

(2) make the report available to State and local participants.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381K, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

**§ 2009k. Rural development interagency working group**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall provide leadership within the Executive branch for, and assume responsibility for, establishing an interagency working group chaired by the Secretary.

**(b) Duties**

The working group shall establish policy for, coordinate, make recommendations with respect to, and evaluate the performance of, all Federal rural development efforts.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381L, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

**§ 2009l. Duties of Rural Economic and Community Development State Offices**

In carrying out this subchapter, the Director of a Rural Economic and Community Development State Office shall—

- (1) to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the State strategic plan referred to in section 2009c of this title is implemented;
- (2) coordinate community development objectives within the State;
- (3) establish links between local, State, and field office program administrators of the Department of Agriculture;
- (4) ensure that recipient communities comply with applicable Federal and State laws and requirements; and
- (5) integrate State development programs with assistance under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §381M, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §761, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1146.)

**§ 2009m. Electronic transfer**

The Secretary shall transfer funds in accordance with this subchapter through electronic transfer as soon as practicable after April 4, 1996.

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

**§ 2009n. Rural venture capital demonstration program**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary may designate for each fiscal year up to 10 community development venture capital organizations to demonstrate the utility of guarantees to attract increased private investment in rural private business enterprises.

**(b) Rural business investment pool**

**(1) Establishment**

To be eligible to participate in the demonstration program, an organization referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall estab-

lish a rural business private investment pool (referred to in this subsection as a “pool”) for the purpose of making equity investments in rural private business enterprises.

**(2) Guarantee**

From amounts in the national reserve account of the Trust Fund, the Secretary shall 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.)

**CHAPTER 51—FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

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2012.	Definitions.		(j) State option to issue benefits to certain individuals made ineligible by welfare reform.
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2014.	Eligible households.		(d) Reduction of public assistance benefits.
	(a) Income and other financial resources as substantial limiting factors in obtaining more nutritious diet; recipients under Social Security Act.		(e) Allotments for households residing in centers.
	(b) Eligibility standards.	2018.	Approval of retail food stores and wholesale food concerns.
	(c) Gross income standard.		(a) Applications; qualifications; certificate of approval; periodic reauthorization.
	(d) Income excluded in computing household income.		(b) Effective and efficient operation of program; effect of disqualification; posting of bond.
	(e) Deductions from income.		(c) Information submitted by applicants; safeguards; disclosure to and use by State agencies.
	(f) Calculation of household income; prospective or retrospective accounting basis; consistency.		(d) Hearing upon failure of applicant to receive approval; waiting period for new application.
	(g) Allowable financial resources which eligible household may own.		(e) Reporting of abuses by public.
	(h) Temporary emergency standards of eligibility; Food Stamp Disaster Task Force; direct assistance to State and local officials.		(f) Limitation on participation of household-to-house trade routes.
	(i) Attribution of income and resources to sponsored aliens; coverage, computations, etc.	2019.	Redemption of coupons.
	(j) Resource exemption for otherwise exempt households.	2020.	Administration.
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2015.	Eligibility disqualifications.		(d) Plan of operation by State agency; approval by Secretary; Indians.
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	(h) Transfer of assets to qualify.		(l) Special financial audit review of high participation States.
	(i) Comparable treatment for disqualification.		(m) Alaskan fee agents; use and services.
	(j) Disqualification for receipt of multiple food stamp benefits.		(n) Verification by State agencies.
	(k) Disqualification of fleeing felons.		(o) Data processing systems; model plan; comprehensive automation and computerization; State plans; evaluation and report to Congress; corrective measures by State; time for implementation.
	(l) Custodial parent's cooperation with child support agencies.		(p) State verification option.
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	(n) Disqualification for child support arrears.		(a) Disqualification or civil penalty.
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2016.	Issuance and use of coupons.		(c) Review.
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