

(4) VERMONT.—The counties of Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor in the State of Vermont.

(Added Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14217(a)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1481, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14217(a)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2243; amended Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6304(d), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4752; Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2245, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3204.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2025—Par. (1). Pub. L. 118-272, §2245(1), inserted “Lincoln,” after “Knox.”

Par. (2). Pub. L. 118-272, §2245(2), inserted “Merrimack,” after “Grafton.”

Par. (3). Pub. L. 118-272, §2245(3), inserted “Schoharie,” after “Schenectady,” and “Wyoming,” after “Wayne.”

2018—Par. (2). Pub. L. 115-334, §6304(d)(1), inserted “Belknap,” before “Carroll,” and “Cheshire,” before “Coos.”

Par. (3). Pub. L. 115-334, §6304(d)(2), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The counties of Cayuga, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Seneca, and St. Lawrence in the State of New York.”

Par. (4). Pub. L. 115-334, §6304(d)(3), inserted “Addison, Bennington,” before “Caledonia,” “Chittenden,” before “Essex,” and “, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor” before “in the State” and substituted “Orange,” for “and”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after June 18, 2008, see section 14217(d) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 15101 of this title.

§ 15734. Great Lakes Authority

The region of the Great Lakes Authority shall consist of the counties which contain, in part or in whole, the areas in the watershed of the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes System (as such terms are defined in section 118(a)(3) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(a)(3))), in each of the following States:

- (1) Illinois.
- (2) Indiana.
- (3) Michigan.
- (4) Minnesota.
- (5) New York.
- (6) Ohio.
- (7) Pennsylvania.
- (8) Wisconsin.

(Added Pub. L. 117-328, div. O, title IV, §401(b)(1), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5228; amended Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2247, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3204.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2025—Pub. L. 118-272 inserted “the counties which contain, in part or in whole, the” after “consist of” in introductory provisions.

§ 15735. Mid-Atlantic Regional Commission.¹

The region of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Commission shall include the following counties:

- (1) DELAWARE.—Each county in the State of Delaware.
- (2) MARYLAND.—Each county in the State of Maryland that is not already served by the Appalachian Regional Commission.
- (3) PENNSYLVANIA.—Each county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that is not already served by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

(Added Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2249(b)(1), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3209.)

§ 15736. Southern New England Regional Commission

The region of the Southern New England Regional Commission shall include the following counties:

- (1) RHODE ISLAND.—Each county in the State of Rhode Island.
- (2) CONNECTICUT.—The counties of Hartford, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland, and Windham in the State of Connecticut.
- (3) MASSACHUSETTS.—Each county in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(Added Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2250(b)(1), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3210.)

SUBCHAPTER III—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

§ 15751. Authorization of appropriations

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to each Commission to carry out this subtitle \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), not more than 10 percent of the funds made available to a Commission in a fiscal year under this section may be used for administrative expenses.

(2) LIMITED FUNDING.—In a case in which less than \$10,000,000 is made available to a Commission for a fiscal year under this section, paragraph (1) shall not apply.

(Added Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14217(a)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1482, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14217(a)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2244; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title VI, §6207, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 861; Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6304(e), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4752; Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2241, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3202.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

¹ So in original. The period probably should not appear.

AMENDMENTS

2025—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-272 added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to each Commission to carry out this subtitle \$33,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “\$33,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” for “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2018”.

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-79, § 6207(1), substituted “2018” for “2012”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-79, § 6207(2), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and inserted heading, substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (2), not more than” for “Not more than”, and added par. (2).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after June 18, 2008, see section 14217(d) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 15101 of this title.

CHAPTER 159—ADDITIONAL REGIONAL COMMISSION PROGRAMS

Sec.

15901. State capacity building grant program.
15902. Demonstration health projects.

§ 15901. State capacity building grant program

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMISSION STATE.—The term “Commission State” means a State that contains 1 or more eligible counties.

(2) ELIGIBLE COUNTY.—The term “eligible county” means a county described in subchapter II of chapter 157.

(3) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means a State capacity building grant program established by a Commission under subsection (b).

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Each Commission shall establish a State capacity building grant program to provide grants to Commission States in the area served by the Commission for the purposes described in subsection (c).

(c) PURPOSES.—The purposes of a program are to support the efforts of the Commission—

(1) to better support business retention and expansion in eligible counties;

(2) to create programs to encourage job creation and workforce development in eligible counties, including projects and activities, in coordination with other relevant Federal agencies, to strengthen the water sector workforce and facilitate the sharing of best practices;

(3) to partner with universities in distressed counties (as designated under section 15702(a)(1))—

(A) to strengthen the capacity in eligible counties to train new professionals in fields for which there is a shortage of workers;

(B) to increase local capacity in eligible counties for project management, project execution, and financial management; and

(C) to leverage funding sources for eligible counties;

(4) to prepare economic and infrastructure plans for eligible counties;

(5) to expand access to high-speed broadband in eligible counties;

(6) to provide technical assistance that results in Commission investments in transportation, water, wastewater, and other critical infrastructure;

(7) to promote workforce development in eligible counties to support resilient infrastructure projects;

(8) to develop initiatives to increase the effectiveness of local development districts in eligible counties; and

(9) to implement new or innovative economic development practices that will better position eligible counties to compete in the global economy.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds from a grant under a program may be used to support a project, program, or related expense of the Commission State in an eligible county.

(2) LIMITATION.—Funds from a grant under a program shall not be used for—

(A) the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or equipment;

(B) the compensation of—

(i) any State member of the Commission (as described in section 15301(b)(1)(B)); or

(ii) any State alternate member of the Commission (as described in section 15301(b)(2)(B)); or

(C) the cost of supplanting existing State programs.

(e) ANNUAL WORK PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, before providing a grant under a program, each Commission State shall provide to the Commission an annual work plan that includes the proposed use of the grant.

(2) APPROVAL.—No grant under a program shall be provided to a Commission State unless the Commission has approved the annual work plan of the State.

(f) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant provided to a Commission State under a program for a fiscal year shall be based on the proportion that—

(A) the amount paid by the Commission State (including any amounts paid on behalf of the Commission State by a nonprofit organization) for administrative expenses for the applicable fiscal year (as determined under section 15304(c)); bears to

(B) the amount paid by all Commission States served by the Commission (including any amounts paid on behalf of a Commission State by a nonprofit organization) for administrative expenses for that fiscal year (as determined under that section).

(2) REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible to receive a grant under a program for a fiscal year, a Commission State (or a nonprofit organization on behalf of the Commission State) shall pay the amount of administrative expenses of the Commission State for the applicable fiscal year (as determined under section 15304(c)).

(3) APPROVAL.—For each fiscal year, a grant provided under a program shall be approved