

including by making awards to State, local, and territorial public health departments.

“(b) USE OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.—Amounts made available to an awardee pursuant to subsection (a) shall be used for the following:

“(1) Costs, including wages and benefits, related to the recruiting, hiring, and training of individuals—

“(A) to serve as case investigators, contact tracers, social support specialists, community health workers, public health nurses, disease intervention specialists, epidemiologists, program managers, laboratory personnel, informaticians, communication and policy experts, and any other positions as may be required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

“(B) who are employed by—

“(i) the State, territorial, or local public health department involved; or

“(ii) a nonprofit private or public organization with demonstrated expertise in implementing public health programs and established relationships with such State, territorial, or local public health departments, particularly in medically underserved areas.

“(2) Personal protective equipment, data management and other technology, or other necessary supplies.

“(3) Administrative costs and activities necessary for awardees to implement activities funded under this section.

“(4) Subawards from recipients of awards under subsection (a) to local health departments for the purposes of the activities funded under this section.”

### § 295a. Public health training centers

#### (a) In general

The Secretary may make grants or contracts for the operation of public health training centers.

#### (b) Eligible entities

##### (1) In general

A public health training center shall be an accredited school of public health, or another public or nonprofit private institution accredited for the provision of graduate or specialized training in public health, that plans, develops, operates, and evaluates projects to improve preventive medicine, health promotion and disease prevention, or access to and quality of health care services in rural or medically underserved communities.

##### (2) Preference

In awarding grants or contracts under this section the Secretary shall give preference to accredited schools of public health.

#### (c) Certain requirements

With respect to a public health training center, an award may not be made under subsection (a) unless the program agrees that it—

(1) will establish or strengthen field placements for students in public or nonprofit private health agencies or organizations;

(2) will involve faculty members and students in collaborative projects to enhance public health services to medically underserved communities;

(3) will specifically designate a geographic area or medically underserved population to be served by the center that shall be in a location removed from the main location of the teaching facility of the school that is participating in the program with such center; and

(4) will assess the health personnel needs of the area to be served by the center and assist in the planning and development of training programs to meet such needs.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §766, as added Pub. L. 105-392, title I, §105, Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3554; amended Pub. L. 116-136, div. A, title III, §3401(11), Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 387.)

### Editorial Notes

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 295a, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §782, as added Pub. L. 102-408, title I, §102, Oct. 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 2057, authorized grants and contracts for chiropractic demonstration projects, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-392, title I, §106(a)(1), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3557.

Another prior section 295a, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §762, as added Dec. 25, 1970, Pub. L. 91-696, §101, 84 Stat. 2080-2, authorized appropriations for former part D of this subchapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-129, title II, §220(c), Oct. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 544.

Another prior section 295a, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §762, as added Oct. 31, 1963, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, §101, 77 Stat. 282, related to applications for grants for construction of mental retardation facilities, including their approval by Surgeon General and consideration of certain matters, prior to the general amendment of former part D of this subchapter by section 101 of Pub. L. 91-696.

A prior section 766 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 294d of this title prior to the general amendment of part D of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-392.

Another prior section 766 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 295d-1 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-129.

Another prior section 766 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 295d-1 of this title prior to the general amendment of part D of this subchapter by Pub. L. 91-696.

#### AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 116-136 substituted “that plans, develops, operates, and evaluates projects to improve preventive medicine, health promotion and disease prevention, or access to and quality of health care services in rural or medically underserved communities.” for “that plans, develops, operates, and evaluates projects that are in furtherance of the goals established by the Secretary for the year 2000 in the areas of preventive medicine, health promotion and disease prevention, or improving access to and quality of health services in medically underserved communities.”

### § 295b. Public health traineeships

#### (a) In general

The Secretary may make grants to accredited schools of public health, and to other public or nonprofit private institutions accredited for the provision of graduate or specialized training in public health, for the purpose of assisting such schools and institutions in providing traineeships to individuals described in subsection (b)(3).

#### (b) Certain requirements

##### (1) Amount

The amount of any grant under this section shall be determined by the Secretary.

##### (2) Use of grant

Traineeships awarded under grants made under subsection (a) shall provide for tuition and fees and such stipends and allowances (in-