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Sec. 241. Authority

The Secretary shall, insofar as is feasible through contract with eligible organizations, develop the capacity of participating jurisdictions, State and local housing finance agencies, nonprofit organizations and for-profit corporations, working in partnership, to identify and meet needs for an increased supply of decent, affordable housing.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, Sec. 241, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4117.)

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in section 12782 of this title.

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Sec. 242. Priorities for capacity development

To carry out section 12781 of this title, the Secretary shall provide assistance under this part to--

1. facilitate the exchange of information that would help participating jurisdictions carry out the purposes of this subchapter, including information on program design, housing finance, land use controls, and building construction techniques;

2. improve the ability of States and units of general local government to design and implement comprehensive housing affordability strategies, particularly those States and units of general local government that are relatively inexperienced in the development of affordable housing;
3. encourage private lenders and for-profit developers of low-income housing to participate in public-private partnerships to achieve the purposes of this subchapter;
4. improve the ability of States and units of general local government, community housing development organizations, private lenders, and for-profit developers of low-income housing to incorporate energy efficiency into the planning, design, financing, construction, and operation of affordable housing;
5. facilitate the establishment and efficient operation of employer-assisted housing programs through research, technical assistance and demonstration projects; and
6. facilitate the establishment and efficient operation of land bank programs, under which title to vacant and abandoned parcels of real estate located in or causing blighted neighborhoods is cleared for use consistent with the purposes of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, Sec. 242, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4118; Pub. L. 102-550, title II, Sec. 214(a), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3759.)

Amendments

1992--Par. (6). Pub. L. 102-550 added par. (6).

Effective Date of 1992 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-550 applicable to unexpended funds allocated under subchapter II of this chapter in fiscal year 1992, except as otherwise specifically provided, see section 223 of Pub. L. 102-550, set out as a note under section 12704 of this title.

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Sec. 243. Conditions of contracts

a. Eligible organizations

The Secretary shall carry out this part insofar as is practicable through contract with--

1. a participating jurisdiction or agency thereof;
2. a public purpose organization established pursuant to State or local legislation and responsible to the chief elected official of a participating jurisdiction;
3. an agency or authority established by two or more participating jurisdictions to carry out activities consistent with the purposes of this subchapter;
4. a national or regional nonprofit organization that has a membership comprised predominantly of entities or officials of entities that qualify under paragraph (1), (2), or (3); or
5. a professional and technical services company or firm that has demonstrated capacity to provide services under this part.

b. Contract terms

Contracts under this part shall be for not more than 3 years and shall provide not more than 20 percent of the operating budget of the contracting organization in any one year. Within any fiscal year, contracts with any one organization may not be entered into for a total of more than 20 percent of the funds appropriated under this part in that fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, Sec. 243, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4118.)

Section Referred to in Other Sections

This section is referred to in section 12784 of this title.

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Sec. 244. Research in housing affordability

The Secretary is authorized to support, through contracts with eligible organizations and otherwise, such research and to publish such reports as will assist in the achievement of the purposes of this subchapter. Activities authorized by the previous sentence may include an ongoing analysis of the impact of public policies at the

Federal, State, and local levels, both individually and in the aggregate, on the incentives to expand and maintain the supply of energy-efficient affordable housing in the United States, particularly in areas with severe problems of housing affordability, through the use of cost-saving innovative building technology and construction techniques. For purposes of this section, agencies of the United States, government-sponsored mortgage finance corporations, and qualified research organizations shall be included as eligible organizations in addition to eligible organizations specified under section 12783 of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, Sec. 244, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4118; Pub. L. 102-550, title II, Sec. 215, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3759.)

Amendments

1992--Pub. L. 102-550 inserted before period at end of second sentence ", through the use of cost-saving innovative building technology and construction techniques".

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Sec. 245. REACH: asset recycling information dissemination

- a. In general
The Secretary shall make available upon request by any participating jurisdiction a list of eligible properties that are located within the jurisdiction and that are owned or controlled by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to facilitate the purchase, development, or rehabilitation of such properties with assistance made available under this subchapter.
- b. Eligible properties
An eligible property under this section shall--

1. be an unoccupied single-family or multifamily dwelling, such that acquisition and rehabilitation of the dwelling would not result in the displacement of any residents of the dwelling; and
2. have an appraised value that does not exceed (A) in the case of a 1- to 4-family dwelling, 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area for such dwellings, as determined by the Secretary, or (B) in the case of a dwelling with more than 4 units, the applicable maximum dollar amount limitation under section 17151(d)(3)(ii) of title 12 for elevator-type structures.

(Pub. L. 101-625, title II, Sec. 245, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4119.)