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PROTECTION**

§§ 2651 to 2654. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(6), formerly § 13(a)(6), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374; renumbered § 16(a)(6), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525

Section 2651, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 401, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, § 816(a), as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240, related to purpose and findings for provisions relating to rural community fire protection assistance.

Section 2652, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 402, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, § 1504, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to terms and conditions, funding requirements, etc., for cooperative agreements with State officials.

Section 2653, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 403, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671, related to reporting requirements for Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 2654, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 404, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, § 816(b), as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240; amended Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, § 1505, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to authorization of appropriations for assistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 17 of Pub. L. 95-313, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2101 of Title 16, Conservation.

§ 2655. Rural firefighters and emergency personnel grant program

(a) In general

The Secretary of Agriculture may make grants to units of general local government and Indian tribes (as defined in section 450b of title 25) to pay the cost of training firefighters and emergency medical personnel in firefighting, emergency medical practices, and responding to hazardous materials and bioagents in rural areas.

(b) Use of funds

(1) Scholarships

(A) In general

Not less than 60 percent of the amounts made available for competitively-awarded

grants under this section shall be used to provide grants to fund partial scholarships for training of individuals at training centers approved by the Secretary.

(B) Priority

In awarding grants under this paragraph, the Secretary shall give priority to grant applicants that provide for training within the region (or locality) of the applicant.

(2) Grants for training centers

(A) In general

A grant under subsection (a) of this section may be used to provide financial assistance to State and regional centers that provide training for firefighters and emergency medical personnel for improvements to the training facility, equipment, curricula, and personnel.

(B) Limitation

Not more than \$750,000 shall be provided to any single training center for any fiscal year under this paragraph.

(c) Funding

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall make available to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2006, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, § 6405, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 430; Pub. L. 109-171, title I, § 1405(a), Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 7.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-171 substituted “2006” for “2007”.

**SUBCHAPTER II—RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AND SMALL FARM RESEARCH AND EDU-
CATION**

§ 2661. Statement of purposes and goals

(a) The overall purpose of this subchapter is to foster a balanced national development that provides opportunities for increased numbers of the people of the United States to work and enjoy a high quality of life dispersed throughout our Nation by providing the essential knowledge necessary for successful programs of rural development. It is further the purpose of this subchapter to—

(1) provide multistate regional agencies, States, counties, cities, multicounty planning and development districts, businesses, industries, Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations or other federally recognized Indian tribal groups and others involved with public services and investments in rural areas or that provide or may provide employment in these areas the best available scientific, technical, economic, organizational, environmental, and management information and knowledge useful to them, and to assist and encourage them in the interpretation and application of this information to practical problems and needs in rural development;

(2) provide research and investigations in all fields that have as their purpose the development of useful knowledge and information to