (2) there are insufficient funds available under the applicable Federal law authorizing the Federal grant program to meet pressing needs of the region.

(b) Federal grant program funding

Notwithstanding any provision of law limiting the Federal share, the areas eligible for assistance, or the authorizations of appropriations, under any Federal grant program, and in accordance with subsection (c), the Authority, with the approval of the Federal cochairperson and with respect to a project to be carried out in the region—

- (1) may increase the Federal share of the costs of a project under any Federal grant program to not more than 90 percent (except as provided in section 2009bb-5(b) of this title); and
- (2) shall use amounts made available to carry out this subchapter to pay the increased Federal share.

(c) Certifications

(1) In general

In the case of any project for which all or any portion of the basic Federal share of the costs of the project is proposed to be paid under this section, no Federal contribution shall be made until the Federal official administering the Federal law that authorizes the

Federal grant program certifies that the project—

- (A) meets (except as provided in subsection (b)) the applicable requirements of the applicable Federal grant program; and
- (B) could be approved for Federal contribution under the Federal grant program if funds were available under the law for the project.

(2) Certification by Authority

(A) In general

The certifications and determinations required to be made by the Authority for approval of projects under this Act in accordance with section 2009bb-8 of this title—

- (i) shall be controlling; and
- (ii) shall be accepted by the Federal agencies.

(B) Acceptance by Federal cochairperson

In the case of any project described in paragraph (1), any finding, report, certification, or documentation required to be submitted with respect to the project to the head of the department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government responsible for the administration of the Federal grant program under which the project is carried out shall be accepted by the Federal cochairperson.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 383E, formerly § 383D, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6028, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 381; renumbered § 383E and amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, § 6026(c)(1)(A), (2)(C), (e), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1178-1180, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VI, § 6026(c)(1)(A), (2)(C), (e), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1940, 1941.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(A), refers to the Agricultural Act of 1961, Pub. L. 87-128, Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 294, as amended. For classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1911 of this title and Tables. However, the reference was probably intended to be “this title” meaning the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, title III of Pub. L. 87-128, as amended, which is classified principally to this chapter. For classification of this title to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1921 of this title and Tables.

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.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 383E of Pub. L. 87-128, title III, was renumbered section 383F and is classified to section 2009bb-4 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(e), struck out “, including local development districts,” after “region” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(c)(2)(C)(i), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 2009bb-5(b) of this title.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 110-246, § 6026(c)(2)(C)(ii), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in introductory provisions as reference to section 2009bb-8 of this title.