

(iii) representatives of national, Tribal, and regional organizations that focus on Native American language, or Native American cultural,² research, development, or training; and

(iv) other individuals who are recognized for their expertise in the area of Native American language.

Recommendations for appointment to such panel shall be solicited from Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

(C) The duties of such panel include—

(i) making recommendations regarding the development and implementation of regulations, policies, procedures, and rules of general applicability with respect to the administration of this section;

(ii) reviewing applications received under subsection (c);

(iii) providing to the Secretary a list of recommendations for the approval of such applications—

(I) in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary; and

(II) the relative need for the project; and

(iv) reviewing evaluations submitted to comply with subsection (c)(4).

(D)(i) Subject to clause (ii), a copy of the products of the Native American language project for which a grant is made under subsection (a)—

(I) shall be transmitted to the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development; and

(II) may be transmitted, in the discretion of the grantee, to national and regional repositories of similar material;

for preservation and use consonant with their respective responsibilities under other Federal law.

(ii) Based on the Federal recognition of the sovereign authority of Indian Tribes over all aspects of their cultures and language and except as provided in clause (iii), an Indian Tribe may make a determination—

(I) not to transmit copies of such products under clause (i) or not to permit the redistribution of such copies; or

(II) to restrict in any manner the use or redistribution of such copies after transmission under such clause.

(iii) Clause (ii) shall not be construed to authorize Indian Tribes—

(I) to limit the access of the Secretary to such products for purposes of administering this section or evaluating such products; or

(II) to sell such products, or copies of such products, for profit to the entities referred to in clause (i).

(g) Emergency grants for Native American language preservation and maintenance

Not later than 180 days after the effective date of this subsection, the Secretary shall award grants to entities eligible to receive assistance under subsection (a)(1) to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages during and after the public health emergency declared by the Secretary pursuant to

section 247d of this title with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §803C, as added Pub. L. 102-524, §2, Oct. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 3434; amended Pub. L. 109-394, §2, Dec. 14, 2006, 120 Stat. 2705; Pub. L. 116-101, §2, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3261; Pub. L. 116-261, §5(d), Dec. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 3314; Pub. L. 117-2, title XI, §11004(b), Mar. 11, 2021, 135 Stat. 244.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 450f et seq.), referred to in subsec. (e)(1)(B)(ii)(III), is title I of Pub. L. 93-638, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2206, which was classified principally to part A (§450f et seq.) of subchapter II of chapter 14 of Title 25, Indians, prior to editorial reclassification as subchapter I (§5321 et seq.) of chapter 46 of Title 25. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5301 of Title 25 and Tables.

Section 3215 of title 20, referred to in subsec. (f)(2)(B)(ii), was in the original a reference to section 5135 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Pub. L. 89-10. Section 5135 of that Act was omitted in the general amendment of Pub. L. 89-10 by Pub. L. 103-382, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3519.

The effective date of this subsection, referred to in subsec. (g), probably means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 117-2, which added subsec. (g) of this section and was approved Mar. 11, 2021.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 117-2 added subsec. (g).

2020—Subsecs. (d) to (f). Pub. L. 116-261 substituted “Tribe” for “tribe”, “Tribes” for “tribes”, and “Tribal” for “tribal” wherever appearing.

2019—Subsec. (b)(7)(A)(i). Pub. L. 116-101, §2(1)(A), substituted “5 children” for “10 children”.

Subsec. (b)(7)(B)(i). Pub. L. 116-101, §2(1)(B), substituted “10 students” for “15 students”.

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 116-101, §2(2), substituted “3-year, 4-year, or 5-year basis” for “or 3-year basis” and inserted “, 4-year, or 5-year” after “on a 3-year”.

2006—Subsec. (b)(7). Pub. L. 109-394, §2(1), added par. (7).

Subsec. (c)(7). Pub. L. 109-394, §2(2), added par. (7).

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 109-394, §2(3), inserted “, except that grants made under such subsection for any purpose specified in subsection (b)(7) may be made only on a 3-year basis” before period at end.

§ 2991c. Technical assistance and training

(a) In general

The Commissioner shall provide, directly or through other arrangements—

(1) technical assistance to the public and private agencies in planning, developing, conducting, and administering projects under this subchapter;

(2) short-term in-service training for specialized or other personnel that is needed in connection with projects receiving financial assistance under this subchapter; and

(3) upon denial of a grant application, technical assistance to a potential grantee in revising a grant proposal.

(b) Priority

In providing assistance under subsection (a), the Commissioner shall give priority to any application described in section 2991b(b)(2) of this title.

² So in original. The comma probably should not appear.

(Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §804, as added Pub. L. 102-375, title VIII, §822(4), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1298; Pub. L. 116-261, §5(b), Dec. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 3313.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2991c, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §804, as added Pub. L. 93-644, §11, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2324, authorized Secretary to provide technical assistance and training in developing, conducting, and administering projects under this subchapter and short-term in-service training for specialized personnel, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-375, §822(4).

Another prior section 2991c, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §804, as added Pub. L. 89-794, title VIII, §801, Nov. 8, 1966, 80 Stat. 1473; amended Pub. L. 90-83, §10(b), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 224, provided for applicability of specified Federal laws, oath or affirmation, and status of volunteers as Federal employees and as persons employed in executive branch of Federal Government, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 722.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-261 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

§ 2991d. Research, demonstration, and pilot projects

(a) The Commissioner may provide financial assistance through grants or contracts for research, demonstration, or pilot projects conducted by public or private agencies which are designed to test or assist in the development of new approaches or methods that will aid in overcoming special problems or otherwise furthering the purposes of this subchapter.

(b) The Commissioner shall establish an overall plan to govern the approval of research, demonstration, and pilot projects and the use of all research authority under this subchapter. The plan shall set forth specific objectives to be achieved and priorities among such objectives.

(Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §805, as added Pub. L. 93-644, §11, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2324; amended Pub. L. 102-375, title VIII, §822(5), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1298.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2991d, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §805, as added Pub. L. 89-794, title VIII, §801, Nov. 8, 1966, 80 Stat. 1474, provided for special programs and projects and placing limitations on the use of appropriated funds, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 722.

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 102-375 substituted “Commissioner” for “Secretary”.

§ 2991d-1. Panel review of applications for assistance

(a) Establishment of formal panel; members

(1) The Commissioner shall establish a formal panel review process for purposes of—

(A) evaluating applications for financial assistance under sections 2991b and 2991d of this title; and

(B) determining the relative merits of the projects for which such assistance is requested.

(2) To implement the process established under paragraph (1), the Commissioner shall appoint members of review panels from among individuals who are not officers or employees of the Administration for Native Americans. In making appointments to such panels, the Commissioner shall give preference to American Indians, Native Hawaiians, other Native American Pacific Islanders (including American Samoan Natives), and Alaska Natives.

(b) Duties of panel

Each review panel appointed under subsection (a)(2) that reviews any application for financial assistance shall—

(1) determine the merit of each project described in such application;

(2) rank such application with respect to all other applications it reviews for the fiscal year involved, according to the relative merit of all of the projects that are described in such application and for which financial assistance is requested; and

(3) submit to the Commissioner a list that identifies all applications reviewed by such panel and arranges such applications according to rank determined under paragraph (2).

(c) Notice to Congressional committee chairman; information required

Upon the request of the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate or of the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives made with respect to any application for financial assistance under section 2991b or 2991d of this title, the Commissioner shall transmit to the chairman written notice—

(1) identifying such application;

(2) containing a copy of the list submitted to the Commissioner under subsection (b)(3) in which such application is ranked;

(3) specifying which other applications ranked in such list have been approved by the Commissioner under sections 2991b and 2991d of this title; and

(4) if the Commissioner has not approved each application superior in merit, as indicated on such list, to the application with respect to which such notice is transmitted, containing a statement of the reasons relied upon by the Commissioner for—

(A) approving the application with respect to which such notice is transmitted; and

(B) failing to approve each pending application that is superior in merit, as indicated on such list, to the application described in subparagraph (A).

(Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §806, as added and amended Pub. L. 100-175, title V, §§502(4), 504(b)(2), Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 973, 975; Pub. L. 102-375, title VIII, §822(6), (21), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1298, 1300; Pub. L. 103-171, §5(5), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1992; Pub. L. 103-437, §15(k), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4593.)