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(June 30, 1948, ch. 758, title II, §224, as added Pub. L. 117-58, div. E, title II, §50206, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1164.)

§ 1302c. Small publicly owned treatment works efficiency grant program

(a) Establishment

Subject to the availability of appropriations, not later than 180 days after November 15, 2021, the Administrator shall establish an efficiency grant program (referred to in this section as the “efficiency grant program”) under which the Administrator shall award grants to eligible entities for the replacement or repair of equipment that improves water or energy efficiency of small publicly owned treatment works, as identified in an efficiency audit.

(b) Eligible entities

The Administrator may award a grant under the efficiency grant program to—

- (1) an owner or operator of a small publicly owned treatment works that serves—
 - (A) a population of not more than 10,000 people; or
 - (B) a disadvantaged community; or
- (2) a nonprofit organization that seeks to assist a small publicly owned treatment works described in paragraph (1) to carry out the activities described in subsection (a).

(c) Report

Not later than 2 years after the date on which the Administrator establishes the efficiency grant program, and every 2 years thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report describing—

- (1) each recipient of a grant under the efficiency grant program; and
- (2) a summary of the activities carried out under the efficiency grant program.

(d) Use of funds

(1) Small systems

Of the amounts made available for grants under this section, to the extent that there are sufficient applications, not less than 15 percent shall be used for grants to publicly owned treatment works that serve fewer than 3,300 people.

(2) Limitation on use of funds

Of the amounts made available for grants under this section, not more than 2 percent may be used to pay the administrative costs of the Administrator.

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§ 1302d. Grants for construction and refurbishing of individual household decentralized wastewater systems for individuals with low or moderate income

(a) Definition of eligible individual

In this section, the term “eligible individual” means a member of a low-income or moderate-

income household, the members of which have a combined income (for the most recent 12-month period for which information is available) equal to not more than 50 percent of the median non-metropolitan household income for the State or territory in which the household is located, according to the most recent decennial census.

(b) Grant program

(1) In general

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall establish a program under which the Administrator shall provide grants to private nonprofit organizations for the purpose of improving general welfare by providing assistance to eligible individuals—

- (A) for the construction, repair, or replacement of an individual household decentralized wastewater treatment system; or
- (B) for the installation of a larger decentralized wastewater system designed to provide treatment for 2 or more households in which eligible individuals reside, if—
 - (i) site conditions at the households are unsuitable for the installation of an individually owned decentralized wastewater system;
 - (ii) multiple examples of unsuitable site conditions exist in close geographic proximity to each other; and
 - (iii) a larger decentralized wastewater system could be cost-effectively installed.

(2) Application

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, a private nonprofit organization shall submit to the Administrator an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

(3) Priority

In awarding grants under this subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to applicants that have substantial expertise and experience in promoting the safe and effective use of individual household decentralized wastewater systems.

(4) Administrative expenses

A private nonprofit organization may use amounts provided under this subsection to pay the administrative expenses associated with the provision of the services described in paragraph (1), as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

(c) Grants

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), a private nonprofit organization shall use a grant provided under subsection (b) for the services described in paragraph (1) of that subsection.

(2) Application

To be eligible to receive the services described in subsection (b)(1), an eligible individual shall submit to the private nonprofit organization serving the area in which the individual household decentralized wastewater system of the eligible individuals is, or is proposed to be, located an application at such