

tion of Health Professions Volunteers authorized in section 247d-7b of this title.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2815, as added Pub. L. 110-355, §6(a), Oct. 8, 2008, 122 Stat. 3994.)

PART C—STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH  
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

**§ 300hh-31. Epidemiology-laboratory capacity grants**

**(a) In general**

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall establish an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant Program to award grants to State health departments as well as local health departments and tribal jurisdictions that meet such criteria as the Director determines appropriate. Academic centers that assist State and eligible local and tribal health departments may also be eligible for funding under this section as the Director determines appropriate. Grants shall be awarded under this section to assist public health agencies in improving surveillance for, and response to, infectious diseases and other conditions of public health importance by—

- (1) strengthening epidemiologic capacity to identify and monitor the occurrence of infectious diseases, including mosquito and other vector-borne diseases, and other conditions of public health importance;
- (2) enhancing laboratory practice as well as systems to report test orders and results electronically;
- (3) improving information systems including developing and maintaining an information exchange using national guidelines and complying with capacities and functions determined by an advisory council established and appointed by the Director; and
- (4) developing and implementing prevention and control strategies.

**(b) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$190,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023, of which—

- (1) not less than \$95,000,000 shall be made available each such fiscal year for activities under paragraphs (1) and (4) of subsection (a);
- (2) not less than \$60,000,000 shall be made available each such fiscal year for activities under subsection (a)(3); and
- (3) not less than \$32,000,000 shall be made available each such fiscal year for activities under subsection (a)(2).

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2821, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title IV, §4304, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 584; amended Pub. L. 116-22, title VI, §607(b), June 24, 2019, 133 Stat. 960.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 116-22, §607(b)(1), inserted “, including mosquito and other vector-borne diseases,” after “infectious diseases”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-22, §607(b)(2), substituted “2019 through 2023” for “2010 through 2013” in introductory provisions.

**§ 300hh-32. Enhanced support to assist health departments in addressing vector-borne diseases**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may enter into cooperative agreements with health departments of States, political subdivisions of States, and Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations in areas at high risk of vector-borne diseases in order to increase capacity to identify, report, prevent, and respond to such diseases and related outbreaks.

**(b) Eligibility**

To be eligible to enter into a cooperative agreement under this section, an entity described in subsection (a) shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including a plan that describes—

- (1) how the applicant proposes to develop or expand programs to address vector-borne disease risks, including through—

(A) related training and workforce development;

(B) programmatic efforts to improve capacity to identify, report, prevent, and respond to such disease and related outbreaks; and

(C) other relevant activities identified by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as appropriate;

- (2) the manner in which the applicant will coordinate with other Federal, Tribal, and State agencies and programs, as applicable, related to vector-borne diseases, as well as other relevant public and private organizations or agencies; and

- (3) the manner in which the applicant will evaluate the effectiveness of any program carried out under the cooperative agreement.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

For the purposes of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2822, as added Pub. L. 116-94, div. N, title I, §404(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3118.)

**§ 300hh-33. Public health data system modernization**

**(a) Expanding CDC and public health department capabilities**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall—

- (A) conduct activities to expand, modernize, improve, and sustain applicable public health data systems used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, includ-