

4014, related to emergency community water assistance grant program, including general provisions and provisions relating to priority, eligibility, uses, restrictions, maximum grants, full funding, application, and limitations on authorization of appropriations.

**§ 1926c. Water and waste facility loans and grants to alleviate health risks**

**(a) Loans and grants to persons other than individuals**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall make or insure loans and make grants to rural water supply corporations, cooperatives, or similar entities, Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes, and public agencies, to provide for the conservation, development, use, and control of water (including the extension or improvement of existing water supply systems), and the installation or improvement of drainage or waste disposal facilities and essential community facilities including necessary related equipment. Such loans and grants shall be available only to provide such water and waste facilities and services to communities whose residents face significant health risks, as determined by the Secretary, due to the fact that a significant proportion of the community's residents do not have access to, or are not served by, adequate affordable—

- (A) water supply systems; or
- (B) waste disposal facilities.

**(2) Certain areas targeted**

**(A) In general**

Loans and grants under paragraph (1) shall be made only if the loan or grant funds will be used primarily to provide water or waste services, or both, to residents of a county—

- (i) the per capita income of the residents of which is not more than 70 percent of the national average per capita income, as determined by the Department of Commerce; and
- (ii) the unemployment rate of the residents of which is not less than 125 percent of the national average unemployment rate, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**(B) Exception**

Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), loans and grants under paragraph (1) may also be made if the loan or grant funds will be used primarily to provide water or waste services, or both, to residents of a rural area that was recognized as a colonia as of October 1, 1989.

**(b) Loans and grants to individuals**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall make or insure loans and make grants to individuals who reside in a community described in subsection (a)(1) for the purpose of extending water supply and waste disposal systems, connecting the systems to the residences of the individuals, or installing plumbing and fixtures within the residences of the individuals to facilitate the use of the water supply and waste disposal systems. Such loans shall be at a rate of interest

no greater than the Federal Financing Bank rate on loans of a similar term at the time such loans are made. The repayment of such loans shall be amortized over the expected life of the water supply or waste disposal system to which the residence of the borrower will be connected.

**(2) Manner in which loans and grants are to be made**

Loans and grants to individuals under paragraph (1) shall be made—

- (A) directly to such individuals by the Secretary; or
- (B) to such individuals through the rural water supply corporation, cooperative, or similar entity, or public agency, providing such water supply or waste disposal services, pursuant to regulations issued by the Secretary.

**(c) Preference**

The Secretary shall give preference in the awarding of loans and grants—

- (1) under subsection (a) to rural water supply corporations, cooperatives, or similar entities, or public agencies, that propose to provide water supply or waste disposal services to the residents of those rural subdivisions commonly referred to as colonias, that are characterized by substandard housing, inadequate roads and drainage, and a lack of adequate water or waste facilities; and
- (2) under subsection (b) to individuals who reside in a rural subdivision commonly referred to as a colonia, that is characterized by substandard housing, inadequate roads and drainage, and a lack of adequate water or waste facilities.

**(d) “Cooperative” defined**

For purposes of this section, the term “cooperative” means a cooperative formed specifically for the purpose of the installation, expansion, improvement, or operation of water supply or waste disposal facilities or systems.

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

**(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), there are authorized to be appropriated—

- (A) for grants under this section, \$30,000,000 for each fiscal year;
- (B) for loans under this section, \$30,000,000 for each fiscal year; and
- (C) in addition to grants provided under subparagraph (A), for grants under this section to benefit Indian tribes (as defined in section 5304 of title 25), \$20,000,000 for each fiscal year.

**(2) Exception**

An entity eligible to receive funding through a grant made under section 1926d of this title shall not be eligible for a grant from funds made available under paragraph (1)(C).

**(f) Regulations**

Not later than 30 days after October 28, 1992, the Secretary shall issue interim final regulations, with a request for public comments, implementing this section.

(Pub. L. 87–128, title III, § 306C, as added Pub. L. 101–624, title XXIII, § 2327, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat.

4015; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title VII, §701(b), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1879; Pub. L. 102-552, title V, §516(l), (m), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4139; Pub. L. 102-554, §24, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4161; Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6010, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 357.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-171 added subsec. (e) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (e). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated—

“(1) for grants under this section, \$30,000,000 for each fiscal year; and

“(2) for loans under this section, \$30,000,000 for each fiscal year.”

1992—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-554 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows:

“(2) CERTAIN COUNTIES TARGETED.—Loans and grants under paragraph (1) shall be made only if the loan or grant funds will be used primarily to provide water or waste services, or both, to residents of a county—

“(A) the per capita income of the residents of which is not more than 70 percent of the national average per capita income, as determined by the Department of Commerce; and

“(B) the unemployment rate of the residents of which is not less than 125 percent of the national average unemployment rate, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.”

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 102-552, §516(l), substituted “, connecting the systems to the residences of the individuals, or installing plumbing and fixtures within the residences of the individuals to facilitate the use of the water supply and waste disposal systems” for “or connecting such systems to the residences of such individuals”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 102-552, §516(m), added subsec. (f). 1991—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-237 realigned margins of subpars. (A) and (B).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-237 effective as if included in the provision of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, to which the amendment relates, see section 1101(b)(6) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as a note under section 1421 of this title.

#### § 1926d. Water systems for rural and Native villages in Alaska

##### (a) In general

The Secretary may make grants to the State of Alaska, a consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-83; 111 Stat. 1597), and Native villages (as defined in section 1602 of title 43) for the benefit of rural or Native villages in Alaska to provide for the development and construction of water and wastewater systems to improve the health and sanitation conditions in those villages.

##### (b) Matching funds

To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), the State of Alaska shall provide 25 percent in matching funds from non-Federal sources for any grant awarded under subsection (a).

##### (c) Consultation with State of Alaska

The Secretary shall consult with the State of Alaska on a method of prioritizing the allocation

of grants under subsection (a) according to the needs of, and relative health and sanitation conditions in, each village.

##### (d) Authorization of appropriations

###### (1) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2023.

###### (2) Training and technical assistance

Not more than 2 percent of the amount made available under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year may be used by the State of Alaska, and not more than 2 percent of the amount made available under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year may be used by a consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-83; 111 Stat. 1597), for training and technical assistance programs relating to the operation and management of water and waste disposal services in rural and Native villages.

###### (3) Availability

Funds appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in paragraph (1) shall be available until expended.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §306D, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §757, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1131; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §745], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-32; Pub. L. 106-224, title II, §256, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 424; Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6011, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 357; Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6009(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1163; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6009(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1924; Pub. L. 113-79, title VI, §6008, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 843; Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6408, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4761.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 325 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (d)(2), is section 325 of Pub. L. 105-83, title III, Nov. 14, 1997, 111 Stat. 1597, which is not classified to the Code.

##### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334, §6408(1), substituted “Alaska, a consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-83; 111 Stat. 1597), and Native villages (as defined in section 1602 of title 43) for” for “Alaska for”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334, §6408(2), inserted “for any grant awarded under subsection (a)” before period at end.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 115-334, §6408(3)(A), substituted “2023” for “2018”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 115-334, §6408(3)(B), substituted “Alaska, and not more than 2 percent of the amount made available under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year may be used by a consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of the Department of the Interior and Related