

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-40, §10(a)(2)(E)(ii), substituted “2014” for “2013”.

2012—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-141, §100101(a)(2), substituted “2012” for “2011”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-141, §100101(a)(8), substituted “2013” for “2012”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS

For provisions relating to rates of wages to be paid to laborers and mechanics on projects for construction, alteration, or repair work funded under div. D or an amendment by div. D of Pub. L. 117-58, including authority of Secretary of Labor, see section 18851 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

#### SUBCHAPTER III—COUNTY FUNDS

### § 7141. Definitions

In this subchapter:

#### (1) County funds

The term “county funds” means all funds an eligible county elects under section 7112(d) of this title to reserve for expenditure in accordance with this subchapter.

#### (2) Participating county

The term “participating county” means an eligible county that elects under section 7112(d) of this title to expend a portion of the Federal funds received under section 7112 of this title in accordance with this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 106-393, title III, §301, as added Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3909.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 301 of Pub. L. 106-393 was set out in a note under section 500 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3893.

### § 7142. Use

#### (a) Authorized uses

A participating county, including any applicable agencies of the participating county, shall use county funds, in accordance with this subchapter, only—

(1) to carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;

(2) to reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols, that are—

(A) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved under subsection (b); and

(B) paid for by the participating county;

(3) to cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency services described in paragraph (2);

(4) to develop and carry out community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concerned; and

(5) to provide or expand access to—

(A) broadband telecommunications services at local schools; or

(B) the technology and connectivity necessary for students to use a digital learning tool at or outside of a local school campus.

#### (b) Proposals

A participating county shall use county funds for a use described in subsection (a) only after a 45-day public comment period, at the beginning of which the participating county shall—

(1) publish in any publications of local record a proposal that describes the proposed use of the county funds; and

(2) submit the proposal to any resource advisory committee established under section 7125 of this title for the participating county.

(Pub. L. 106-393, title III, §302, as added Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3909; amended Pub. L. 112-141, div. F, title I, §100101(a)(9), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 906; Pub. L. 115-141, div. O, title IV, §402, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1079; Pub. L. 117-58, div. D, title XII, §41202(e), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1134.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 117-58 added par. (5).

2018—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-141, §402(1), inserted “and law enforcement patrols” after “including firefighting” in introductory provisions and struck out “and” at end of subpar. (B).

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 115-141, §402(4), added par. (3). Former par. (3) redesignated (4).

Pub. L. 115-141, §402(2), inserted “and carry out” after “develop”.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 115-141, §402(3), redesignated par. (3) as (4).

2012—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 112-141 inserted “and” at end.

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### § 7143. Certification

#### (a) In general

Not later than February 1 of the year after the year in which any county funds were expended by a participating county, the appropriate official of the participating county shall submit to the Secretary concerned a certification that the county funds expended in the applicable year have been used for the uses authorized under section 7142(a) of this title, including a description of the amounts expended and the uses for which the amounts were expended.

#### (b) Review

The Secretary concerned shall review the certifications submitted under subsection (a) as the