

SMALL BUSINESS ACTS

PUBLIC LAW 106-24—APR. 27, 1999

Public Law 106-24
106th Congress

An Act

To authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration.

Apr. 27, 1999

[S. 388]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.

Loans.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7(b)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” at the end; and
- (2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) during fiscal years 2000 through 2004, to establish a predisaster mitigation program to make such loans (either directly or in cooperation with banks or other lending institutions through agreements to participate on an immediate or deferred (guaranteed) basis), as the Administrator may determine to be necessary or appropriate, to enable small businesses to use mitigation techniques in support of a formal mitigation program established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, except that no loan or guarantee may be extended to a small business under this subparagraph unless the Administration finds that the small business is otherwise unable to obtain credit for the purposes described in this subparagraph;”.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) **DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.**—The following program levels are authorized for loans under section 7(b)(1)(C):

- “(1) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.
- “(2) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.
- “(3) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.
- “(4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.
- “(5) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.”.

(c) **EVALUATION.**—On January 31, 2003, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall submit to the Committees on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program authorized by section 7(b)(1)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(C)), as added by subsection (a) of this section, which report shall include—

Reports.
15 USC 636 note.

- (1) information relating to—
 - (A) the areas served under the pilot program;
 - (B) the number and dollar value of loans made under the pilot program; and
 - (C) the estimated savings to the Federal Government resulting from the pilot program; and
- (2) such other information as the Administrator determines to be appropriate for evaluating the pilot program.

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