

(d) Use of awards

A recipient of a planning performance award under subsection (a) shall use the award to increase the Federal share of the cost of a project under this subchapter.

(e) Federal share

Notwithstanding section 3144 of this title, the funds of a planning performance award may be used to pay up to 100 percent of the cost of a project under this subchapter.

(f) Funding

The Secretary shall use any amounts made available for economic development assistance programs to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title II, §216, as added Pub. L. 108-373, title II, §211(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1765.)

§ 3154c. Direct expenditure or redistribution by recipient**(a) In general**

Subject to subsection (b), a recipient of a grant under section 3141, 3143, or 3147 of this title may directly expend the grant funds or may redistribute the funds in the form of a subgrant to other eligible recipients to fund required components of the scope of work approved for the project.

(b) Limitation

A recipient may not redistribute grant funds received under section 3141 or 3143 of this title to a for-profit entity.

(c) Economic adjustment

Subject to subsection (d), a recipient of a grant under section 3149 of this title may directly expend the grant funds or may redistribute the funds to public and private entities in the form of a grant, loan, loan guarantee, payment to reduce interest on a loan guarantee, or other appropriate assistance.

(d) Limitation

Under subsection (c), a recipient may not provide any grant to a private for-profit entity.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title II, §217, as added Pub. L. 108-373, title II, §212(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1766.)

§ 3154d. Renewable energy program**(a) Definition of renewable energy site**

In this section, the term “renewable energy site” means a brownfield site that is redeveloped through the incorporation of 1 or more renewable energy technologies, including solar, wind, geothermal, ocean, and emerging, but proven, renewable energy technologies.

(b) Establishment

On the application of an eligible recipient, the Secretary may make a grant for a project for the development of a renewable energy site if the Secretary determines that the project will—

- (1) use 1 or more renewable energy technologies described in subsection (a), to develop abandoned or contaminated sites for commercial use; and

- (2) improve the commercial and economic opportunities in the area in which the project is located.

(c) Savings clause

To the extent that any portion of a grant awarded under subsection (b) involves remediation, the remediation shall be subject to section 3222 of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title II, §218, as added Pub. L. 108-373, title II, §213(a), Oct. 27, 2004, 118 Stat. 1766; amended Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2220, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3185.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2025—Pub. L. 118-272, §2220(1), substituted “Renewable energy” for “Brightfields demonstration” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-272, §2220(2), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In this section, the term ‘brightfield site’ means a brownfield site that is redeveloped through the incorporation of 1 or more solar energy technologies.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118-272, §2220(3)(A), (B), substituted “Establishment” for “Demonstration program” in heading and “renewable energy” for “brightfield” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 118-272, §2220(3)(C), substituted “renewable energy technologies described in subsection (a),” for “solar energy technologies”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 118-272, §2220(4), struck out subsec. (d). Text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008, to remain available until expended.”

§ 3154e. Workforce training grants**(a) In general**

On the application of an eligible recipient, the Secretary may make grants to support the development and expansion of innovative workforce training programs through sectoral partnerships leading to quality jobs and the acquisition of equipment or construction of facilities to support workforce development activities.

(b) Eligible uses

Funds from a grant under this section may be used for—

- (1) acquisition or development of land and improvements to house workforce training activities;
- (2) acquisition, design and engineering, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvement of such a facility, including related equipment and machinery;
- (3) acquisition of machinery or equipment to support workforce training activities;
- (4) planning, technical assistance, and training;
- (5) sector partnerships development, program design, and program implementation; and
- (6) in the case of an eligible recipient that is a State, subject to subsection (c), a State program to support individual trainees for employment in critical industries with high demand and vacancies necessary for further economic development of the applicable State that—

(A) requires significant post-secondary training; but

(B) does not require a post-secondary degree.

(c) State grant pilot program

(1) In general

The Secretary may award grants to States for the purpose described in subsection (b)(6).

(2) Application

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, the Chief Executive of a State shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, which shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(A) A method for identifying critical industry sectors driving in-State economic growth that face staffing challenges for in-demand jobs and careers.

(B) A governance structure for the implementation of the program established by the State, including defined roles for the consortia of agencies of such State, at a minimum, to include the State departments of economic development, labor, and education, or the State departments or agencies with jurisdiction over those matters.

(C) A strategy for recruiting participants from at least 1 community that meets 1 or more of the criteria described in section 3161(a) of this title.

(D) A plan for how the State will develop a tracking system for eligible programs, participant enrollment, participant outcomes, and an application portal for individual participants.

(3) Selection

The Secretary shall award not more than 1 grant under this subsection to any State.

(4) Eligible uses

A grant under this subsection may be used for—

(A) necessary costs to carry out the matters described in this subsection, including tuition and stipends for individuals that receive funds under the program established by the applicable State, subject to the requirements described in paragraph (6); and

(B) program implementation, planning, technical assistance, or training.

(5) Federal share

Notwithstanding section 3144 of this title, the Federal share of the cost of any award carried out with a grant made under this subsection shall not exceed 70 percent.

(6) Participant amounts

A State shall ensure that grant funds provided under this subsection to each individual that receives funds under the program established by the applicable State is the lesser of the following amounts:

(A) In a case in which the individual is also eligible for a Federal Pell Grant under section 1070a of title 20 for enrollment at the applicable training program for any award year of the training program, \$11,000 minus

the amount of the awarded Federal Pell Grant.

(B) For an individual not described in paragraph (1), the lesser of—

(i) \$11,000; and

(ii) the total cost of the training program in which the individual is enrolled, including tuition, fees, career navigation services, textbook costs, expenses related to assessments and exams for certification or licensure, equipment costs, and wage stipends (in the case of a training program that is an earn-and-learn program).

(7) Termination

The authority provided under this subsection shall expire on September 30, 2029.

(d) Coordination

The Secretary shall coordinate the development of new workforce development models with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education.

(Pub. L. 89-136, title II, §219, as added Pub. L. 118-272, div. B, title II, §2221, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3186.)

§ 3154f. Congressional notification requirements

(a) In general

In the case of a project described in subsection (b), the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives notice, in accordance with subsection (c), of the award of a grant for the project not less than 3 business days before notifying an eligible recipient of their selection for that award.

(b) Projects described

A project referred to in subsection (a) is a project that the Secretary has selected to receive a grant administered by the Economic Development Administration in an amount not less than \$100,000.

(c) Requirements

A notification under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) the name of the project;

(2) the name of the applicant;

(3) the region in which the project is to be carried out;

(4) the State in which the project is to be carried out;

(5) the 1 or more counties or political subdivisions in which the project is to be carried out;

(6) the number of jobs expected to be created or retained as a result of the project;

(7) the estimated date of completion of the project;

(8) the amount of the grant awarded;

(9) a description of the project; and

(10) any additional information, as determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.

(d) Public availability

The Secretary shall make a notification under subsection (a) publicly available not later than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary provides the notice.