

§ 3155. Agricultural and food policy research centers

(a) In general

Consistent with this section, the Secretary shall, acting through the Office of the Chief Economist, make competitive grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, policy research centers described in subsection (b) to conduct research and education programs that are objective, operationally independent, and external to the Federal Government and that concern the effect of public policies and trade agreements on—

- (1) the farm and agricultural sectors (including commodities, livestock, dairy, and specialty crops);
- (2) the environment;
- (3) rural families, households, and economies; and
- (4) consumers, food, and nutrition.

(b) Eligible recipients

An entity eligible to apply for funding under subsection (a) is a State agricultural experiment station, college or university, or other public research institution or organization that has a history of providing—

- (1) unbiased, nonpartisan economic analysis to Congress on the areas specified in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a); or
- (2) objective, scientific information to Federal agencies and the public to support and enhance efficient, accurate implementation of Federal drought preparedness and drought response programs, including interagency thresholds used to determine eligibility for mitigation or emergency assistance.

(c) Preference

In making awards under this section, the Secretary shall give a preference to policy research centers that have—

- (1) extensive databases, models, and demonstrated experience in providing Congress with agricultural market projections, rural development analysis, agricultural policy analysis, and baseline projections at the farm, multiregional, national, and international levels; or
- (2) information, analysis, and research relating to drought mitigation.

(d) Activities

Under this section, funding may be provided for disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and education concerning policy research activities consistent with this section, including activities that—

- (1) quantify the implications of public policies and regulations;
- (2) develop theoretical and applied research methods;
- (3) collect, analyze, and disseminate data for policymakers, analysts, and individuals; and
- (4) develop programs to train analysts.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1419A, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §807, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat.

1162; amended Pub. L. 105-185, title II, §224, title III, §301(a)(3), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 540, 562; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §§7103, 7216, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 432, 449; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7111, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1219; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7111, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1980; Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, §7106, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 869; Pub. L. 115-334, title VII, §7108, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4783.)

Editorial Notes

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.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(1), substituted “Agricultural and food policy” for “Policy” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(2), substituted “Secretary shall, acting through the Office of the Chief Economist, make competitive grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with,” for “Secretary may make grants, competitive grants, and special research grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements and other contracting instruments with,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(3), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “State agricultural experiment stations, colleges and universities, other research institutions and organizations (including the Food Agricultural Policy Research Institute, the Agricultural and Food Policy Center, the Rural Policy Research Institute, and the National Drought Mitigation Center), private organizations, corporations, and individuals shall be eligible to apply for funding under subsection (a) of this section.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(5), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(4), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(6), inserted “applied” after “theoretical and”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(7), added subsec. (e) and struck out former subsec. (e). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2012.”

Pub. L. 113-79, §7106(4), redesignated subsec. (d) as (e). 2008—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, §7111(1), inserted “(including commodities, livestock, dairy, and specialty crops)” after “agricultural sectors”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-246, §7111(2), inserted “(including the Food Agricultural Policy Research Institute, the Agricultural and Food Policy Center, the Rural Policy Research Institute, and the National Drought Mitigation Center)” after “research institutions and organizations”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-246, §7111(3), substituted “2012” for “2007”.

2002—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 107-171, §7216, substituted “collect, analyze, and disseminate data” for “collect and analyze data”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-171, §7103, substituted “2007” for “2002”.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-185, §224, inserted “and trade agreements” after “public policies” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-185, §301(a)(3), substituted “each of fiscal years 1996 through 2002” for “fiscal years 1996 and 1997”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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.

§ 3156. Education grants to Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions**(a) Education grants program for Alaska Native serving institutions****(1) Grant authority**

The Secretary of Agriculture may make competitive grants to Alaska Native serving institutions for the purpose of promoting and strengthening the ability of Alaska Native serving institutions to carry out education, applied research, and related community development programs.

(2) Use of grant funds

Grants made under this section shall be used—

(A) to support the activities of consortia of Alaska Native serving institutions to enhance educational equity for under represented students;

(B) to strengthen institutional educational capacities, including libraries, curriculum, faculty, scientific instrumentation, instruction delivery systems, and student recruitment and retention, in order to respond to identified State, regional, national, or international educational needs in the food and agriculture sciences;

(C) to attract and support undergraduate and graduate students from under represented groups in order to prepare them for careers related to the food, agricultural, and natural resource systems of the United States, beginning with the mentoring of students at the high school level including by village elders and continuing with the provision of financial support for students through their attainment of a doctoral degree; and

(D) to facilitate cooperative initiatives between two or more Alaska Native serving institutions, or between Alaska Native serving institutions and units of State government or the private sector, to maximize the development and use of resources, such as faculty, facilities, and equipment, to improve food and agricultural sciences teaching programs.

(3) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to make grants under this subsection \$10,000,000 in fiscal years 2001 through 2023.

(b) Education grants program for Native Hawaiian serving institutions**(1) Grant authority**

The Secretary of Agriculture may make competitive grants to Native Hawaiian serving institutions for the purpose of promoting and strengthening the ability of Native Hawaiian serving institutions to carry out education,

applied research, and related community development programs.

(2) Use of grant funds

Grants made under this section shall be used—

(A) to support the activities of consortia of Native Hawaiian serving institutions to enhance educational equity for under represented students, including permitting consortia to designate fiscal agents for the members of the consortia and to allocate among the members funds made available under this section;

(B) to strengthen institutional educational capacities, including libraries, curriculum, faculty, scientific instrumentation, instruction delivery systems, and student recruitment and retention, in order to respond to identified State, regional, national, or international educational needs in the food and agriculture sciences;

(C) to attract and support undergraduate and graduate students from under represented groups in order to prepare them for careers related to the food, agricultural, and natural resource systems of the United States, beginning with the mentoring of students at the high school level and continuing with the provision of financial support for students through their attainment of a doctoral degree; and

(D) to facilitate cooperative initiatives between two or more Native Hawaiian serving institutions, or between Native Hawaiian serving institutions and units of State government or the private sector, to maximize the development and use of resources, such as faculty, facilities, and equipment, to improve food and agricultural sciences teaching programs.

(3) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to make grants under this subsection \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1419B, formerly Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, § 759, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1172; renumbered Pub. L. 95-113, § 1419B, and amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7112, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1219, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7112, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1980; Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7107, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 870; Pub. L. 115-334, title VII, § 7109, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4783.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 both renumbered this section as section 1419B of Pub. L. 95-113 and made identical amendments to this section. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Section was formerly classified to section 3242 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 115-334, § 7109(1), substituted “2023” for “2018”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 115-334, § 7109(2), substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113-79, § 7107(1)(A), struck out “(or grants without regard to any requirement for competition)” after “competitive grants”.