

(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.

(Pub. L. 89–136, title II, §220, as added Pub. L. 118–272, div. B, title II, §2222, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3187.)

§ 3154g. High-speed broadband deployment initiative

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Broadband project

The term “broadband project” means, for the purposes of providing, extending, expanding, or improving high-speed broadband service to further the goals of this chapter—

(A) planning, technical assistance, or training;

(B) the acquisition or development of land; or

(C) the acquisition, design and engineering, construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvement of facilities, including related machinery, equipment, contractual rights, and intangible property.

(2) Eligible recipient

(A) In general

The term “eligible recipient” means an eligible recipient.

(B) Inclusions

The term “eligible recipient” includes—

(i) a public-private partnership; and

(ii) a consortium formed for the purpose of providing, extending, expanding, or improving high-speed broadband service between 1 or more eligible recipients and 1 or more for-profit organizations.

(3) High-speed broadband

The term “high-speed broadband” means the provision of 2-way data transmission with sufficient downstream and upstream speeds to end users to permit effective participation in the economy and to support economic growth, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Broadband projects

(1) In general

On the application of an eligible recipient, the Secretary may make grants under this subchapter for broadband projects, which shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

(2) Considerations

In reviewing applications submitted under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into consideration geographic diversity of grants provided, including consideration of underserved markets, in addition to data requested in paragraph (3).

(3) Data requested

In reviewing an application submitted under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall request from the Federal Communications Commission, the Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Appalachian Regional Commission data on—

(A) the level and extent of broadband service that exists in the area proposed to be served; and

(B) the level and extent of broadband service that will be deployed in the area proposed to be served pursuant to another Federal program.

(4) Interest in real or personal property

For any broadband project carried out by an eligible recipient that is a public-private partnership or consortium, the Secretary shall require that title to any real or personal property acquired or improved with grant funds, or if the recipient will not acquire title, another possessory interest acceptable to the Secretary, be vested in a public partner or eligible nonprofit organization or association for the useful life of the project, after which title may be transferred to any member of the public-private partnership or consortium in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary.

(5) Procurement

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person or entity shall be disqualified from competing to provide goods or services related to a broadband project on the basis that the person or entity participated in the development of the broadband project or in the drafting of specifications, requirements, statements of work, or similar documents related to the goods or services to be provided.

(6) Broadband project property

(A) In general

The Secretary may permit a recipient of a grant for a broadband project to grant an option to acquire real or personal property (including contractual rights and intangible property) related to that project to a third party on such terms as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, subject to the condition that the option may only be exercised after the Secretary releases the Federal interest in the property.

(B) Treatment

The grant or exercise of an option described in subparagraph (A) shall not constitute a redistribution of grant funds under section 3154c of this title.

(c) Non-Federal share

In determining the amount of the non-Federal share of the cost of a broadband project, the Secretary may provide credit toward the non-Federal share for the present value of allowable contributions over the useful life of the broadband project, subject to the condition that the Secretary may require such assurances of the value of the rights and of the commitment of the rights as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 89–136, title II, §221, as added Pub. L. 118–272, div. B, title II, §2223, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 3188.)

§ 3154h. Critical Supply Chain Site Development grant program

(a) In general

On the application of an eligible recipient, the Secretary may make grants under the “Critical