

guarantee the funds in a pool against loss, except that the guarantee shall not exceed an amount equal to 30 percent of the total funds in the pool.

(3) Amount

The Secretary shall issue guarantees covering not more than \$15,000,000 of contingent liabilities for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2002.

(4) Term

The term of a guarantee provided under this subsection shall not exceed 10 years.

(5) Submission of plan

To be eligible to participate in the demonstration program, an organization referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a plan that describes—

(A) potential sources and uses of the pool to be established by the organization;

(B) the utility of the guarantee authority in attracting capital for the pool; and

(C) on selection, mechanisms for notifying State, local, and private nonprofit business development organizations and businesses of the existence of the pool.

(6) Competition

(A) In general

The Secretary shall conduct a competition for the designation and establishment of pools.

(B) Priority

In conducting the competition, the Secretary shall give priority to organizations that—

(i) have a demonstrated record of performance, or have a board and executive director with experience, in venture capital, small business equity investment, or community development finance;

(ii) propose to serve low-income communities;

(iii) propose to maintain an average investment of not more than \$500,000 from the pool of the organization;

(iv) invest funds statewide or in a multi-county region; and

(v) propose to target job opportunities resulting from the investments primarily to economically disadvantaged individuals, as determined by the Secretary.

(C) Geographic diversity

To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall designate organizations in diverse geographic areas.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381O, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1147.)

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 2270, 3175a, 3175b of this title; title 8 sections 1255a, 1612; title 20 section 2341; title 21 section 862a; title 26 sections 32, 51, 6103, 6109; title 29 sections 49b, 1503, 1645; title 42 sections 405, 503, 608, 608a, 1314a, 1320b-7, 1382, 1383, 1437f, 1758, 1766, 1786, 3012, 3056g, 3058e, 3058k, 5179, 8624, 9858i; title 43 section 1626; title 48 section 1841.

§ 2011. Congressional declaration of policy

It is declared to be the policy of Congress, in order to promote the general welfare, to safe-

guard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising levels of nutrition among low-income households. Congress finds that the limited food purchasing power of low-income households contributes to hunger and malnutrition among members of such households. Congress further finds that increased utilization of food in establishing and maintaining adequate national levels of nutrition will promote the distribution in a beneficial manner of the Nation's agricultural abundance and will strengthen the Nation's agricultural economy, as well as result in more orderly marketing and distribution of foods. To alleviate such hunger and malnutrition, a food stamp program is herein authorized which will permit low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal channels of trade by increasing food purchasing power for all eligible households who apply for participation.

(Pub. L. 88-525, § 2, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 703; Pub. L. 91-671, § 1, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2048; Pub. L. 95-113, title XIII, § 1301, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 958.)

AMENDMENTS

1977—Pub. L. 95-113 substituted "a more nutritious diet" for "a nutritionally adequate diet" as the object of the program.

1971—Pub. L. 91-671 provided for cooperation in utilization of Nation's abundance of food by other agencies, struck out "to the maximum extent practicable" before "to safeguard the health", enunciated finding that limited food purchasing power of low-income households contributes to hunger and malnutrition, and substituted "promote the distribution" for "will tend to cause the distribution" and authorization of a program (to alleviate hunger and malnutrition) which will permit low-income households to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet through normal channels of trade for prior authorization of a program (to effectuate policy of Congress and purposes of this chapter) which will permit such households to receive a greater share of Nation's abundance of food.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Section 1301 of Pub. L. 95-113 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1977.

SHORT TITLE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-225, § 1, Mar. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 106, provided that: "This Act [amending sections 2012, 2014 to 2016, 2018, and 2026 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under section 2012 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as notes under sections 2015 and 2016 of this title] may be cited as the 'Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, § 13901(a), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 672, provided that: "This chapter [chapter 3 (§§ 13901-13971) of title XIII of Pub. L. 103-66, amending sections 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2020 to 2023, 2025, 2026, and 2028 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 2025 of this title] may be cited as the 'Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act'."

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-624, title XVII, § 1701, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3783, provided that: "This title [enacting section 2032 of this title, amending sections 1431, 1431e, 2012, 2014 to 2018, 2020 to 2022, 2024 to 2028, 3175, and 3175e of this title, section 6109 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, and sections 405 and 9904 of Title 42, The Public