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- (i) That the complainant may bring a civil action only in a United States district court for the district in which the recipient is found or transacts business:
- (ii) That a complainant prevailing in a civil action has the right to be awarded the costs of the action, including reasonable attorney's fees, but that the complainant must demand these costs in the complaint;
- (iii) That before commencing the action the complainant shall give 30 days notice by registered mail to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Attorney General of the United States and the recipient;
- (iv) That the notice must state: The alleged violation of the Act; the relief requested; the court in which the complainant is bringing the action; and whether or not attorney's fees are demanded in the event the complainant prevails; and
- (v) That the complainant may not bring an action if the same alleged violation of the Act by the same recipient is the subject of a pending action in any court of the United States.

§117.19 Effect on other regulations.

- (a) All regulations, orders or like directions heretofore issued by SBA which impose requirements designed to prohibit any discrimination against individuals on the grounds of age and which authorize the suspension or termination of or refusal to grant or to continue financial assistance to any applicant for or recipient of such assistance for failure to comply with such requirements, are hereby superseded to the extent that such discrimination is prohibited by this part, except that nothing in this part shall be deemed to relieve any person of any obligation assumed or imposed under any such superseded regulation, order, instruction, or like direction prior to the effective date of this part. Nothing in this part, however, shall be deemed to supersede any of the following (including future amendments thereof):
- (1) Executive Order 11246, as amended, and regulations issued thereunder;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended;
- (3) The Equal Credit Opportunity Act, as amended and Regulation B of

the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, (12 CFR part 202);

- (4) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
- (5) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968:
- (6) Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972;
- (7) Section 633(b) of the Small Business Act:
- (8) Part 113 of title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations (13 CFR part 113); or
- (9) Any other statute, order, regulation or instruction, insofar as such order, regulations, or instruction prohibits discrimination on the grounds of age in any program or activity or situation to which this part is inapplicable on any other ground.

§117.20 Supervision and coordination.

The Administrator may from time to time assign to officials of SBA or to officials of other agencies of the Government with the consent of such agencies, responsibilities in connection with the effectuation of the purpose of the Act and this part (other than responsibility for final decision as provided in §117.17), including the achievement of effective coordination and maximum uniformity within SBA and within the Executive Branch of the Government in the application of the Act and this part to similar programs or activities and in similar situations. Responsibility for administering and enforcing this part is assigned by the Administrator, to the Office of Civil Rights Compliance, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Compliance of the Small Business Administration.

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Type of Federal financial assistance	Authority
Business Loans	Small Business Act, section 7(a).
Debtor State Development companies (501) and their small business concerns.	Small Business Investment Act, Title V.
Debtor State Development companies (502) and their small business concerns.	Small Business Investment Act, Title V.
Debtor certified development companies (503) and their small business concerns.	Small Business Investment Act, Title V.

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Authority
Small Business Investment Act, Title III.
Small Business Investment Act, Title IV, Part A.
Small Business Act, section 7(b)(1).
Small Business Act, section 7(b)(2).
Small Business Act, section 7(b)(3).
Small Business Act, section 8(b)(1).
Small Business Act, section 21.
Small Business Act, section 22.
Small Business Act, section 7(j).

¹None of the programs administered have any age distinctions except as statutorily required.

PART 119—PROGRAM FOR INVEST-MENT IN MICROENTREPRENEURS ("PRIME" OR "THE ACT")

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§119.1 What is the Program for Investment in Microen ("PRIME" or "the Act")? Microentrepreneurs

PRIME authorizes SBA to make grants to "qualified organizations" to fund training and technical assistance for disadvantaged entrepreneurs, build these organizations' own capacity to give training and technical assistance, fund research and development of "best practices" in microenterprise development and technical assistance programs for disadvantaged microentrepreneurs, and to fund other undertakings the Administrator or designee deems consistent with these purposes.

§ 119.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

Capacity Building Grant means a grant made under the Act identified under §119.4(b).

Capacity building services means services provided to an organization or program that is currently, or is developing as, a microenterprise development organization or program, for the purpose of enhancing its ability to provide training and technical assistance to disadvantaged microentrepreneurs.

Collaborative means two or more nonprofit entities that agree to act jointly as a qualified organization under this part.

Developer means a person interested in starting or acquiring a microenterprise

Disadvantaged entrepreneur, or disadvantaged microentrepreneur, means the owner, majority owner, or developer, of a microenterprise who is also-

(1) A low-income person;