

“(A) to better support business retention and expansion in eligible counties;

“(B) to create programs to encourage job creation and workforce development in eligible counties;

“(C) to prepare economic and infrastructure plans for eligible counties;

“(D) to expand access to high-speed broadband in eligible counties;

“(E) to provide technical assistance that results in Commission investments in transportation, water, wastewater, and other critical infrastructure;

“(F) to create initiatives to increase the effectiveness of local development districts in eligible counties; and

“(G) to implement new or innovative economic development practices that will better position the eligible counties of Commission States to compete in the global economy.

“(4) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Funds from a grant under the program may be used to support a project, program, or related expense of the Commission State in an eligible county.

“(B) LIMITATION.—Funds from a grant under the program shall not be used for—

“(i) the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or equipment;

“(ii) the compensation of—

“(I) any State member of the Commission (as described in section 15301(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code); or

“(II) any State alternate member of the Commission (as described in section 15301(b)(2)(B) of title 40, United States Code); or

“(iii) the cost of supplanting existing State programs.

“(5) ANNUAL WORK PLAN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, before providing a grant under the program, each Commission State shall provide to the Commission an annual work plan that includes the proposed use of the grant.

“(B) APPROVAL.—No grant under the program shall be provided to a Commission State unless the Commission has approved the annual work plan of the State.

“(6) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant provided to a Commission State under the program for a fiscal year shall be based on the proportion that—

“(i) the amount paid by the Commission State (including any amounts paid on behalf of the Commission State by a nonprofit organization) for administrative expenses for the applicable fiscal year (as determined under section 15304(c) of title 40, United States Code); bears to

“(ii) the amount paid by all Commission States (including any amounts paid on behalf of a Commission State by a nonprofit organization) for administrative expenses for that fiscal year (as determined under that section).

“(B) REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible to receive a grant under the program for a fiscal year, a Commission State (or a nonprofit organization on behalf of the Commission State) shall pay the amount of administrative expenses of the Commission State for the applicable fiscal year (as determined under section 15304(c) of title 40, United States Code).

“(C) APPROVAL.—For each fiscal year, a grant provided under the program shall be approved and made available as part of the approval of the annual budget of the Commission.

“(7) GRANT AVAILABILITY.—Funds from a grant under the program shall be available only during the fiscal year for which the grant is provided.

“(8) REPORT.—Each fiscal year, each Commission State shall submit to the Commission and make publicly available a report that describes the use of the grant funds and the impact of the program in the State.

“(9) FUNDING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

“(B) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made available to carry out this subsection shall supplement and not supplant funds made available for the Commission and other activities of the Commission.”

§ 15502. Comprehensive economic and infrastructure development plans

(a) STATE PLANS.—In accordance with policies established by a Commission, each State member of the Commission shall submit a comprehensive economic and infrastructure development plan for the area of the region represented by the State member.

(b) CONTENT OF PLAN.—A State economic and infrastructure development plan shall reflect the goals, objectives, and priorities identified in any applicable economic and infrastructure development plan developed by a Commission under section 15303.

(c) CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED LOCAL PARTIES.—In carrying out the development planning process (including the selection of programs and projects for assistance), a State shall—

(1) consult with local development districts, local units of government, and local colleges and universities; and

(2) take into consideration the goals, objectives, priorities, and recommendations of the entities described in paragraph (1).

(d) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A Commission and applicable State and local development districts shall encourage and assist, to the maximum extent practicable, public participation in the development, revision, and implementation of all plans and programs under this subtitle.

(2) GUIDELINES.—A Commission shall develop guidelines for providing public participation, including public hearings.

(Added Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14217(a)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1476, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14217(a)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2238.)

Editorial Notes

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.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after June 18, 2008, see section 14217(d) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 15101 of this title.

§ 15503. Approval of applications for assistance

(a) EVALUATION BY STATE MEMBER.—An application to a Commission for a grant or any other assistance for a project under this subtitle shall be made through, and evaluated for approval by, the State member of the Commission representing the applicant.