

“(b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under this section are subject to the conditions that the Secretary shall not—

“(1) enter into any agreement—

“(A) that is for a term extending beyond September 30, 2031; or

“(B) under which any payment could be outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30, 2031;

“(2) use any other funds available to the Secretary to satisfy obligations initially made under this section; or

“(3) interpret this section to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for activities under this section if such funds are not expressly authorized or currently expended for such purposes.

“(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028, for administrative costs of the agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture for costs related to implementing this section.”

#### DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

Pub. L. 117–169, title II, § 20001, Aug. 16, 2022, 136 Stat. 2015, provided that: “In this title [amending section 8103 of this title and sections 3839aa–2, 3839aa–8, 3839aa–22, 3839aa–24, 3841, 3844, and 3871d of Title 16, Conservation, enacting provisions set out as a note above, repealing provisions set out as a note under section 1921 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 2279 of this title], the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.”

### SUBCHAPTER III—RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### § 6941. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development

##### (a) Authorization

The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

##### (b) Confirmation required

The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

##### (c) Functions of Under Secretary

###### (1) Principal functions

Upon establishment, the Secretary shall delegate to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development those functions under the jurisdiction of the Department that are related to rural economic and community development.

###### (2) Additional functions

The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall perform such other functions as may be required by law or prescribed by the Secretary.

##### (d) Succession

Any official who is serving as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Small Community and Rural Development on October 13, 1994, and who was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall not be required to be reappointed under subsection (b) to the successor position authorized under subsection (a) if the Secretary establishes the posi-

tion, and the official occupies the new position, within 180 days after October 13, 1994 (or such later date set by the Secretary if litigation delays rapid succession).

##### (e) Loan approval authority

Approval authority for loans and loan guarantees in connection with the electric and telephone loan and loan guarantee programs authorized by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) shall not be transferred to, or conditioned on review of, a State director or other employee whose primary duty is not the review and approval of such loans or the provision of assistance to such borrowers.

(Pub. L. 103–354, title II, § 231, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3218; Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 794(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1155; Pub. L. 115–334, title XII, § 12407, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4976.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, referred to in subsec. (e), is act May 20, 1936, ch. 432, 49 Stat. 1363, which is classified generally to chapter 31 (§ 901 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 901 of this title and Tables.

##### CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 231 of Pub. L. 103–354. Subsec. (f) of section 231 of Pub. L. 103–354 amended section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and repealed sections 2006f and 2211b of this title.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–334, § 12407(1), substituted “shall” for “is authorized to”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115–334, § 12407(2), substituted “The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall” for “If the Secretary establishes the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development authorized under subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall”.

1996—Pub. L. 104–127 struck out “Economic and Community” after “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural”, wherever appearing in section catchline and subssecs. (a) to (c).

#### § 6941a. Coordinator for Chronically Underserved Rural Areas

##### (a) Establishment

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a Coordinator for Chronically Underserved Rural Areas (in this section referred to as the “Coordinator”), to be located in the Rural Development Mission Area.

##### (b) Mission

The mission of the Coordinator shall be to direct Department of Agriculture resources to high need, high poverty rural areas.

##### (c) Duties

The Coordinator shall consult with other offices in directing technical assistance, strategic regional planning, at the State and local level, for developing rural economic development that leverages the resources of State and local governments and non-profit and community development organizations.

##### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as necessary to carry out this section for fiscal years 2008 through 2012.