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## 1           **TITLE I—AGRICULTURE** 2           **Subtitle A—General Provisions**

### 3   **SEC. 10001. DEFINITIONS.**

4           In this title:

5                 (1) The term “insular area” has the meaning  
6           given such term in section 1404 of the National Ag-  
7           ricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy  
8           Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

9                 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
10          of Agriculture.

## 11           **Subtitle B—Forestry**

### 12   **SEC. 11001. NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM RESTORATION AND** 13           **FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS.**

14           (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-  
15          wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for  
16          fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not  
17          otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-  
18          tember 30, 2031—

1           (1) \$10,000,000,000 for hazardous fuels reduc-  
2           tion projects within the wildland-urban interface;

3           (2) \$4,000,000,000 for, on a determination  
4           made solely by the Secretary that hazardous fuels  
5           reduction projects within the wildland-urban inter-  
6           face described in paragraph (1) have been planned  
7           to protect, to the extent practicable, at-risk commu-  
8           nities, hazardous fuels reduction projects outside the  
9           wildland-urban interface that are—

10                   (A) primarily noncommercial in nature,  
11                   provided that, in accordance with the best avail-  
12                   able science, the harvest of merchantable mate-  
13                   rials shall be ecologically appropriate for res-  
14                   toration and to enhance ecological health and  
15                   function, and any sale of merchantable mate-  
16                   rials under this paragraph shall be limited to  
17                   small diameter trees or biomass that are a by-  
18                   product of hazardous fuel reduction projects;

19                   (B) collaboratively developed; and

20                   (C) carried out in a manner that enhances  
21                   the ecological integrity and achieves the restora-  
22                   tion of a forest ecosystem; maximizes the reten-  
23                   tion of old-growth and large trees, as appro-  
24                   priate for the forest type; and prioritizes pre-

1           scribed fire as the primary means to achieve  
2           modified wildland fire behavior;

3           (3) \$1,000,000,000 for vegetation management  
4           projects carried out solely on National Forest Sys-  
5           tem land that the Secretary shall select following the  
6           receipt of proposals submitted in accordance with  
7           subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 4003 of the  
8           Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16  
9           U.S.C. 7303);

10          (4) \$500,000,000 for vegetation management  
11          projects carried out in accordance with a water  
12          source management plan or a watershed protection  
13          and restoration action plan;

14          (5) \$500,000,000 for vegetation management  
15          projects that—

16                (A) maintain, or contribute toward the res-  
17                toration of, reference old growth characteristics,  
18                including structure, composition, function, and  
19                connectivity,

20                (B) prioritize small diameter trees and pre-  
21                scribed fire to modify fire behavior; and

22                (C) maximize the retention of large trees,  
23                as appropriate for the forest type;

24          (6) \$450,000,000 for the Legacy Roads and  
25          Trails program of the Forest Service;

1           (7) \$350,000,000 for National Forest System  
2 land management planning and monitoring,  
3 prioritized on the assessment of watershed, ecologi-  
4 cal, and carbon conditions on National Forest Sys-  
5 tem land and the revision and amendment of older  
6 land management plans that present opportunities  
7 to protect, maintain, restore, and monitor ecological  
8 integrity, ecological conditions for at-risk species,  
9 and carbon storage;

10           (8) \$100,000,000 for maintenance of trails on  
11 National Forest System land, with a priority on  
12 trails that provide to underserved communities ac-  
13 cess to National Forest System land;

14           (9) \$100,000,000 for capital maintenance and  
15 improvements on National Forest System land, with  
16 a priority on maintenance level 3, 4, and 5 roads  
17 and improvements that restore ecological integrity  
18 and conditions for at-risk species;

19           (10) \$100,000,000 to provide for more efficient  
20 and more effective environmental reviews by the  
21 Chief of the Forest Service in satisfying the obliga-  
22 tions of the Chief of the Forest Service under the  
23 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42  
24 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

1           (11) \$50,000,000 to develop and carry out ac-  
2           tivities and tactics for the protection of older and  
3           mature forests on National Forest System land, in-  
4           cluding completing an inventory of older and mature  
5           forests within the National Forest System;

6           (12) \$50,000,000 to develop and carry out ac-  
7           tivities and tactics for the maintenance and restora-  
8           tion of habitat conditions necessary for the protec-  
9           tion and recovery of at-risk species on National For-  
10          est System land;

11          (13) \$50,000,000 to carry out post-fire recovery  
12          plans that emphasize the use of locally adapted na-  
13          tive plant materials to restore the ecological integrity  
14          of disturbed areas and do not include salvage log-  
15          ging; and

16          (14) \$50,000,000 to develop and carry out non-  
17          lethal activities and tactics to reduce human-wildlife  
18          conflicts on National Forest System land.

19          (b) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.—For projects described  
20          in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a), the Sec-  
21          retary shall prioritize for implementation projects—

22                 (1) for which an environmental assessment or  
23                 an environmental impact statement required under  
24                 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42  
25                 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) has been completed;

1 (2) that are collaboratively developed; or

2 (3) that include opportunities to restore sus-  
3 tainable recreation infrastructure or access or ac-  
4 complish other recreation outcomes on National For-  
5 est System lands, if the opportunities are compatible  
6 with the primary restoration purposes of the project.

7 (c) LIMITATIONS.—None of the funds made available  
8 by this section may be used for any activity—

9 (1) conducted in a wilderness area or wilderness  
10 study area;

11 (2) that includes the construction of a perma-  
12 nent road or permanent trail;

13 (3) that includes the construction of a tem-  
14 porary road, except in the case of a temporary road  
15 that is decommissioned by the Secretary not later  
16 than 3 years after the earlier of—

17 (A) the date on which the temporary road  
18 is no longer needed; and

19 (B) the date on which the project for  
20 which the temporary road was constructed is  
21 completed;

22 (4) inconsistent with the applicable land man-  
23 agement plan;

24 (5) inconsistent with the prohibitions of the rule  
25 of the Forest Service entitled “Special Areas;

1 Roadless Area Conservation” (66 Fed. Reg. 3244  
2 (January 12, 2001)), as modified by subparts C and  
3 D of part 294 of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-  
4 tions; or

5 (6) carried out on any land that is not National  
6 Forest System land, including other forested land on  
7 Federal, State, Tribal, or private land.

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) AT-RISK COMMUNITY.—The term “at-risk  
10 community” has the meaning given the term in sec-  
11 tion 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of  
12 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

13 (2) COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOPED.—The term  
14 “collaboratively developed” means, with respect to a  
15 project located exclusively on National Forest Sys-  
16 tem land, that the project is developed and imple-  
17 mented through a collaborative process that—

18 (A) includes multiple interested persons  
19 representing diverse interests; and

20 (B)(i) is transparent and nonexclusive; or

21 (ii) meets the requirements for a resource  
22 advisory committee under subsections (c)  
23 through (f) of section 205 of the Secure Rural  
24 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
25 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125).

1           (3) DECOMMISSION.—The term “decommis-  
2           sion” means, with respect to a road—

3                   (A) reestablishing native vegetation on the  
4           road;

5                   (B) restoring any natural drainage, water-  
6           shed function, or other ecological processes that  
7           were disrupted or adversely impacted by the  
8           road by removing or hydrologically dis-  
9           connecting the road prism and reestablishing  
10          stable slope contours; and

11                  (C) effectively blocking the road to vehic-  
12          ular traffic, where feasible.

13           (4) ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY.—The term “eco-  
14          logical integrity” has the meaning given the term in  
15          section 219.19 of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-  
16          tions (as in effect on the date of enactment of this  
17          Act).

18           (5) HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION  
19          PROJECT.—The term “hazardous fuels reduction  
20          project” means an activity, including the use of pre-  
21          scribed fire, to protect structures and communities  
22          from wildfire that is carried out on National Forest  
23          System land.

24           (6) RESTORATION.—The term “restoration”  
25          has the meaning given the term in section 219.19 of



1 title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on  
2 the date of enactment of this Act).

3 (7) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT.—The  
4 term “vegetation management project” means an ac-  
5 tivity carried out on National Forest System land to  
6 enhance the ecological integrity and achieve the res-  
7 toration of a forest ecosystem through the removal  
8 of vegetation, the use of prescribed fire, the restora-  
9 tion of aquatic habitat, or the decommissioning of an  
10 unauthorized, temporary, or system road.

11 (8) WATER SOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The  
12 term “water source management plan” means a plan  
13 developed under section 303(d)(1) of the Healthy  
14 Forests Restoration Act of (16 U.S.C. 6542(d)(1)).

15 (9) WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORA-  
16 TION ACTION PLAN.—The term “watershed protec-  
17 tion and restoration action plan” means a plan de-  
18 veloped under section 304(a)(3) of the Healthy For-  
19 ests Restoration Act of (16 U.S.C. 6543(a)(3)).

20 (10) WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.—The term  
21 “wildland-urban interface” has the meaning given  
22 the term in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Res-  
23 toration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).

24 (e) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section shall be  
25 interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit

1 Corporation for activities under this section if such funds  
2 are not expressly authorized or currently expended for  
3 such purposes.

4 (f) **COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.**— Any partner-  
5 ship agreements, including cooperative agreements and  
6 mutual interest agreements, using funds made available  
7 under this section shall be subject to a non-Federal cost-  
8 share requirement of not less than 20 percent of the  
9 project cost, which may be waived at the discretion of the  
10 Secretary.

11 **SEC. 11002. CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS ON NATIONAL FOR-**  
12 **EST SYSTEM LAND.**

13 (a) **APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addition to amounts other-  
14 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for  
15 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not  
16 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-  
17 tember 30, 2031, \$2,250,000,000 to be used for staffing  
18 and salaries to support the development of a Civilian Cli-  
19 mate Corps for the purposes of managing National Forest  
20 System land, subject to the conditions that the amounts  
21 made available under this section shall be in addition to  
22 any amounts required for salaries and expenses needed to  
23 carry out projects under section 11001 and members of  
24 the Civilian Climate Corps shall be compensated at not  
25 less than 200 percent of the annual Federal poverty line.

1 (b) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section shall be  
2 interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit  
3 Corporation for activities under this section if such funds  
4 are not expressly authorized or currently expended for  
5 such purposes.

6 **SEC. 11003. NON-FEDERAL LAND FOREST RESTORATION**  
7 **AND FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS AND RE-**  
8 **SEARCH.**

9 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-  
10 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for  
11 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not  
12 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-  
13 tember 30, 2031—

14 (1) \$8,600,000,000 to award grants to a Trib-  
15 al, State, or local government or the government of  
16 the District of Columbia, a regional organization, a  
17 special district, or a nonprofit organization to sup-  
18 port, on non-Federal land, forest restoration and re-  
19 siliience projects, including projects to reduce the  
20 risk of wildfires and establish defensible space  
21 around structures within at-risk communities (as de-  
22 fined in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restora-  
23 tion Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));

24 (2) \$1,000,000,000 to award grants to a Trib-  
25 al, State, or local government or the government of

1 the District of Columbia, a regional organization, a  
2 special district, or a nonprofit organization to imple-  
3 ment community wildfire protection plans (as de-  
4 fined in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restora-  
5 tion Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511)), purchase fire-  
6 fighting equipment, provide firefighter training, and  
7 increase the capacity for planning, coordinating, and  
8 monitoring projects on non-Federal land to protect  
9 at-risk communities (as defined in section 101 of the  
10 Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.  
11 6511));

12 (3) \$250,000,000 to award grants to a Tribal,  
13 State, or local government or the government of the  
14 District of Columbia, a regional organization, a spe-  
15 cial district, or a nonprofit organization for projects  
16 on non-Federal land to aid in the recovery and reha-  
17 bilitation of burned forested areas, including refore-  
18 station;

19 (4) \$250,000,000 to award grants to a Tribal,  
20 State, or local government or the government of the  
21 District of Columbia, a regional organization, a spe-  
22 cial district, or a nonprofit organization for projects  
23 on non-Federal land to expand equitable outdoor ac-  
24 cess and promote tourism on non-Federal forested  
25 land for members of underserved groups;

1           (5) \$250,000,000 for the State Fire Assistance  
2           and Volunteer Fire Assistance programs established  
3           under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of  
4           1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.), to be distributed at  
5           the discretion of the Secretary;

6           (6) \$250,000,000 for the implementation of  
7           State-wide forest resource strategies under section  
8           2A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of  
9           1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101a);

10          (7) \$250,000,000 for the competitive grant pro-  
11          gram under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry  
12          Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for pro-  
13          viding through that program a cost share to carry  
14          out climate mitigation or forest resilience practices  
15          in the case of underserved forest landowners, subject  
16          to the condition that subsection (h) of that section  
17          shall not apply;

18          (8) \$250,000,000 for the competitive grant pro-  
19          gram under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry  
20          Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for pro-  
21          viding through that program grants to support the  
22          participation of underserved forest landowners in  
23          emerging private markets for climate mitigation or  
24          forest resilience, subject to the condition that sub-  
25          section (h) of that section shall not apply;

1           (9) \$250,000,000 for the competitive grant pro-  
2           gram under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry  
3           Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for pro-  
4           viding through that program grants to support the  
5           participation of forest landowners who own less than  
6           2,500 acres of forest land in emerging private mar-  
7           kets for climate mitigation or forest resilience, sub-  
8           ject to the condition that subsection (h) of that sec-  
9           tion shall not apply;

10           (10) \$500,000,000 for the competitive grant  
11           program under section 13A of the Cooperative For-  
12           estry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) to  
13           provide grants to states and other eligible entities to  
14           provide payments to owners of private forest land  
15           for implementation of forestry practices on private  
16           forest land, that are determined by the Secretary,  
17           based on the best available science, to provide meas-  
18           urable increases in carbon sequestration and storage  
19           beyond customary practices on comparable land,  
20           subject to the conditions that—

21           (A) those payments shall not preclude  
22           landowners from participation in other public  
23           and private sector financial incentive programs;  
24           and

1 (B) subsection (h) of that section shall not  
2 apply;

3 (11) \$50,000,000 to carry out the healthy for-  
4 ests reserve program established under section 501  
5 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16  
6 U.S.C. 6571);

7 (12) \$50,000,000 for the forest inventory and  
8 analysis program established under section 3(e) of  
9 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Re-  
10 search Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) for collabo-  
11 rative partnerships with the National Association of  
12 University Forest Resources Programs;

13 (13) \$50,000,000 for the forest inventory and  
14 analysis program established under section 3(e) of  
15 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Re-  
16 search Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) for activi-  
17 ties and tactics to accelerate and expand existing re-  
18 search efforts to improve forest carbon monitoring  
19 technologies to better predict changes in forest car-  
20 bon due to climate change;

21 (14) \$100,000,000 for the forest inventory and  
22 analysis program established under section 3(e) of  
23 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Re-  
24 search Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to carry out  
25 recommendations from a panel of relevant experts

1 convened by the Secretary that has reviewed and,  
2 based on the review, issued recommendations regard-  
3 ing the current priorities and future needs of the  
4 forest inventory and analysis program with respect  
5 to climate change, forest health, sustainable wood  
6 products, and increasing carbon storage in forests;

7 (15) \$50,000,000 for the forest inventory and  
8 analysis program established under section 3(e) of  
9 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Re-  
10 search Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to provide  
11 enhancements to the technology managed and used  
12 by the forest inventory and analysis program, includ-  
13 ing cloud computing and remote sensing for pur-  
14 poses such as small area estimation;

15 (16) \$1,000,000,000 to provide grants under  
16 the wood innovation grant program under section  
17 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018  
18 (7 U.S.C. 7655d), including for the construction of  
19 new facilities that advance the purposes of the pro-  
20 gram, subject to the conditions that the amount of  
21 such a grant shall be not more than \$5,000,000;  
22 notwithstanding subsection (d) of that section, a re-  
23 cipient of such a grant shall provide funds equal to  
24 not less than 50 percent of the amount received  
25 under the grant, to be derived from non-Federal



1 sources; and a priority shall be placed on projects  
2 that create a financial model for addressing forest  
3 restoration needs on public or private forest land;

4 (17) \$50,000,000 for the research mission area  
5 of the Forest Service to accelerate and expand exist-  
6 ing research efforts relating to strategies to increase  
7 carbon stocks on National Forest System land;

8 (18) \$50,000,000 for the research mission area  
9 of the Forest Service to accelerate and expand exist-  
10 ing research efforts relating to the impacts of cli-  
11 mate change and weather variability on national for-  
12 est ecosystems;

13 (19) \$50,000,000 for the research mission area  
14 of the Forest Service to accelerate and expand exist-  
15 ing research efforts relating to strategies to ensure  
16 that national forest ecosystems, including forests,  
17 plants, aquatic ecosystems, and wildlife, are able to  
18 adapt to climate change and weather variability;

19 (20) \$50,000,000 for the research mission area  
20 of the Forest Service to assess the quantity of car-  
21 bon sequestration and storage accomplished by dif-  
22 ferent forest practices when applied in diverse eco-  
23 logical and geographic settings;

1           (21) \$50,000,000 for the research mission area  
2 of the Forest Service to carry out greenhouse gas  
3 life cycle analyses of domestic wood products;

4           (22) \$50,000,000 for the Forest Health Moni-  
5 toring Program of the Forest Service for activities  
6 and tactics to reduce the spread of invasive species  
7 on non-Federal forested land; and

8           (23) \$2,250,000,000 to be used for staffing and  
9 salaries to support the development of a Civilian Cli-  
10 mate Corps for carrying out projects on non-Federal  
11 land through the Forest Service State and private  
12 forestry mission area and other Department of Agri-  
13 culture programs, including rural and urban con-  
14 servation and tree planting projects, subject to the  
15 conditions that—

16           (A) the amounts made available under this  
17 paragraph shall be in addition to any amounts  
18 required for salaries and expenses needed to  
19 carry out projects under this subsection; and

20           (B) members of the Civilian Climate Corps  
21 shall be compensated at not less than 200 per-  
22 cent of the annual Federal poverty line.

23           (b) FUNDING FOR RESTORATION ON NON-FEDERAL  
24 AREAS BY STATES.—The Secretary may use amounts  
25 made available by this section to carry out eligible projects

1 as determined by the Secretary, authorized in subsection  
2 (a) on non-Federal land upon the request of the Governor  
3 of that State.

4 (c) **COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.**—Any partnership  
5 agreements, including cooperative agreements and mutual  
6 interest agreements, using funds made available under  
7 this section shall be subject to a non-Federal cost-share  
8 requirement of not less than 20 percent of the project cost,  
9 which may be waived at the discretion of the Secretary.

10 (d) **LIMITATIONS.**—Nothing in this section shall be  
11 interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit  
12 Corporation for activities under this section if such funds  
13 are not expressly authorized or currently expended for  
14 such purposes.

15 **SEC. 11004. STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY CONSERVA-**  
16 **TION PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) **APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addition to amounts other-  
18 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for  
19 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not  
20 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-  
21 tember 30, 2031—

22 (1) \$1,250,000,000 to provide competitive  
23 grants to States through the Forest Legacy Pro-  
24 gram established under section 7 of the Cooperative  
25 Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103c)

1 to acquire land and interests in land, with priority  
2 given to grant applications that offer significant nat-  
3 ural carbon sequestration benefits, contribute to the  
4 resilience of community infrastructure, local econo-  
5 mies, or natural systems, or provide benefits to un-  
6 derserved populations;

7 (2) \$3,000,000,000 to provide multi-year, pro-  
8 grammatic, competitive grants to a State agency, a  
9 local governmental entity, and agency or govern-  
10 mental entity of the District of Columbia, an Indian  
11 Tribe, or a nonprofit organization through the  
12 Urban and Community Forestry Assistance program  
13 established under section 9(c) of the Cooperative  
14 Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.  
15 2105(c)) for tree planting and related activities to  
16 increase community tree canopy and associated soci-  
17 etal and climate co-benefits, with a priority for  
18 projects that benefit underserved populations; and

19 (3) \$100,000,000 for the acquisition of urban  
20 and community forests through the Community For-  
21 est and Open Space Program of the Forest Service.

22 (b) WAIVER.—Any non-Federal cost-share require-  
23 ment otherwise applicable to projects carried out under  
24 this section may be waived at the discretion of the Sec-  
25 retary.

1 **SEC. 11005. LIMITATION.**

2 The funds made available under this subtitle are sub-  
3 ject to the condition that the Secretary shall not—

4 (1) enter into any agreement—

5 (A) that is for a term extending beyond  
6 September 30, 2031; and

7 (B) under which any payment could be  
8 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,  
9 2031; and

10 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-  
11 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this  
12 subtitle.

13 **SEC. 11006. APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is  
15 appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of  
16 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
17 \$200,000,000 to remain available until September 30,  
18 2031, for administrative costs of the agencies and offices  
19 of the Department of Agriculture for costs related to im-  
20 plementing this subtitle.

1 **Subtitle C—Rural Development,**  
2 **Energy, and Agricultural Credit**  
3 **and Outreach**

4 **PART 1—RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY**

5 **SEC. 12001. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE USDA BUSI-**  
6 **NESS AND INDUSTRY LOAN PROGRAM.**

7 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is  
8 appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of  
9 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
10 and notwithstanding sections 381E through 381H and  
11 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development  
12 Act (7 U.S.C. 2009d through 2009g and 2009m),  
13 \$40,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
14 2031, for the cost of direct loans and loan guarantees for  
15 the rural business development programs authorized under  
16 section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-  
17 opment Act and described in subsections (a) and (g) of  
18 section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-  
19 opment Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(a) and (g)).

20 **SEC. 12002. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR USDA RURAL**  
21 **WATER PROGRAMS.**

22 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is  
23 appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of  
24 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
25 and notwithstanding sections 381E through 381H and

1 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development  
2 Act (7 U.S.C. 2009d through 2009g and 2009m),  
3 \$430,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
4 2031, for the cost of grants for rural water and waste  
5 water programs authorized by sections 306, 306C, and  
6 306D and described in sections 306C(a)(2) and 306D of  
7 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in  
8 persistent poverty counties (or, notwithstanding any popu-  
9 lation limits specified in section 343 of the Consolidated  
10 Farm and Rural Development Act, a county seat of a per-  
11 sistent poverty county with a population that does not ex-  
12 ceed the authorized population limit by more than 10 per-  
13 cent), Tribal lands, colonias, and insular areas.

14 **SEC. 12003. SUBSIDY FOR CERTAIN USDA RURAL DEVELOP-**  
15 **MENT LOAN PAYMENTS.**

16 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to the amounts  
17 otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary  
18 for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury  
19 not otherwise appropriated, \$390,000,000, to remain  
20 available until September 30, 2031, to carry out this sec-  
21 tion.

22 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall make a  
23 payment to the lender on a covered loan equal to half of  
24 the total of the installment amounts owed by the borrower  
25 on the loan for 1 year, if the borrower has the opportunity

1 to opt of the payment, and to the extent there are remain-  
2 ing amounts available under subsection (a) after making  
3 such payments, shall make additional payments on such  
4 covered loans.

5 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary shall waive statutory  
6 limits on maximum loan maturities for any covered loan  
7 durations, including those where the lender provides a de-  
8 ferral and extends the maturity of a covered loan during  
9 the 1-year period beginning with the date of enactment  
10 of this Act.

11 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “covered  
12 loan” means—

13 (1) a business and industry loan made or guar-  
14 anteed before January 1, 2021, under section  
15 310B(a) or (g) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
16 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(a) or (g));

17 (2) a loan made by an intermediary lender be-  
18 fore January 1, 2021 using a loan received under  
19 section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7  
20 U.S.C. 1932 note; Public Law 99–198) or section  
21 310H of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-  
22 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1936b); and

23 (3) a loan made by a microenterprise develop-  
24 ment organization before January 1, 2021, to a  
25 microentrepreneur under section 379E of the Con-



1 consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7  
2 U.S.C. 2008s).

3 **SEC. 12004. RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM.**

4 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-  
5 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for  
6 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not  
7 otherwise appropriated, \$200,000,000, to remain available  
8 until September 30, 2031, to carry out section 6407 of  
9 the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7  
10 U.S.C. 8107a) and this section, subject to the condition  
11 that the performance of any construction work completed  
12 with amounts provided under this section meet the condi-  
13 tion described in section 9003(f) of such Act (7 U.S.C.  
14 8103(f)).

15 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
17 graph (2) of this subsection, at the election of an eli-  
18 gible entity (as defined in section 6407(b) of the  
19 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7  
20 U.S.C. 8107a(b))) to which a loan is made under  
21 section 6407(c) of the Farm Security and Rural In-  
22 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a(c)), the Sec-  
23 retary shall make a grant to the eligible entity in an  
24 amount equal to not more than 5 percent of the loan  
25 amount for the purposes of costs incurred in—

1 (A) applying for a loan received under sec-  
2 tion 6407(e) of such Act;

3 (B) making a loan under section 6407(d)  
4 of such Act;

5 (C) making repairs to the property of a  
6 qualified consumer that facilitate the energy ef-  
7 ficiency measures for the property financed  
8 through a loan under section 6407(d) of such  
9 Act;

10 (D) entering into a contract under section  
11 6407(e) of such Act; or

12 (E) carrying out the duties of an eligible  
13 entity under section 6407 of such Act.

14 (2) PERSISTENT POVERTY COUNTIES.—In the  
15 case that the grant is for the purpose of making a  
16 loan under section 6407(d) of the Farm Security  
17 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.  
18 8107a(d)) to a qualified consumer (as defined in sec-  
19 tion 6407(b) of such Act) in a persistent poverty  
20 county (as determined by the Secretary), the per-  
21 centage limitation in paragraph (1) of this sub-  
22 section shall be 10 percent.

23 (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not enter into  
24 any loan agreement pursuant to this section that could  
25 result in disbursements after September 30, 2031, or any

1 grant agreement pursuant to this section that could result  
2 in any outlays after September 30, 2031.

3 **SEC. 12005. RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM.**

4 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-  
5 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, out  
6 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
7 for eligible projects under section 9007 of the Farm Secu-  
8 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107)  
9 and subject to the conditions that the performance of any  
10 construction work completed with amounts provided under  
11 this subsection meet the condition described in section  
12 9003(f) of such Act, and notwithstanding section  
13 9007(c)(3)(A) of such Act, the amount of a grant shall  
14 not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the activity carried  
15 out using the grant funds—

16 (1) \$811,750,000 for fiscal year 2022, to re-  
17 main available until September 30, 2031; and

18 (2) \$272,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023  
19 through 2027, to remain available until September  
20 30, 2031.

21 (b) UNDERUTILIZED RENEWABLE ENERGY TECH-  
22 NOLOGIES.—In addition to amounts otherwise available,  
23 there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any money  
24 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to provide  
25 grants and loans guaranteed by the Secretary (including

1 the costs of such loans) under the program described in  
2 subsection (a) of this section relating to underutilized re-  
3 newable energy technologies, and to provide technical as-  
4 sistance for applying to such program (as determined by  
5 the Secretary), subject to the conditions that the perform-  
6 ance of any construction work completed with amounts  
7 provided under this subsection meet the condition de-  
8 scribed in section 9003(f) of such Act and, notwith-  
9 standing section 9007(c)(3)(A) of the Farm Security and  
10 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107(c)(3)(A)),  
11 the amount of a grant shall not exceed 50 percent of the  
12 cost of the activity carried out using the grant funds, and  
13 to the extent the following amounts remain available at  
14 the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall use such  
15 amounts in accordance with subsection (a) of this sec-  
16 tion—

17           (1) \$143,250,000 for fiscal year 2022, to re-  
18           main available until September 30, 2031; and

19           (2) \$48,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023  
20           through 2027, to remain available until September  
21           30, 2031.

22           (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not enter into  
23 any loan agreement pursuant to this section that could  
24 result in disbursements after September 30, 2031 or any

1 grant agreement pursuant to this section that could result  
2 in any outlays after September 30, 2031.

3 **SEC. 12006. BIOFUEL INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRI-**  
4 **CULTURE PRODUCT MARKET EXPANSION.**

5 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-  
6 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for  
7 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not  
8 otherwise appropriated, \$960,000,000, to remain available  
9 until September 30, 2031, to carry out this section.

10 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use the  
11 amounts made available by subsection (a) to provide  
12 grants, for which the Federal share shall be not more than  
13 75 percent of the total cost of carrying out a project for  
14 which the grant is provided, on a competitive basis, to  
15 transportation fueling facilities and distribution facilities,  
16 including fueling stations, convenience stores,  
17 hypermarket retailer fueling stations, fleet facilities, as  
18 well as fuel terminal operations, mid-stream partners, and  
19 heating oil distribution facilities or equivalent entities,  
20 subject to the condition that the performance of any con-  
21 struction work completed with amounts provided under  
22 this section shall meet the condition described in section  
23 9003(f) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act  
24 of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103(f))—

1           (1) to install, retrofit, or otherwise upgrade fuel  
2           dispensers or pumps and related equipment, storage  
3           tank system components, and other infrastructure  
4           required at a location related to dispensing certain  
5           biofuels blends to ensure the increased sales of fuels  
6           with high levels of commodity-based ethanol and bio-  
7           diesel that are at or greater than the levels required  
8           in the Notice of Funding Availability for the Higher  
9           Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program for Fiscal  
10          Year 2020, published in volume 85 of the Federal  
11          Register (85 Fed. Reg. 26656), as determined by  
12          the Secretary; and

13          (2) to build and retrofit distribution systems for  
14          ethanol blends, traditional and pipeline biodiesel ter-  
15          minal operations (including rail lines), and home  
16          heating oil distribution centers or equivalent enti-  
17          ties—

18                        (A) to blend biodiesel; and

19                        (B) to carry ethanol and biodiesel.

20          (c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not limit the  
21          amount of funding an eligible entity may receive under  
22          this section.

1 **SEC. 12007. USDA ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL ELECTRIC CO-**  
2 **OPERATIVES.**

3 (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-  
4 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for  
5 fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not  
6 otherwise appropriated, \$9,700,000,000, to remain avail-  
7 able until September 30, 2031, to provide to an eligible  
8 entity (defined as an electric cooperative described in sec-  
9 tion 501(c)(12) or 1381(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue  
10 Code of 1986 and is or has been a Rural Utilities Service  
11 electric loan borrower pursuant to the Rural Electrifica-  
12 tion Act of 1936 or serving a predominantly rural area)  
13 assistance under paragraphs (1) and (2) by awarding such  
14 assistance through a competitive program to eligible enti-  
15 ties for purposes described in section 310B(a)(2)(C) of the  
16 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (provided  
17 that the term renewable energy system in that paragraph  
18 has the meaning given such term in section 9001(16) of  
19 the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002)  
20 that will achieve the highest long-term resiliency, reli-  
21 ability, and affordability of rural electric systems, using  
22 such assistance and that will otherwise aid disadvantaged  
23 rural communities (as determined by the Secretary), sub-  
24 ject to the condition that any construction work completed  
25 with amounts provided under this section shall meet the  
26 condition described in section 9003(f) of the Farm Secu-

1 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103(f)),  
2 when—

3 (1) making grants and loans (including the cost  
4 of loans and modifications thereof) to purchase re-  
5 newable energy or renewable energy systems (as de-  
6 fined in section 9001(15) and (16) of the Farm Se-  
7 curity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.  
8 8101(15) and (16))), deploy renewable energy sys-  
9 tems, or make energy efficiency improvements after  
10 the date of enactment of this Act; and

11 (2) making grants for debt relief and other  
12 costs associated with terminating, after the date of  
13 enactment of this Act or up to one year prior to the  
14 date of enactment, the use of—

15 (A) facilities operating on nonrenewable  
16 energy; and

17 (B) related transmission assets.

18 (b) LIMITATION.—No eligible entity may receive an  
19 amount equal to more than 10 percent of the total amount  
20 made available by this section.

21 (c) PROHIBITION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
22 interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit  
23 Corporation for activities under this section if such funds  
24 are not expressly authorized or currently expended for  
25 such purposes.



1 **SEC. 12008. RURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

2 (a) RURAL PROSPERITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.—

3 (1) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts  
4 otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Sec-  
5 retary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the  
6 Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
7 \$3,500,000,000, to remain available until September  
8 30, 2031, to provide grants to support rural develop-  
9 ment under this subsection, subject to the condition  
10 that the recipient of a grant under this subsection  
11 shall contribute a non-Federal match of 25 percent  
12 of the amount of the grant, which may be satisfied  
13 through an in-kind contribution, except that the Sec-  
14 retary may waive such matching requirement on a  
15 finding that the recipient of the applicable grant is  
16 economically distressed.

17 (2) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

18 (A) FORMULA.—The Secretary shall estab-  
19 lish a formula pursuant to which the Secretary  
20 shall allocate, for each State and for Indian  
21 Tribes, an amount to be provided under this  
22 subsection to eligible applicants described in  
23 paragraph (3).

24 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—

25 (i) FORMULA.—The formula estab-  
26 lished under subparagraph (A) shall in-

1           clude a graduated scale for the amount to  
2           be allocated under this subsection for eligi-  
3           ble applicants in each State and eligible  
4           applicants of Indian Tribes, with higher  
5           amounts provided based on lower popu-  
6           lations and lower income levels, as deter-  
7           mined by the Secretary.

8           (ii) AWARD.—In awarding grants  
9           under this subsection to eligible applicants  
10          in each State and eligible applicants of In-  
11          dian Tribes, the Secretary shall give pri-  
12          ority to eligible applicants representing a  
13          micropolitan statistical area (as defined by  
14          the Office of Management and Budget in  
15          OMB Bulletin No. 20-01 (effective March  
16          2020) and any subsequent updates, or  
17          under section 3504(e)(3) of title 44,  
18          United States Code, and section 1104(d)  
19          of title 31 of such Code)) and 1 or more  
20          rural areas contiguous to that micropolitan  
21          statistical area or eligible applicants rep-  
22          resenting high poverty areas (as deter-  
23          mined by the Secretary) provided that the  
24          Secretary may award additional grants or  
25          funding under this subsection to implement

1 activities pursuant to a rural development  
2 plan upon the Secretary's approval of the  
3 recipient's plan and report on the use of  
4 each grant provided to the recipient under  
5 this subsection.

6 (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—The Secretary  
7 may make a grant under this subsection to a part-  
8 nership no member of which has received a grant  
9 under subsection (b) and that—

10 (A) is composed of entities representing a  
11 region composed of 1 or more rural areas, in-  
12 cluding—

13 (i) except as provided in subparagraph  
14 (B), 1 or more of—

15 (I) a unit of local government;

16 (II) a Tribal government; or

17 (III) an authority, agency, or in-  
18 strumentality of an entity described in  
19 subclauses (I) or (II); and

20 (ii) a qualified nonprofit or for-profit  
21 organization, as determined by the Sec-  
22 retary;

23 (B) does not include a member described  
24 in subparagraph (A)(i), but demonstrates sig-  
25 nificant community support sufficient to sup-

1 port a likelihood of success on the proposed  
2 projects, as determined by the Secretary; and

3 (C) demonstrates, as determined by the  
4 Secretary, cooperation among the members of  
5 the partnership necessary to complete com-  
6 prehensive rural development, through aligning  
7 government investment, leveraging nongovern-  
8 mental resources, building economic resilience,  
9 and aiding economic recovery, including in com-  
10 munities impacted by economic transitions and  
11 climate change.

12 (4) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The use of grant  
13 funds provided under this subsection may be used  
14 for the following purposes, provided that, where ap-  
15 plicable, the performance of any construction work  
16 completed with the grant funds shall meet the condi-  
17 tion described in section 9003(f) of the Farm Secu-  
18 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.  
19 8103(f)):

20 (A) Conducting comprehensive rural devel-  
21 opment and pre-development activities and  
22 planning.

23 (B) Supporting organizational operating  
24 expenses relating to the rural development ac-  
25 tivities for which the grant was provided.

1 (C) Implementing planned rural develop-  
2 ment activities and projects.

3 (5) LIMITATION.—Not more than 25 percent of  
4 amounts received by a recipient of a grant under  
5 this subsection may be used to satisfy a Federal  
6 matching requirement.

7 (b) RURAL PROSPERITY INNOVATION GRANTS.—In  
8 addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-  
9 priated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any  
10 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
11 \$370,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
12 2031, to provide grants to entities that have not received  
13 a grant under subsection (a) and that is a qualified non-  
14 profit corporation that serves rural areas (as determined  
15 by the Secretary) or an institution of higher education  
16 that serves rural areas (as determined by the Secretary),  
17 subject to the condition that the recipient of such grant  
18 shall contribute a non-Federal match of 20 percent of the  
19 amount of the grant, which may be used—

20 (1) to support activities of the recipient relating  
21 to—

22 (A) development and predevelopment plan-  
23 ning aspects of rural development; and

1 (B) organizational capacity-building nec-  
2 essary to support the rural development activi-  
3 ties funded by the grant; and

4 (2) to support the recipient of a grant under  
5 subsection (a) in carrying out activities for which  
6 that grant was provided.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) RURAL AREA.—The term “rural area” has  
9 the meaning given the term in section 343(a)(13)(C)  
10 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development  
11 Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(C)).

12 (2) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
13 ing given the term in section 1404 of the National  
14 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Pol-  
15 icy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

16 **SEC. 12009. ADDITIONAL USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AD-**  
17 **MINISTRATIVE FUNDS.**

18 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is  
19 appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of  
20 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
21 \$545,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
22 2031, for administrative costs and salaries and expenses  
23 for the Rural Development mission area and expenses of  
24 the agencies and offices of the Department for costs re-  
25 lated to implementing this part.

1           **PART 2—AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND**  
2                                   **OUTREACH**

3   **SEC. 12101. ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN FARM LOAN BOR-**  
4                                   **ROWERS.**

5           Section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
6 2021 (Public Law 117–2) is amended to read as follows:

7   **“SEC. 1005. ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN FARM LOAN BOR-**  
8                                   **ROWERS.**

9           “(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts oth-  
10 erwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary  
11 for fiscal year 2022, out of amounts in the Treasury not  
12 otherwise appropriated, to remain available until Sep-  
13 tember 30, 2031—

14           “(1) such sums as may be necessary for the  
15 cost of payments under subsection (b); and

16           “(2) \$1,000,000,000 to provide payments or  
17 loan modifications or otherwise carry out the au-  
18 thorities under section 331(b)(4) of the Consolidated  
19 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.  
20 1981(b)(4)), using a centralized process adminis-  
21 tered from the national office, for Farm Service  
22 Agency direct loan and loan guarantee borrowers, fo-  
23 cusing on borrowers who are at risk (as determined  
24 by the Secretary using factors that may include  
25 whether the borrower is a limited resource farmer or  
26 rancher, the amount of payments received by the

1 borrower during calendar years 2020 and 2021  
2 under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program of  
3 the Department of Agriculture, and other factors, as  
4 determined by the Secretary).

5 “(b) PAYMENTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide  
7 a payment in an amount up to 100 percent of the  
8 outstanding indebtedness of each economically dis-  
9 tressed borrower on eligible farm debt.

10 “(2) OTHER PAYMENTS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each farmer and  
12 rancher with outstanding indebtedness on eligi-  
13 ble farm debt that does not qualify for a pay-  
14 ment under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
15 provide a payment that is equal to, subject to  
16 subparagraph (B), the lesser of—

17 “(i) the amount of the outstanding in-  
18 debtedness of the farmer or rancher on eli-  
19 gible farm debt; and

20 “(ii) \$200,000.

21 “(B) REDUCTION.—A payment determined  
22 under subparagraph (A) shall be reduced by the  
23 amount equal to the sum obtained by adding—

24 “(i) the total of the payments received  
25 by the farmer or rancher during calendar



1 year 2020 pursuant to the Coronavirus  
2 Food Assistance Program of the Depart-  
3 ment of Agriculture; and

4 “(ii) the total of the payments re-  
5 ceived by the farmer or rancher during cal-  
6 endar years 2018 and 2019 pursuant to  
7 the Market Facilitation Program of the  
8 Department of Agriculture.

9 “(3) EXCLUSION.—A borrower who received  
10 debt relief under this section (as in effect on the day  
11 before the date of enactment of the \_\_\_\_\_  
12 Act) is not eligible for relief under this section on or  
13 after the date of enactment of that Act.

14 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED BOR-  
16 ROWER.—The term ‘economically distressed bor-  
17 rower’ means a farmer or rancher that, as deter-  
18 mined by the Secretary—

19 “(A) was 90 days or more delinquent with  
20 respect to an eligible farm debt as of April 30,  
21 2021;

22 “(B) was 90 days or more delinquent with  
23 respect to an eligible farm debt as of December  
24 31, 2020;

1           “(C) resides on or operates a farm or  
2 ranch—

3           “(i) in a county with a poverty rate of  
4 not less than 20 percent, as determined—

5           “(I) in the 1990 or 2000 decen-  
6 nial census; or

7           “(II) in the Small Area Income  
8 and Poverty Estimates of the Bureau  
9 of the Census for the most recent year  
10 for which the Estimates are available  
11 as of the date of enactment of the  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ Act;

13           “(ii) in a ZIP Code with a poverty  
14 rate of not less than 20 percent, as deter-  
15 mined by the Secretary; or

16           “(iii) on land held in trust by the  
17 United States for the benefit of an Indian  
18 Tribe or an individual Indian;

19           “(D) owes more interest than principal  
20 with respect to an eligible farm debt as of July  
21 31, 2021;

22           “(E) is undergoing bankruptcy or fore-  
23 closure or is in other financially distressed cat-  
24 egories, as determined by the Secretary, as of  
25 July 31, 2021;

1           “(F) was part of a Department of Agri-  
2 culture disaster set aside after January 1,  
3 2020;

4           “(G) has restructured an eligible farm debt  
5 3 or more times as of July 31, 2021; or

6           “(H) has restructured an eligible farm  
7 debt on or after January 1, 2020.

8           “(2) ELIGIBLE FARM DEBT.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible  
10 farm debt’ means a debt owed to the United  
11 States by a farmer or rancher that was issued  
12 as a direct loan administered by the Farm  
13 Service Agency under subtitle A, B, or C of the  
14 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act  
15 (7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.) and was outstanding or  
16 otherwise not paid as of December 31, 2020, or  
17 July 31, 2021.

18           “(B) AMOUNT.—The amount of eligible  
19 farm debt with respect to a borrower shall be  
20 the greater of—

21           “(i) the amount of eligible farm debt  
22 of the borrower as of December 31, 2020;  
23 and

24           “(ii) the amount of eligible farm debt  
25 of the borrower as of July 31, 2021.

1           “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
2           the Secretary of Agriculture.

3           “(d) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not enter  
4 into any loan agreement pursuant to this section that  
5 could result in disbursements after September 30, 2031  
6 or any grant agreement pursuant to this section that could  
7 result in any outlays after September 30, 2031.”.

8   **SEC. 12102. USDA ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UNDER-**  
9                   **SERVED FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FOR-**  
10                   **ESTERS.**

11           Section 1006 of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
12 2021 (Public Law 117–2) is amended to read as follows:

13   **“SEC. 1006. USDA ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UNDER-**  
14                   **SERVED FARMERS, RANCHERS, FORESTERS.**

15           “(a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—In addition to  
16 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the  
17 Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain  
18 available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in  
19 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$200,000,000 to  
20 provide outreach, mediation, financial training, capacity  
21 building training, cooperative development training and  
22 support, and other technical assistance on issues con-  
23 cerning food, agriculture, agricultural credit, agricultural  
24 extension, rural development, or nutrition to historically  
25 underserved farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners, in-

1 cluding veterans, limited resource producers, beginning  
2 farmers and ranchers, and farmers, ranchers, and forest  
3 landowners living in high poverty areas.

4 “(b) LAND LOSS ASSISTANCE.—In addition to  
5 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the  
6 Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain  
7 available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in  
8 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$255,000,000 to  
9 provide grants and loans to eligible entities, as determined  
10 by the Secretary, to improve land access for farmers,  
11 ranchers, or forest landowners, including heir’s property  
12 or fractionated land issues.

13 “(c) EQUITY COMMISSIONS.—In addition to amounts  
14 otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary  
15 of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain available  
16 until September 30, 2031, out of any money in the Treas-  
17 ury not otherwise appropriated, \$10,000,000 to fund the  
18 activities of one or more equity commissions that will ad-  
19 dress racial equity issues within the Department of Agri-  
20 culture and the programs of the Department of Agri-  
21 culture.

22 “(d) RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION.—In  
23 addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-  
24 priated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year  
25 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out

1 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
2 \$200,000,000 to support and supplement agricultural re-  
3 search, education, and extension, as well as scholarships  
4 and programs that provide internships and pathways to  
5 agricultural sector or Federal employment, at colleges or  
6 universities eligible to receive funds under the Act of Au-  
7 gust 30, 1890 (commonly known as the ‘Second Morrill  
8 Act’) (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), including Tuskegee Univer-  
9 sity, 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 532 of the  
10 Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7  
11 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382)), Alaska Native  
12 serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institu-  
13 tions eligible to receive grants under subsections (a) and  
14 (b), respectively, of section 1419B of the National Agricul-  
15 tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of  
16 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156), Hispanic-serving institutions eligi-  
17 ble to receive grants under section 1455 of the National  
18 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy  
19 Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3241), and the insular area institu-  
20 tions of higher education located in the territories of the  
21 United States, as referred to in section 1489 of the Na-  
22 tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching  
23 Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3361).

24 “(e) DISCRIMINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—In  
25 addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-

1 priated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year  
2 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out  
3 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
4 \$350,000,000 to provide to one or more entities selected  
5 by the Secretary to distribute financial assistance to farm-  
6 ers, ranchers, or forest landowners determined to have  
7 suffered discrimination in Department of Agriculture farm  
8 lending programs pursuant to standards to be determined  
9 by the Secretary and subject to oversight by the Secretary,  
10 subject to the condition that if any funds provided to the  
11 selected entity are not distributed on the date that is 5  
12 years after the date of enactment of the \_\_\_\_\_  
13 Act, those undistributed funds shall be returned to the  
14 Secretary to be obligated for any other activity authorized  
15 under this section.

16 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to  
17 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the  
18 Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain  
19 available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in  
20 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$35,000,000 for  
21 administrative costs of the agencies and offices of the De-  
22 partment of Agriculture to carry out this section.

23 “(g) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not enter  
24 into any loan agreement pursuant to this section that  
25 could result in disbursements after September 30, 2031

1 or any grant agreement pursuant to this section that could  
2 result in any outlays after September 30, 2031.”.

3 **Subtitle D—Research and Urban**  
4 **Agriculture**

5 **SEC. 13001. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH**  
6 **FUNDING.**

7 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-  
8 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary, out  
9 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
10 to remain available until September 30, 2031—

11 (1) to the Agricultural Research Service,  
12 \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to carry out agri-  
13 cultural research relating to climate change, includ-  
14 ing through climate hubs, long-term agroecosystem  
15 research, nutrient uses and outcomes, and soil car-  
16 bon data collection;

17 (2) to the Economic Research Service,  
18 \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to carry out eco-  
19 nomic analysis and economic agricultural research  
20 relating to climate change;

21 (3) to the Office of the Chief Economist,  
22 \$3,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through  
23 2026, to carry out economic analysis and economic  
24 agricultural research relating to climate change and  
25 environmental services markets;



1 (4) to the National Agricultural Statistics Serv-  
2 ice—

3 (A) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to  
4 carry out data collection and agricultural re-  
5 search relating to climate change; and

6 (B) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, for  
7 measurements, a survey, and data collection to  
8 conduct the study required under section  
9 7212(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of  
10 2018 (Public Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4812),  
11 which shall be completed not later than Decem-  
12 ber 31, 2022;

13 (5) to the National Institute of Food and Agri-  
14 culture—

15 (A) to fund agricultural education, exten-  
16 sion, and research relating to climate change—

17 (i) through the Agriculture and Food  
18 Research Initiative established by sub-  
19 section (b) of the Competitive, Special, and  
20 Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C.  
21 3157(b))—

22 (I) \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal  
23 years 2022 and 2023; and

24 (II) \$150,000,000 for each of fis-  
25 cal years 2024 through 2026;

1 (ii) through the sustainable agri-  
2 culture research education program estab-  
3 lished under sections 1619, 1621, 1622,  
4 1628, and 1629 of the Food, Agriculture,  
5 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7  
6 U.S.C. 5801, 5811, 5812, 5831, 5832)—

7 (I) \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal  
8 years 2022 and 2023; and

9 (II) \$150,000,000 for each of fis-  
10 cal years 2024 through 2026;

11 (iii) through the crop protection pest  
12 management competitive grant program  
13 authorized under section 406 of the Agri-  
14 cultural Research, Extension, and Edu-  
15 cation Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C.  
16 7626), \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

17 (iv) through the Agricultural Genome  
18 to Phenome Initiative established under  
19 section 1671 of the Food, Agriculture,  
20 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7  
21 U.S.C. 5924), \$20,000,000 for fiscal year  
22 2022;

23 (v) through the organic agriculture re-  
24 search and extension initiative established  
25 under section 1672B of the Food, Agri-

1 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of  
2 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925b)—

3 (I) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year  
4 2022;

5 (II) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year  
6 2023; and

7 (III) \$60,000,000 for each of fis-  
8 cal years 2024 through 2026;

9 (vi) through the urban, indoor, and  
10 other emerging agricultural production re-  
11 search, education, and extension initiative  
12 established under section 1672E of the  
13 Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and  
14 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925g),  
15 \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

16 (vii) through the centers of excellence  
17 led by 1890 Institutions established under  
18 section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture,  
19 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7  
20 U.S.C. 5926(d)), \$15,000,000 for fiscal  
21 year 2022;

22 (viii) through the specialty crop re-  
23 search and extension initiative established  
24 by section 412 of the Agricultural Re-

1 search, Extension, and Education Reform  
2 Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632)—

3 (I) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal  
4 years 2022 and 2023; and

5 (II) \$60,000,000 for each of fis-  
6 cal years 2024 through 2026;

7 (ix) through the cooperative extension  
8 under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341  
9 et seq.) for agricultural extension activities  
10 and research relating to climate change,  
11 technical assistance, and technology adop-  
12 tion—

13 (I) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal  
14 years 2022 and 2023; and

15 (II) \$160,000,000 for each of fis-  
16 cal years 2024 through 2026;

17 (x) through the cooperative extension  
18 at 1994 Institutions in accordance with  
19 section 3(b)(3) of the Smith-Lever Act (7  
20 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)), \$8,000,000 for each of  
21 fiscal years 2022 through 2026; and

22 (xi) through the cooperative extension  
23 at 1890 Institutions under section 1444 of  
24 the National Agricultural Research, Exten-  
25 sion, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7

1 U.S.C. 3221), \$25,200,000 for each of fis-  
2 cal years 2022 through 2026;

3 (B) \$2,664,500,000 for fiscal year 2022,  
4 for grants for construction, alteration, acquisi-  
5 tion, modernization, renovation, or remodeling  
6 of agricultural research facilities, including re-  
7 lated building costs associated with compliance  
8 with applicable Federal and State law, under  
9 section 4 of the Research Facilities Act (7  
10 U.S.C. 390b), subject to the condition that,  
11 notwithstanding section 3(c)(2)(A) of that Act  
12 (7 U.S.C. 390a(c)(2)(A)), the recipient of a  
13 grant provided using those amounts shall not be  
14 required to provide any non-Federal share of  
15 total funding provided under this subparagraph;

16 (C) \$985,500,000 for fiscal year 2022, for  
17 grants to covered institutions for construction,  
18 alteration, acquisition, modernization, renova-  
19 tion, or remodeling of agricultural research fa-  
20 cilities, including related building costs associ-  
21 ated with compliance with applicable Federal  
22 and State law, under section 4 of the Research  
23 Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390b), subject to the  
24 condition that notwithstanding section  
25 3(c)(2)(A) of that Act (7 U.S.C.

1           390a(c)(2)(A)), the recipient of a grant pro-  
2           vided using those amounts shall not be required  
3           to provide any non-Federal share of total fund-  
4           ing provided under this subparagraph;

5           (D) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, for  
6           research equipment grants under section 1462A  
7           of the National Agricultural Research, Exten-  
8           sion, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7  
9           U.S.C. 3310a);

10          (E) for the scholarships for students at  
11          1890 Institutions grant program under section  
12          1446 of the National Agricultural Research,  
13          Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7  
14          U.S.C. 3222a)—

15                 (i) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal  
16                 years 2022 and 2023;

17                 (ii) \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal  
18                 years 2024 and 2025; and

19                 (iii) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

20          (F) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
21          2022 through 2026, for grants to land-grant  
22          colleges and universities to support Tribal stu-  
23          dents under section 1450 of that Act (7 U.S.C.  
24          3222e) and for purposes of this subparagraph,

1 section 1450(b)(4) of such Act shall not apply;  
2 and

3 (G) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
4 2022 through 2026, for the Higher Education  
5 Multicultural Scholars Program carried out  
6 pursuant to section 1417 of that Act (7 U.S.C.  
7 3152);

8 (6) to the Office of the Chief Scientist, to carry  
9 out advanced research and development relating to  
10 climate through the Agriculture Advanced Research  
11 and Development Authority under section 1473H of  
12 the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and  
13 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3319k)—

14 (A) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
15 2022 and 2023; and

16 (B) \$120,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
17 2024 through 2026;

18 (7) to the Foundation for Food and Agriculture  
19 Research, to carry out activities relating to climate  
20 change in accordance with section 7601 of the Agri-  
21 cultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5939), to be consid-  
22 ered as provided pursuant to subsection (g)(1)(A) of  
23 such section—

24 (A) \$45,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
25 2022 and 2023; and

1 (B) \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
2 2024 through 2026;

3 (8) to the National Institute for Food and Agri-  
4 culture, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to fund ag-  
5 riculture climate change research on biomass, includ-  
6 ing pyrolysis and biochar; and

7 (9) to the Office of Urban Agriculture and In-  
8 novative Production, \$62,000,000 for each of fiscal  
9 years 2022 and 2023, to carry out activities in ac-  
10 cordance with section 222 of the Department of Ag-  
11 riculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.  
12 6923).

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH RELATING TO  
15 CLIMATE CHANGE; AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, EX-  
16 TENSION, AND RESEARCH RELATING TO CLIMATE  
17 CHANGE.—The terms “agricultural research relating  
18 to climate change” and “agricultural education, ex-  
19 tension, and research relating to climate change”  
20 mean research, and education, extension, and re-  
21 search, respectively, relating to—

22 (A) the effects of global climate change  
23 on—

24 (i) agricultural economics;



- 1 (ii) agricultural production, supply  
2 chains, marketing, and prices;  
3 (iii) animal industry and diseases, in-  
4 cluding threats of zoonotic origin;  
5 (iv) plant industry and diseases;  
6 (v) pests and pesticides;  
7 (vi) crop insurance and other risk  
8 management tools;  
9 (vii) soil conservation;  
10 (viii) food from fresh water;  
11 (ix) farm credit and farm security;  
12 (x) rural development;  
13 (xi) rural electrification, broadband,  
14 and data systems that inform climate  
15 change research;  
16 (xii) food waste and agriculture waste;  
17 (xiii) watersheds;  
18 (xiv) forestry;  
19 (xv) forest reserves and wilderness  
20 areas; and  
21 (xvi) human nutrition, food, and hun-  
22 ger; and  
23 (B) strategies to adapt to, and mitigate,  
24 the adverse effects of global climate change.

1           (2) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-  
2       ered institution” means—

3           (A) an 1890 Institution (as defined in sec-  
4       tion 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension,  
5       and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C.  
6       7601));

7           (B) a 1994 Institution (as defined in sec-  
8       tion 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-  
9       Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note;  
10      Public Law 103–382));

11          (C) an Alaska Native serving institution or  
12      Native Hawaiian serving institution eligible to  
13      receive grants under subsections (a) and (b), re-  
14      spectively, of section 1419B of the National Ag-  
15      ricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching  
16      Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156);

17          (D) Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges  
18      and universities and Hispanic-serving institu-  
19      tions (as those terms are defined in section  
20      1404 of the National Agricultural Research,  
21      Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7  
22      U.S.C. 3103));

23          (E) an eligible institution (as defined in  
24      section 1489 of the National Agricultural Re-  
25      search, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of

1           1977 (7 U.S.C. 3361) (relating to institutions  
2 of higher education in insular areas)); and

3           (F) the University of the District of Co-  
4 lumbia established pursuant to the Act of July  
5 2, 1862 (commonly known as the “First Morrill  
6 Act”) (7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

7           (3) STATE.—The term “State” means—

8           (A) the 50 States of the United States;  
9 and

10           (B) the District of Columbia.

11 **SEC. 13002. LIMITATION.**

12           The funds made available under this subtitle are sub-  
13 ject to the condition that the Secretary shall not—

14           (1) enter into any agreement—

15           (A) that is for a term extending beyond  
16 September 30, 2031; and

17           (B) under which any payment could be  
18 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,  
19 2031; and

20           (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-  
21 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this  
22 subtitle.

1                   **Subtitle E—Miscellaneous**

2   **SEC. 14001. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR USDA OFFICE OF**  
3                   **THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

4           In addition to amounts otherwise made available,  
5 there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector Gen-  
6 eral of the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022,  
7 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
8 priated, \$5,000,000 to remain available until September  
9 30, 2031, for audits, investigations, and other oversight  
10 activities of projects and activities carried out with funds  
11 made available to the Department of Agriculture under  
12 this title.

13   **SEC. 14002. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR FARMWORKER AND**  
14                   **FOOD WORKER RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM.**

15           In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is  
16 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year  
17 2022 to remain available until September 30, 2031, out  
18 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
19 \$200,000,000 to provide additional funds to the Secretary  
20 for the Farmworker and Food Worker Relief Grant Pro-  
21 gram of the Agricultural Marketing Service to provide ad-  
22 ditional COVID–19 assistance relief payments for front-  
23 line grocery workers.

## 1                   **Subtitle F—Conservation**

### 2   **SEC. 15001. SOIL CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE.**

3           (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-  
4 wise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary of  
5 Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)  
6 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2028, out of any  
7 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such  
8 sums as are necessary to carry out this section, to remain  
9 available until expended, subject to the conditions that, for  
10 purposes of providing payments under subsections (b), (c),  
11 and (d), the Secretary shall not—

12                   (1) enter into any agreement—

13                           (A) that is for a term extending beyond  
14                   September 30, 2031; and

15                           (B) under which any payment could be  
16                   outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,  
17                   2031;

18                   (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-  
19                   retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this  
20                   section; or

21                   (3) interpret this section to authorize funds of  
22                   the Commodity Credit Corporation for such pay-  
23                   ments if such funds are not expressly authorized or  
24                   currently expended for such purposes.

25           (b) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO PRODUCERS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available  
2           under subsection (a), for each of the 2022 through  
3           2026 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments  
4           to the producers on a farm for which the producer  
5           establishes 1 or more cover crop practices in advance  
6           of the applicable crop year, as determined by the  
7           Secretary, in accordance with this subsection, sub-  
8           ject to the condition that a person or operation re-  
9           ceiving a payment shall not receive a payment under  
10          any other provision of law for the same practices on  
11          the same acres.

12          (2) PAYMENT RATE.—The payment rate used  
13          to make payments with respect to a producer who  
14          establishes 1 or more cover crop practices under  
15          paragraph (1) shall be \$25 per payment acre.

16          (3) PAYMENT ACRES.—The acres for which a  
17          producer receives the payment rate under paragraph  
18          (2) shall be equal to the total number of acres on  
19          which the producer establishes 1 or more cover crop  
20          practices, not to exceed 1,000 acres per producer.

21          (c) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO FARM OWN-  
22          ERS.—

23          (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available  
24          under subsection (a), for each of the 2022 through  
25          2026 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments

1 to the owners of a farm with respect to which a pro-  
2 ducer establishes 1 or more cover crop practices pur-  
3 suant to subsection (b), in accordance with this sub-  
4 section, subject to the condition that an owner of a  
5 farm may not receive a payment under this sub-  
6 section and subsection (b) for the same farm or  
7 acres, as determined by the Secretary.

8 (2) PAYMENT RATE.—The payment rate used  
9 to make payments under paragraph (1) with respect  
10 to the owner of a farm shall be \$5 per payment acre.

11 (3) PAYMENT ACRES.—The acres for which the  
12 owner of a farm receives the payment rate under  
13 paragraph (2) shall be equal to the total number of  
14 acres for which the applicable producer establishes 1  
15 or more cover crop practices, not to exceed 1,000  
16 acres per owner.

17 (d) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS FOR PREVENTED  
18 PLANTING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available  
20 under subsection (a) and in addition to any other  
21 payments or assistance, for the 2022 through 2026  
22 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments in ac-  
23 cordance with this subsection to producers on farms  
24 who establish 1 or more cover crop practices pursu-  
25 ant to subsection (b).

1           (2) REQUIREMENTS.—To receive a payment  
2           under this subsection, a producer—

3                   (A) shall have—

4                           (i) purchased a crop insurance policy  
5                           or plan of insurance under section 508(c)  
6                           of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7  
7                           U.S.C. 1508(c)) for the applicable crop  
8                           year following the establishment of the  
9                           cover crop practice, as determined by the  
10                          Secretary;

11                          (ii) established a cover crop practice  
12                          pursuant to subsection (b) on the farm for  
13                          which the insurance described in clause (i)  
14                          was purchased, as determined by the Sec-  
15                          retary; and

16                          (iii) been unable to plant the crop for  
17                          which insurance was purchased; and

18                   (B) as determined by the Secretary, shall  
19           not—

20                           (i) harvest the cover crop for market  
21                           or sale;

22                           (ii) harvest the cover crop for seed for  
23                           purposes of marketing or sale, except that  
24                           a quantity may be harvested for seed for  
25                           on-farm usage only; or



1 (iii) otherwise use the acres for which  
2 payments are received under this sub-  
3 section for any unapproved uses or other  
4 uses that seek to defeat or undermine the  
5 purposes of this section.

6 (3) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall  
7 make payments to producers under this subsection  
8 in an amount equal to the product obtained by mul-  
9 tiplying—

10 (A) the total number of acres for which the  
11 producer is eligible to receive a payment under  
12 this subsection; and

13 (B) the difference between—

14 (i) 100 percent of the prevented plant-  
15 ing guarantee, calculated without regard to  
16 the establishment of the cover crop prac-  
17 tices pursuant to subsection (b), applicable  
18 for the insurance policy purchased by the  
19 producer under section 508A of the Fed-  
20 eral Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508a),  
21 as determined by the Secretary; and

22 (ii) the prevented planting indemnity  
23 payment received by the producer under  
24 that section and the policy purchased by

1 the producer for the applicable crop, as de-  
2 termined by the Secretary.

3 **SEC. 15002. ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION**  
4 **INVESTMENTS.**

5 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-  
6 wise available (and subject to subsection (b)), there are  
7 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to  
8 in this section as the “Secretary”), out of any money in  
9 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain avail-  
10 able until September 30, 2031 (subject to the condition  
11 that no such funds may be disbursed after September 30,  
12 2031)—

13 (1) to carry out, using the facilities and au-  
14 thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the  
15 environmental quality incentives program under sub-  
16 chapter A of chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of  
17 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa  
18 et seq.)—

19 (A)(i) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

20 (ii) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

21 (iii) \$1,750,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

22 (iv) \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

23 and

24 (v) \$3,450,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

25 and

1 (B) subject to the conditions on the use of  
2 the funds that—

3 (i) section 1240B(f)(1) of the Food  
4 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–  
5 2(f)(1)) shall not apply;

6 (ii) section 1240H(c)(2) of the Food  
7 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–  
8 8(c)(2)) shall be applied—

9 (I) by substituting  
10 “\$50,000,000” for “\$25,000,000”;  
11 and

12 (II) with the Secretary  
13 prioritizing proposals that utilize diet  
14 and feed management to reduce en-  
15 teric methane emissions from  
16 ruminants; and

17 (iii) the funds shall be available for 1  
18 or more agricultural conservation practices  
19 or enhancements that the Secretary deter-  
20 mines directly reduce soil or nutrient losses  
21 or greenhouse gas emissions, or capture or  
22 sequester greenhouse gas emissions, associ-  
23 ated with agricultural production;

24 (2) to carry out, using the facilities and au-  
25 thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the

1 conservation stewardship program under subchapter  
2 B of that chapter (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–21 et seq.)—

3 (A)(i) \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

4 (ii) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

5 (iii) \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

6 (iv) \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

7 and

8 (v) \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

9 and

10 (B) subject to the condition that the funds  
11 shall only be available for—

12 (i) 1 or more agricultural conservation  
13 practices or enhancements that the Sec-  
14 retary determines directly reduce soil or  
15 nutrient losses or greenhouse gas emis-  
16 sions, or capture or sequester greenhouse  
17 gas emissions, associated with agricultural  
18 production; or

19 (ii) State-specific or region-specific  
20 groupings or bundles of agricultural con-  
21 servation activities for climate change miti-  
22 gation appropriate for cropland,  
23 pastureland, rangeland, nonindustrial pri-  
24 vate forest land, and producers

1                   transitioning to organic or perennial pro-  
2                   duction systems;

3                   (3) to carry out, using the facilities and au-  
4                   thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the  
5                   agricultural conservation easement program under  
6                   subtitle H of title XII of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3865  
7                   et seq.)—

8                   (A)(i) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

9                   (ii) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

10                  (iii) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

11                  (iv) \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

12                  (v) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and

13                  (B) subject to the condition that the Sec-  
14                  retary shall prioritize eligible agricultural con-  
15                  servation projects that mitigate or address cli-  
16                  mate change, including by reducing or avoiding  
17                  greenhouse gas emissions associated with agri-  
18                  cultural production; and

19                  (4) to carry out, using the facilities and au-  
20                  thorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the  
21                  regional conservation partnership program under  
22                  subtitle I of title XII of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3871  
23                  et seq.)—

24                  (A)(i) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

25                  (ii) \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

1 (iii) \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

2 (iv) \$2,250,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

3 and

4 (v) \$3,050,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

5 and

6 (B) subject to the conditions on the use of

7 the funds that the Secretary—

8 (i) shall prioritize partnership agree-  
9 ments under section 1271C(d) of the Food  
10 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871e(d))  
11 that support the implementation of con-  
12 servation projects that assist agricultural  
13 producers and nonindustrial private  
14 forestland owners in directly reducing soil  
15 or nutrient losses or greenhouse gas emis-  
16 sions, or capturing or sequestering green-  
17 house gas emissions, associated with agri-  
18 cultural production; and

19 (ii) may prioritize projects that—

20 (I) leverage corporate supply  
21 chain sustainability commitments; or

22 (II) utilize models that pay for  
23 outcomes from targeting methane and  
24 nitrous oxide emissions associated  
25 with agricultural production systems.

1 (b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under  
2 this section are subject to the conditions that the Sec-  
3 retary shall not—

4 (1) enter into any agreement—

5 (A) that is for a term extending beyond  
6 September 30, 2031; and

7 (B) under which any payment could be  
8 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,  
9 2031; or

10 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-  
11 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this  
12 section.

13 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) Section 1240B of the Food Security Act of  
15 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-2) is amended—

16 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2023”  
17 and inserting “2031”;

18 (B) in subsection (f)(2)(B)—

19 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by  
20 striking “2023” and inserting “2031”; and

21 (ii) by striking “2023” and inserting  
22 “2031”; and

23 (C) in subsection (i)(3)(A)(ii), by striking  
24 “2023” and inserting “2031”.

1           (2) Section 1240G of the Food Security Act of  
2           1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–7) is amended by striking  
3           “2023” and inserting “2031”.

4           (3) Section 1240H of the Food Security Act of  
5           1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–8) is amended by striking  
6           “2023” each place it appears and inserting “2031”.

7           (4) Section 1240J(a) of the Food Security Act  
8           of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–22(a)) is amended, in  
9           the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking  
10          “2023” and inserting “2031”.

11          (5) Section 1240L of the Food Security Act of  
12          1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–24) is amended by striking  
13          “2023” each place it appears and inserting “2031”.

14          (6) Section 1241 of the Food Security Act of  
15          1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) is amended—

16                 (A) in subsection (a)—

17                         (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
18                         (1), by striking “2023” and inserting  
19                         “2031”;

20                         (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking  
21                         “2023” each place it appears and inserting  
22                         “2031”;

23                         (iii) in paragraph (2)(F), by striking  
24                         “2023” and inserting “2031”; and



1 (iv) in paragraph (3), by striking “fis-  
2 cal year 2023” each place it appears and  
3 inserting “each of fiscal years 2023  
4 through 2031”;

5 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2023”  
6 and inserting “2031”; and

7 (C) in subsection (h)—

8 (i) in paragraph (1)(B), in the sub-  
9 paragraph heading, by striking “2023” and  
10 inserting “2031”; and

11 (ii) by striking “2023” each place it  
12 appears and inserting “2031”.

13 (7) Section 1244(n)(3)(A) of the Food Security  
14 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3844(n)(3)(A)) is amended  
15 by striking “2023” and inserting “2031”.

16 (8) Section 1271D(a) of the Food Security Act  
17 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3871d(a)) is amended by strik-  
18 ing “2023” and inserting “2031”.

19 **SEC. 15003. CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

20 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-  
21 wise available (and subject to subsection (b)), there are  
22 appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to  
23 in this section as the “Secretary”) for fiscal year 2022,  
24 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
25 priated, to remain available until September 30, 2031

1 (subject to the condition that no such funds may be dis-  
2 bursed after September 30, 2031)—

3 (1) \$200,000,000 to provide conservation tech-  
4 nical assistance through the Natural Resources Con-  
5 servation Service, including through the use of coop-  
6 erative agreements;

7 (2) \$50,000,000 to carry out climate change  
8 adaptation and mitigation activities through the  
9 Natural Resources Conservation Service by working  
10 with the Regional Climate Hubs designed to provide  
11 information and technical support on climate smart  
12 agriculture and forestry to agricultural producers,  
13 landowners, and resource managers, as determined  
14 by the Secretary; and

15 (3) \$600,000,000 to carry out a carbon seques-  
16 tration and greenhouse gas emissions quantification  
17 program through which the Natural Resources Con-  
18 servation Service, including through technical service  
19 providers and other partners, shall collect field-based  
20 data to assess the carbon sequestration and green-  
21 house gas emissions reduction outcomes associated  
22 with activities carried out pursuant to this section  
23 and use the data to monitor and track greenhouse  
24 gas emissions and carbon sequestration trends

1 through the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Assess-  
2 ment Program of the Department of Agriculture.

3 (b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under  
4 this section are subject to the conditions that the Sec-  
5 retary shall not—

6 (1) enter into any agreement—

7 (A) that is for a term extending beyond  
8 September 30, 2031; and

9 (B) under which any payment could be  
10 outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30,  
11 2031;

12 (2) use any other funds available to the Sec-  
13 retary to satisfy obligations initially made under this  
14 section; or

15 (3) interpret this section to authorize funds of  
16 the Commodity Credit Corporation for activities  
17 under this section if such funds are not expressly  
18 authorized or currently expended for such purposes.

19 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to  
20 amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the  
21 Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the  
22 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to re-  
23 main available until September 30, 2028, for administra-  
24 tive costs of the agencies and offices of the Department

1 of Agriculture for costs related to implementing this sec-  
2 tion.