

Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

**§ 5925g. Urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production research, education, and extension initiative**

**(a) Competitive research and extension grants authorized**

In consultation with the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee established under section 6923(b) of this title, the Secretary may make competitive grants to support research, education, and extension activities for the purposes of facilitating the development of urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production, harvesting, transportation, aggregation, packaging, distribution, and markets, including by—

- (1) assessing and developing strategies to remediate contaminated sites;
- (2) determining and developing the best production management and integrated pest management practices;
- (3) identifying and promoting the horticultural, social, and economic factors that contribute to successful urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production;
- (4) analyzing the means by which new agricultural sites are determined, including an evaluation of soil quality, condition of a building, or local community needs;
- (5) exploring new technologies that minimize energy, lighting systems, water, and other inputs for increased food production;
- (6) examining building material efficiencies and structural upgrades for the purpose of optimizing growth of agricultural products;
- (7) developing new crop varieties and agricultural products to connect to new markets; or
- (8) examining the impacts of crop exposure to urban elements on environmental quality and food safety.

**(b) Grant types and process**

Subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (4), paragraph (7), and paragraph (11)(B) of subsection (b) of section 3157 of this title shall apply with respect to the making of grants under this section.

**(c) Priority**

The Secretary may give priority to grant proposals that involve—

- (1) the cooperation of multiple entities; or
- (2) States or regions with a high concentration of or significant interest in urban farms, rooftop farms, and indoor production facilities.

**(d) Funding**

**(1) Mandatory funding**

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to carry out this section—

- (A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2019, to remain available until expended; and
- (B) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2024, to remain available until expended.

**(2) Authorization of appropriations**

In addition to amounts made available under paragraph (1), there is authorized to be appro-

riated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1672E, as added Pub. L. 115-334, title VII, §7212(a), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4812; amended Pub. L. 118-22, div. B, title I, §102(d)(5)(B), Nov. 17, 2023, 137 Stat. 117.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 118-22 inserted dash after “section”, designated remainder of existing provisions as subpar. (A), and added subpar. (B).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2023 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 118-22 to be applied and administered as if enacted on Sept. 30, 2023, see section 102(g) of Pub. L. 118-22, set out in an Extension of Agricultural Programs note under section 9001 of this title.

**§ 5926. Centers of excellence**

**(a) Funding priorities**

The Secretary shall prioritize centers of excellence established for purposes of carrying out research, extension, and education activities relating to the food and agricultural sciences (as defined in section 3103 of this title) for the receipt of funding for any competitive research or extension program administered by the Secretary.

**(b) Composition**

A center of excellence is composed of 1 or more of the eligible entities specified in subsection (b)(7) of section 3157 of this title that provide financial or in-kind support to the center of excellence.

**(c) Criteria for centers of excellence**

**(1) Required efforts**

The criteria for recognition as a center of excellence shall include efforts—

- (A) to ensure coordination and cost effectiveness by reducing unnecessarily duplicative efforts regarding research, teaching, and extension;
- (B) to leverage available resources by using public-private partnerships among agricultural industry groups, institutions of higher education, and the Federal Government;
- (C) to implement teaching initiatives to increase awareness and effectively disseminate solutions to target audiences through extension activities; and
- (D) to increase the economic returns to rural communities by identifying, attracting, and directing funds to high-priority agricultural issues.

**(2) Additional efforts**

Where practicable, the criteria for recognition as a center of excellence shall include efforts to improve teaching capacity and infrastructure at colleges and universities (including land-grant colleges and universities, co-operating forestry schools, NLGCA Institutions (as those terms are defined in section 3103 of this title), and schools of veterinary medicine).