

§ 426.6**§ 426.6 What activities does the Secretary fund under the Community-Based Organization Projects?**

(a) The Secretary supports projects that assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers.

(b) The Secretary may require partnerships described in § 426.2(b)(1) to provide in-kind contributions from participating schools, institutions, and businesses and to involve health professionals serving as instructors and counselors.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(5))

§ 426.7 What activities does the Secretary fund under the Agriculture Action Centers?

The Secretary supports model Agriculture Action Centers that provide improved access to vocational education programs and that—

(a) Assist individuals—

(1) Who are adversely affected by farm and rural economic downturns;

(2) Who are dislocated from farming; and

(3) Who are dislocated from agriculturally related businesses and industries that are adversely affected by farm and rural economic downturns;

(b) Provide services, including—

(1) Crisis management counseling and outreach counseling that would include members of the family of the affected individual;

(2) Evaluation of vocational skills and counseling on enhancement of these skills;

(3) Assistance in obtaining training in basic, remedial, and literacy skills;

(4) Assistance in seeking employment and training in employment-seeking skills; and

(5) Assistance in obtaining training related to operating a business or enterprise;

(c) Provide for formal and on-the-job training to the extent practicable; and

(d) Are coordinated with activities and discretionary programs under title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1651 *et seq.*).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(6))

§ 426.8 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Cooperative Demonstration Program:

(a) The regulations in this part 426.

(b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 400.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

§ 426.9 What definitions apply?

The definitions in 34 CFR 400.4 apply to this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

Subpart B [Reserved]**Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?****§ 426.20 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?**

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.

(b) The Secretary may award up to 100 points, including a reserved 15 points to be distributed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, based on the criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the maximum possible score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses after the heading for each criterion.

(d) For each competition, as announced in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved 15 points among the criteria in § 426.21, § 426.22, § 426.23, or § 426.24.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a)

§ 426.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for the Demonstration Projects?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for a demonstration project:

(a) *Program factors.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews the application to assess the quality of the proposed project, including the extent to which the project will provide—

(1) Vocational education to meet current and projected occupational needs; and