

§ 5933. Assistive technology program for farmers with disabilities

(a) Special demonstration grants

(1) In general

The Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with other appropriate Federal agencies, shall make demonstration grants to support cooperative programs between State Cooperative Extension Service agencies and private nonprofit disability organizations to provide on-the-farm agricultural education and assistance directed at accommodating disability in farm operations for individuals with disabilities who are engaged in farming and farm-related occupations and their families.

(2) Eligible services

Grants awarded under paragraph (1) may be used to support programs serving individuals with disabilities, and their families, who are engaged in farming and farm-related occupations.

(3) Eligible programs

Grants awarded under paragraph (1) may be used to initiate, expand, or sustain programs that—

(A) provide direct education and assistance to accommodate disability in farming to individuals with disabilities who engage in farming and farm-related occupations;

(B) provide on-the-farm technical advice concerning the design, fabrication, and use of agricultural and related equipment, machinery, and tools, and assist in the modification of farm worksites, operations, and living arrangements to accommodate individuals with disabilities who engage in farming, farm living and farm-related tasks;

(C) involve community and health care professionals, including Extension Service agents and others, in the early identification of farm and rural families that are in need of services related to the disability of an individual;

(D) provide specialized education programs to enhance the professional competencies of rural agricultural professionals, rehabilitation and health care providers, vocational counselors, and other providers of service to individuals with disabilities, and their families, who engage in farming or farm-related occupations; and

(E) mobilize rural volunteer resources, including peer counseling among farmers with disabilities and rural ingenuity networks promoting cost effective methods or accommodating disabilities in farming and farm-related activities.

(4) Extension Service agencies

Grants shall be awarded under this subsection directly to State Extension Service agencies to enable them to enter into contracts, on a multiyear basis, with private nonprofit community-based direct service organizations to initiate, expand, or sustain cooperative programs described under paragraphs (2) and (3).

(5) Minimum amount

A grant awarded under this subsection may not be less than \$150,000.

(6) Consideration for grants for new programs

For each fiscal year that amounts are made available for grants under this subsection, the Secretary may make grants in a manner that ensures that eligible entities who apply for grants, but have not previously received a grant under this subsection, are given full consideration.

(7) Clarification of application of provisions to veterans with disabilities

This subsection shall apply with respect to veterans with disabilities, and their families, who—

(A) are engaged in farming or farm-related occupations; or

(B) are pursuing new farming opportunities.

(b) National grant for technical assistance, training, and dissemination

The Secretary of Agriculture shall award a competitive grant to a national private nonprofit disability organization to enable such organization to provide technical assistance, training, information dissemination and other activities to support community-based direct service programs of on-site rural rehabilitation and assistive technology for individuals (including veterans) with disabilities, and their families, who are engaged in farming or farm-related occupations or, in the case of veterans with disabilities, who are pursuing new farming opportunities.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

(A) \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2013; and

(B) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

(2) National grant

Not more than 15 percent of the amounts made available under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year shall be used to carry out subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1680, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3781; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §841, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1170; Pub. L. 105-185, title II, §246, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 556; Pub. L. 107-171, title VII, §§7122, 7208(c), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 434, 444; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7210, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1241; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7210, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2003; Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, §7216, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 887; Pub. L. 115-334, title VII, §7214, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4814.)

Editorial Notes

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)(7). Pub. L. 115-334, §7214(1), added par. (7).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334, § 7214(2), inserted “(including veterans)” after “individuals” and “or, in the case of veterans with disabilities, who are pursuing new farming opportunities” before period at end.

Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 115-334, § 7214(3), substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “are” for “is” and “section—” for “section \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 through 2012.” and added subpars. (A) and (B).

2008—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, § 7210, substituted “2012” for “2007”.

2002—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 107-171, § 7208(c), added par. (6).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107-171, § 7122, substituted “2007” for “2002”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 105-185, § 246(1), struck out heading and text of par. (6). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection—

“(A) not less than \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 and 1992; and

“(B) not less than \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1993 through 1997.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-185, § 246(2), struck out par. (1) designation and heading and struck out heading and text of par. (2). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out this subsection for each of the fiscal years 1991 through 1997.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-185, § 246(3), added subsec. (c). 1996—Subsecs. (a)(6)(B), (b)(2). Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “1997” for “1996”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 5934. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7211, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1242, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7211, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2008

Section, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, § 1681, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3782; Pub. L. 102-237, title IV, § 407(17), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1865, related to research on honeybee diseases.

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 repealed this section. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 5935. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7407, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 898

Section, Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 892, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1183, related to use of remote sensing data and other data to anticipate potential food, feed, and fiber shortages or excesses and to provide timely information to assist farmers with planting decisions.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REMOTE SENSING FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Pub. L. 106-391, title III, § 316, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1596, directed the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to determine data product types that are of use to farmers which can be remotely sensed from air or space; to consider certain useful commercial data products; to examine other data sources, which can provide domestic and international agricultural information; and to develop plan to inform farmers and other prospective users about use and availability of remote sensing products that may assist with agricultural and forestry applications.

§ 5936. Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network

(a) In general

The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall make competitive grants to eligible entities described in subsection (c) to establish a Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network that provides stress assistance programs to individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations.

(b) Eligible programs

Grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used—

(1) to initiate, expand, or sustain programs that provide professional agricultural behavioral health counseling and referral for other forms of assistance as necessary through—

(A) farm telephone helplines and websites;

(B) training, including training programs and workshops, for—

(i) advocates for individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, and other occupations relating to agriculture; and

(ii) other individuals and entities that may assist individuals who—

(I) are engaged in farming, ranching, and other occupations relating to agriculture; and

(II) are in crisis;

(C) support groups; and

(D) outreach services and activities, including the dissemination of information and materials; or

(2) to enter into contracts, on a multiyear basis, with community-based, direct-service organizations to initiate, expand, or sustain programs described in paragraph (1) and subsection (a).

(c) Eligible recipients

The Secretary may award a grant under this section to—

(1) an Indian tribe (as defined in section 5304 of title 25);

(2) a State department of agriculture;

(3) a State cooperative extension service;

(4) a qualified nonprofit organization, as determined by the Secretary;

(5) an entity providing appropriate services, as determined by the Secretary, in 1 or more States; or

(6) a partnership carried out by 2 or more entities described in paragraphs (1) through (5).