

(C) an evaluation by the institution of the priority given any proposed project for which funds are sought in relation to any other projects for which funds are sought by the institution under this subchapter, and a similar evaluation regarding priorities among the components of any single proposed project (as described by the institution pursuant to subparagraph (A));

(D) a detailed budget showing the manner in which funds for any proposed project would be spent by the institution; and

(E) a detailed description of any activity which involves the expenditure of more than \$25,000, as identified in the budget referred to in subparagraph (D);

(8) provide for making reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Secretary may require to carry out the Secretary's functions under this subchapter, including not less than one report annually setting forth the institution's progress toward achieving the objectives for which the funds were awarded and for keeping such records and affording such access to such records, as the Secretary may find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports; and

(9) include such other information as the Secretary may prescribe.

#### **(d) Priority**

With respect to applications for assistance under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to an application that contains satisfactory evidence that the Hispanic-serving institution has entered into or will enter into a collaborative arrangement with at least one local educational agency or community-based organization to provide such agency or organization with assistance (from funds other than funds provided under this subchapter) in reducing dropout rates for Hispanic students, improving rates of academic achievement for Hispanic students, and increasing the rates at which Hispanic secondary school graduates enroll in higher education.

#### **(e) Eligibility data**

The Secretary shall use the most recent and relevant data concerning the number and percentage of students receiving need-based assistance under subchapter IV in making eligibility determinations and shall advance the base-year for the determinations forward following each annual grant cycle.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title V, § 521, formerly § 511, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title V, § 501, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1770; renumbered § 521 and amended Pub. L. 110-315, title V, §§ 502(a)(2), (b)(2), 503, Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3331, 3333.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

##### **PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1103, Pub. L. 89-329, title V, § 511, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title V, § 501(a), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 674, established program of grants for National Teacher Academies, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-244.

Another prior section 1103, Pub. L. 89-329, title V, § 511, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title V, § 501(a), Oct. 17,

1986, 100 Stat. 1496, set forth statement of purpose for former part A of this subchapter relating to midcareer teacher training for nontraditional students, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 102-325.

Another prior section 1103, Pub. L. 89-329, title V, § 513, Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1256; Pub. L. 90-35, § 3(a)(3), (c)-(f), June 29, 1967, 81 Stat. 85, 86; Pub. L. 91-230, title VIII, §§ 803, 804(c), (d), 805(b), Apr. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 190, 191; Pub. L. 93-380, title VIII, § 835(a)(2), (3), Aug. 21, 1974, 88 Stat. 605; Pub. L. 94-482, title I, §§ 151(a)(5)(C), 152(b)-(d), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2152, 2153; Pub. L. 96-374, title V, § 502(a)-(d), title XIII, § 1391(a)(1), Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1459, 1503, related to recruitment, enrollment, training, etc., of members for program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title V, § 587(a)(2), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 480.

A prior section 521 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1104 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-244.

Another prior section 521 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1105 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 102-325.

Another prior section 521 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1111 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-482.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

2008—Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 110-315, § 503, substituted “subsection (c)” for “subsection (b)”.

Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 110-315, § 502(b)(2), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1103e of this title.

#### **§ 1103a. Waiver authority and reporting requirement**

##### **(a) Waiver requirements; need-based assistance students**

The Secretary may waive the requirements set forth in section 1101a(a)(2)(A)(i) of this title in the case of an institution—

(1) that is extensively subsidized by the State in which the institution is located and charges low or no tuition;

(2) that serves a substantial number of low-income students as a percentage of the institution's total student population;

(3) that is contributing substantially to increasing higher education opportunities for educationally disadvantaged, underrepresented, or minority students, who are low-income individuals;

(4) which is substantially increasing higher educational opportunities for individuals in rural or other isolated areas which are unserved by postsecondary institutions; or

(5) wherever located, if the Secretary determines that the waiver will substantially increase higher education opportunities appropriate to the needs of Hispanic Americans.

##### **(b) Waiver determinations; expenditures**

###### **(1) Waiver determinations**

The Secretary may waive the requirements set forth in section 1101a(a)(2)(A)(ii) of this title if the Secretary determines, based on persuasive evidence submitted by the institution, that the institution's failure to meet the requirements is due to factors which, when used in the determination of compliance with the requirements, distort such determination, and that the institution's designation as an eligible institution under part A is otherwise consistent with the purposes of this subchapter.

**(2) Expenditures**

The Secretary shall submit to Congress every other year a report concerning the institutions that, although not satisfying the requirements of section 1101a(a)(2)(A)(ii) of this title, have been determined to be eligible institutions under part A. Such report shall—

(A) identify the factors referred to in paragraph (1) that were considered by the Secretary as factors that distorted the determination of compliance with clauses (i) and (ii) of section 1101a(a)(2)(A) of this title; and

(B) contain a list of each institution determined to be an eligible institution under part A including a statement of the reasons for each such determination.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title V, §522, formerly §512, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title V, §501, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1772; renumbered §522, Pub. L. 110-315, title V, §502(a)(2), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3331.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1103a, Pub. L. 89-329, title V, §512, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title V, §501(a), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 674, related to eligible recipients, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-244.

Another prior section 1103a, Pub. L. 89-329, title V, §512, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title V, §501(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1496, related to selection procedures for grants to institutions offering midcareer teacher training for nontraditional students, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 102-325.

A prior section 522 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1104a of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-244.

Another prior section 523 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1105a of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 102-325.

Another prior section 523 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1112 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-482.

**§ 1103b. Application review process****(a) Review panel**

All applications submitted under this subchapter by Hispanic-serving institutions shall be read by a panel of readers composed of individuals who are selected by the Secretary and who include individuals representing Hispanic-serving institutions. The Secretary shall ensure that no individual assigned under this section to review any application has any conflict of interest with regard to the application that might impair the impartiality with which the individual conducts the review under this section.

**(b) Instruction**

All readers selected by the Secretary shall receive thorough instruction from the Secretary regarding the evaluation process for applications submitted under this subchapter that are consistent with the provisions of this subchapter, including—

(1) an enumeration of the factors to be used to determine the quality of applications submitted under this subchapter; and

(2) an enumeration of the factors to be used to determine whether a grant should be awarded for a project under this subchapter, the amount of any such grant, and the duration of any such grant.

**(c) Recommendations of panel**

In awarding grants under this subchapter, the Secretary shall take into consideration the recommendations of the panel made under subsection (a).

**(d) Notification**

Not later than June 30 of each year, the Secretary shall notify each Hispanic-serving institution making an application under this subchapter of—

(1) the scores given the institution by the panel pursuant to this section;

(2) the recommendations of the panel with respect to such application; and

(3) the reasons for the decision of the Secretary in awarding or refusing to award a grant under this subchapter, and any modifications, if any, in the recommendations of the panel made by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title V, §523, formerly §513, as added Pub. L. 105-244, title V, §501, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1772; renumbered §523, Pub. L. 110-315, title V, §502(a)(2), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3331.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1103b, Pub. L. 89-329, title V, §513, as added Pub. L. 102-325, title V, §501(a), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 674, related to use of funds, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-244.

Another prior section 1103b, Pub. L. 89-329, title V, §513, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title V, §501(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1497, related to review of applications for grants, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 102-325.

A prior section 523 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1104b of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-244.

Another prior section 523 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1105b of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 102-325.

Another prior section 523 of Pub. L. 89-329 was classified to section 1113 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-482.

**§ 1103c. Cooperative arrangements****(a) General authority**

The Secretary may make grants to encourage cooperative arrangements with funds available to carry out this subchapter, between Hispanic-serving institutions eligible for assistance under this subchapter, and between such institutions and institutions not receiving assistance under this subchapter, for the activities described in sections 1101b and 1102b of this title so that the resources of the cooperating institutions might be combined and shared in order to achieve the purposes of this subchapter, to avoid costly duplicative efforts, and to enhance the development of Hispanic-serving institutions.

**(b) Priority**

The Secretary shall give priority to grants for the purposes described under subsection (a) whenever the Secretary determines that the cooperative arrangement is geographically and economically sound or will benefit the applicant Hispanic-serving institution.

**(c) Duration**

Grants to Hispanic-serving institutions having a cooperative arrangement may be made under