

vention, shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to institutions of higher education for the establishment or continued support of regional centers of excellence in vector-borne diseases to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, by—

- (1) facilitating collaboration between academia and public health organizations for public health surveillance, prevention, and response activities related to vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases;
- (2) providing training for public health entomologists and other health care professionals, as appropriate, to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases;
- (3) conducting research to develop and validate prevention and control tools and methods, including evidence-based and innovative, evidence-informed tools and methods to anticipate and respond to disease outbreaks; or
- (4) preparing for and responding to outbreaks of vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases.

(d) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under subsection (c), an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including a description of how the entity will conduct the activities described in such subsection.

(e) Reports

(1) Program summary

An entity receiving an award under subsection (c) shall, not later than one year after receiving such award, and annually thereafter, submit to the Secretary a summary of programs and activities funded under the award.

(2) Progress report

Not later than 4 years after December 20, 2019, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, a report on the progress made in addressing vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, through activities carried out under this section.

(f) Authorization of appropriations

For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, § 317U, as added Pub. L. 116–94, div. N, title I, § 404(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3116.)

§ 247b–24. Addressing factors related to improving health outcomes

(a) In general

The Secretary may, as appropriate, award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities for the conduct of evidence-based or evidence-informed projects, which may include the development of networks to improve health outcomes by improving the capacity of

such entities to address factors that contribute to negative health outcomes in communities.

(b) Eligible entities

To be eligible to receive an award under this section, an entity shall—

- (1)(A) be a State, local, or Tribal health department, community-based organization, Indian Tribe or Tribal organization (as such terms are defined in section 5304 of title 25), urban Indian organization (as defined in section 1603 of title 25), or other public or private entity, as the Secretary determines appropriate; or

- (B) be a consortia of entities described in subparagraph (A) or a public-private partnership, including a community partnership;

- (2) submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary shall require;

- (3) in the case of an entity other than a community-based organization, demonstrate a history of successfully working with an established community-based organization to address health outcomes; and

- (4) submit a plan to conduct activities described in subsection (a) based on a community needs assessment that takes into account community input.

(c) Use of funds

An entity described in subsection (b) shall use funds received under subsection (a), in consultation with State, local, and Tribal health departments, community-based organizations, entities serving medically underserved communities, and other entities, as applicable, for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) Supporting the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of strategies, through evidence-informed or evidence-based programs and through the support and use of public health and health care professionals to address factors related to health outcomes.

- (2) Establishing, maintaining, or improving, in consultation with State, local, or Tribal health departments, technology platforms or networks to support, in a manner that is consistent with applicable Federal and State privacy law—

- (A) coordination among appropriate entities, and, as applicable and appropriate, activities to improve such coordination;

- (B) information sharing on health and related social services; and

- (C) technical assistance and related support for entities participating in the platforms or networks.

- (3) Implementing best practices for improving health outcomes and reducing disease among underserved populations.

- (4) Supporting consideration of factors related to health outcomes in preparing for, and responding to, public health emergencies, through outreach, education, research, and other relevant activities.

(d) Best practices and technical assistance

The Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Minority Health, the National Coordinator for Health Information Tech-

nology, and the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living, may award grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to public or nonprofit private entities, including minority serving institutions (defined, for purposes of this subsection, as institutions and programs described in section 1063b(e)(1) of title 20 and institutions described in section 1067q(a) of title 20), to—

- (1) identify or facilitate the development of best practices to support improved health outcomes for underserved populations;
- (2) provide technical assistance, training, and evaluation assistance to award recipients under subsection (a);
- (3) disseminate best practices, including to award recipients under subsection (a); and
- (4) leverage, establish, or operate regional centers to develop, evaluate, and disseminate effective strategies on factors related to health outcomes, including supporting research and training related to such strategies.

(e) Award periods

The Secretary shall issue awards under this section for periods of not more than 5 years and may issue extensions of such award periods for an additional period of up to 3 years.

(f) Report

Not later than September 30, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that includes information on activities funded under this section. Such report shall include a description of—

- (1) changes in the capacity of public health entities to address factors related to health outcomes in communities, including any applicable platforms or networks developed or utilized to coordinate health and related social services and any changes in workforce capacity or capabilities;
- (2) improvements in health outcomes and in reducing health disparities in medically underserved communities;
- (3) activities conducted to support consideration of factors related to health outcomes in preparing for, and responding to, public health emergencies, through outreach, education, and other relevant activities;
- (4) communities and populations served by recipients of awards under subsection (a);
- (5) activities supported under subsection (e); and
- (6) other relevant activities and outcomes, as determined by the Secretary.

(g) Authorization of appropriations

To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027. Of the amounts appropriated under this subsection for a fiscal year, 5 percent shall be reserved for awards under subsection (a) to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations (as such terms are defined in section 5304 of title 25), urban Indian organizations (as defined in section 1603 of title 25), and Tribal health departments.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, § 317V, as added Pub. L. 117–328, div. FF, title II, § 2201(a)(1), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5727.)

§ 247c. Sexually transmitted diseases; prevention and control projects and programs

(a) Technical assistance to public and nonprofit private entities and scientific institutions

The Secretary may provide technical assistance to appropriate public and nonprofit private entities and to scientific institutions for their research in, and training and public health programs for, the prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases.

(b) Research, demonstration, and public information and education projects

The Secretary may make grants to States, political subdivisions of States, and any other public and nonprofit private entity for—

- (1) research into the prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases;
- (2) demonstration projects for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases;
- (3) public information and education programs for the prevention and control of such diseases; and
- (4) education, training, and clinical skills improvement activities in the prevention and control of such diseases for health professionals (including allied health personnel).

(c) Project grants to States

The Secretary is also authorized to make project grants to States and, in consultation with the State health authority, to political subdivisions of States, for—

- (1) sexually transmitted diseases surveillance activities, including the reporting, screening, and followup of diagnostic tests for, and diagnosed cases of, sexually transmitted diseases;
- (2) casefinding and case followup activities respecting sexually transmitted diseases, including contact tracing of infectious cases of sexually transmitted diseases and routine testing, including laboratory tests and followup systems;
- (3) interstate epidemiologic referral and followup activities respecting sexually transmitted diseases; and
- (4) such special studies or demonstrations to evaluate or test sexually transmitted diseases prevention and control strategies and activities as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(d) Grants for innovative, interdisciplinary approaches

The Secretary may make grants to States and political subdivisions of States for the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to the prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases.

(e) Authorization of appropriations; terms and conditions; payments; recordkeeping; audit; grant reduction; information disclosure

(1) For the purpose of making grants under subsections (b) through (d), there are authorized to be appropriated \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 1998.

(2) Each recipient of a grant under this section shall keep such records as the Secretary shall