

agreement entered into under subsection (c), and any funds necessary to do so.

**(f) Requirement on funding used to benefit children**

Not less than 50 percent of all Federal payments made to carry out agreements under this section shall be used for initiatives that directly benefit children.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XX, §2053, as added Pub. L. 115-123, div. E, title VIII, §50802(2), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 273.)

**§ 1397n-3. Feasibility study funding**

**(a) Requests for funding for feasibility studies**

The Secretary shall reserve a portion of the amount made available to carry out this division to assist States or local governments in developing feasibility studies to apply for social impact partnership funding under section 1397n-1 of this title. To be eligible to receive funding to assist with completing a feasibility study, a State or local government shall submit an application for feasibility study funding addressing the following:

- (1) A description of the outcome goals of the social impact partnership project.
- (2) A description of the intervention, including anticipated program design, target population, an estimate regarding the number of individuals to be served, and setting for the intervention.
- (3) Evidence to support the likelihood that the intervention will produce the desired outcomes.
- (4) A description of the potential metrics to be used.
- (5) The expected social benefits to participants who receive the intervention and others who may be impacted.
- (6) Estimated costs to conduct the project.
- (7) Estimates of Federal, State, and local government savings and other savings if the project is implemented and the outcomes are achieved as a result of each intervention.
- (8) An estimated timeline for implementation and completion of the project, which shall not exceed 10 years.
- (9) With respect to a project for which the State or local government selects an intermediary to operate the project, any partnerships needed to successfully execute the project and the ability of the intermediary to foster the partnerships.
- (10) The expected resources needed to complete the feasibility study for the State or local government to apply for social impact partnership funding under section 1397n-1 of this title.

**(b) Federal selection of applications for feasibility study**

Not later than 6 months after receiving an application for feasibility study funding under subsection (a), the Secretary, in consultation with the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships and the head of any Federal agency administering a similar intervention or serving a population similar to that served by the project, shall select State or local government feasibility study proposals for funding based on the following:

(1) The recommendations made by the Commission on Social Impact Partnerships.

(2) The likelihood that the proposal will achieve the desired outcomes.

(3) The value of the outcomes expected to be achieved as a result of each intervention.

(4) The potential savings to the Federal Government if the social impact partnership project is successful.

(5) The potential savings to the State and local governments if the project is successful.

**(c) Public disclosure**

Not later than 30 days after selecting a State or local government for feasibility study funding under this section, the Secretary shall cause to be published on the website of the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships information explaining why a State or local government was granted feasibility study funding.

**(d) Funding restriction**

**(1) Feasibility study restriction**

The Secretary may not provide feasibility study funding under this section for more than 50 percent of the estimated total cost of the feasibility study reported in the State or local government application submitted under subsection (a).

**(2) Aggregate restriction**

Of the total amount made available to carry out this division, the Secretary may not use more than \$10,000,000 to provide feasibility study funding to States or local governments under this section.

**(3) No guarantee of funding**

The Secretary shall have the option to award no funding under this section.

**(e) Submission of feasibility study required**

Not later than 9 months after the receipt of feasibility study funding under this section, a State or local government receiving the funding shall complete the feasibility study and submit the study to the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships.

**(f) Delegation of authority**

The Secretary may transfer to the head of another Federal agency the authorities provided in this section and any funds necessary to exercise the authorities.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XX, §2054, as added Pub. L. 115-123, div. E, title VIII, §50802(2), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 275.)

**§ 1397n-4. Evaluations**

**(a) Authority to enter into agreements**

For each State or local government awarded a social impact partnership project approved by the Secretary under this division, the head of the relevant agency, as recommended by the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships and determined by the Secretary, shall enter into an agreement with the State or local government to pay for all or part of the independent evaluation to determine whether the State or local government project has achieved a specific outcome as a result of the

intervention in order for the State or local government to receive outcome payments under this division.

**(b) Evaluator qualifications**

The head of the relevant agency may not enter into an agreement with a State or local government unless the head determines that the evaluator is independent of the other parties to the agreement and has demonstrated substantial experience in conducting rigorous evaluations of program effectiveness including, where available and appropriate, well-implemented randomized controlled trials on the intervention or similar interventions.

**(c) Methodologies to be used**

The evaluation used to determine whether a State or local government will receive outcome payments under this division shall use experimental designs using random assignment or other reliable, evidence-based research methodologies, as certified by the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships, that allow for the strongest possible causal inferences when random assignment is not feasible.

**(d) Progress report**

**(1) Submission of report**

The independent evaluator shall—

(A) not later than 2 years after a project has been approved by the Secretary and bi-annually thereafter until the project is concluded, submit to the head of the relevant agency and the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships a written report summarizing the progress that has been made in achieving each outcome specified in the agreement; and

(B) before the scheduled time of the first outcome payment and before the scheduled time of each subsequent payment, submit to the head of the relevant agency and the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships a written report that includes the results of the evaluation conducted to determine whether an outcome payment should be made along with information on the unique factors that contributed to achieving or failing to achieve the outcome, the challenges faced in attempting to achieve the outcome, and information on the improved future delivery of this or similar interventions.

**(2) Submission to the Secretary and Congress**

Not later than 30 days after receipt of the written report pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships shall submit the report to the Secretary and each committee of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**(e) Final report**

**(1) Submission of report**

Within 6 months after the social impact partnership project is completed, the independent evaluator shall—

(A) evaluate the effects of the activities undertaken pursuant to the agreement with

regard to each outcome specified in the agreement; and

(B) submit to the head of the relevant agency and the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships a written report that includes the results of the evaluation and the conclusion of the evaluator as to whether the State or local government has fulfilled each obligation of the agreement, along with information on the unique factors that contributed to the success or failure of the project, the challenges faced in attempting to achieve the outcome, and information on the improved future delivery of this or similar interventions.

**(2) Submission to the Secretary and Congress**

Not later than 30 days after receipt of the written report pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships shall submit the report to the Secretary and each committee of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**(f) Limitation on cost of evaluations**

Of the amount made available under this division for social impact partnership projects, the Secretary may not obligate more than 15 percent to evaluate the implementation and outcomes of the projects.

**(g) Delegation of authority**

The Secretary may transfer to the head of another Federal agency the authorities provided in this section and any funds necessary to exercise the authorities.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XX, § 2055, as added Pub. L. 115-123, div. E, title VIII, § 50802(2), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 276.)

**§ 1397n-5. Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships**

**(a) Establishment**

There is established the Federal Interagency Council on Social Impact Partnerships (in this section referred to as the “Council”) to—

(1) coordinate with the Secretary on the efforts of social impact partnership projects funded under this division;

(2) advise and assist the Secretary in the development and implementation of the projects;

(3) advise the Secretary on specific programmatic and policy matter related to the projects;

(4) provide subject-matter expertise to the Secretary with regard to the projects;

(5) certify to the Secretary that each State or local government that has entered into an agreement with the Secretary for a social impact partnership project under this division and each evaluator selected by the head of the relevant agency under section 1397n-4 of this title has access to Federal administrative data to assist the State or local government and the evaluator in evaluating the performance and outcomes of the project;

(6) address issues that will influence the future of social impact partnership projects in the United States;