

SUBCHAPTER XIV—INSTITUTIONS OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION IN INSULAR AREAS

**§ 3361. Definition**

For the purposes of this subchapter, the term “eligible institution” means an institution of higher education (as defined in section 1001(a) of title 20) in an insular area that has demonstrable capacity to carry out teaching and extension programs in the food and agricultural sciences.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1489, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7503, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 464.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

RESIDENT INSTRUCTION AND DISTANCE EDUCATION AT  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN UNITED  
STATES INSULAR AREAS

Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7501(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 463, provided that: “It is the purpose of this subtitle [subtitle E (§ 7501-7506) of title VII of Pub. L. 107-171, enacting this subchapter and sections 7631 and 7719 of this title, amending sections 3103, 7715, and 7772 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 3103 of this title] to promote and strengthen higher education in the food and agricultural sciences at institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) that have demonstrable capacity to carry out teaching and extension programs in food and agricultural sciences and that are located in the insular areas of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau by formulating and administering programs to enhance teaching programs in agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, home economics, and disciplines closely allied to the food and agriculture production and delivery systems.”

**§ 3362. Distance education grants for insular areas**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary may make competitive grants to eligible institutions in insular areas to strengthen the capacity of such institutions to carry out distance food and agricultural education programs using digital network technologies.

**(b) Use**

Grants made under this section shall be used—

(1) to acquire the equipment, instrumentation, networking capability, hardware and software, digital network technology, and infrastructure necessary to teach students and teachers about technology in the classroom;

(2) to develop and provide educational services (including faculty development) to prepare students or faculty seeking a degree or certificate that is approved by the State or a regional accrediting body recognized by the Secretary of Education;

(3) to provide teacher education, library and media specialist training, and preschool and teacher aid certification to individuals who seek to acquire or enhance technology skills in order to use technology in the classroom or instructional process;

(4) to implement a joint project to provide education regarding technology in the classroom with a local educational agency, community-based organization, national nonprofit organization, or business; or

(5) to provide leadership development to administrators, board members, and faculty of eligible institutions with institutional responsibility for technology education.

**(c) Limitation on use of grant funds**

Funds provided under this section shall not be used for the planning, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a building or facility.

**(d) Administration of program**

The Secretary may carry out this section in a manner that recognizes the different needs and opportunities for eligible institutions in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

**(e) Matching requirement**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary may establish a requirement that an eligible institution receiving a grant under this section shall provide matching funds from non-Federal sources in an amount equal to not less than 50 percent of the grant.

**(2) Waivers**

If the Secretary establishes a matching requirement under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall retain an option to waive the requirement for an eligible institution for any fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the institution will be unlikely to meet the matching requirement for the fiscal year.

**(f) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

(1) such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2013; and

(2) \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, § 1490, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, § 7503, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 464; amended Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7143(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1232; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7143(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1994; Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7127(a), Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 877; Pub. L. 115-334, title VII, § 7136(a), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4802.)

**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. (f)(2). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-79, § 7127(a)(1), struck out “or noncompetitive” after “competitive”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 113-79, § 7127(a)(2), substituted “section—” for “section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2012.” and added pars. (1) and (2).

2008—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110-246, § 7143(a), substituted “2012” for “2007”.