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To provide grants to States for the establishment of community works
progress programs.

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Mr. ENGLISH of Oklahoma introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To provide grants to States for the establishment of
community works progress programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Works
5 Progress Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 The Secretary of Labor (hereafter referred to in this
8 Act as the “Secretary”) shall, in consultation with the
9 Secretary of Health and Human Services, award grants

1 to States for the establishment of community works
2 progress programs.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act:

5 (1) COMMUNITY WORKS PROGRESS PROGRAM.—

6 The terms ‘community works progress program’ and
7 ‘program’ mean a program established by a State
8 under which the State will select governmental and
9 nonprofit entities to conduct community works
10 progress projects which serve a significant public
11 purpose in fields such as health, social service, envi-
12 ronmental protection, education, urban and rural de-
13 velopment and redevelopment, welfare, recreation,
14 public facilities, public safety, and child care.

15 (2) COMMUNITY WORKS PROGRESS PROJECT.—

16 The terms ‘community works progress project’ and
17 ‘project’ mean an activity conducted by a govern-
18 mental or nonprofit entity that results in a specific,
19 identifiable service or product that, but for this Act,
20 would not otherwise be done with existing funds and
21 that supplements but does not supplant existing
22 services.

23 (3) GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The term ‘gov-
24 ernmental entity’ means any agency of a State or
25 local government.

1 (4) NONPROFIT ENTITY.—The term ‘nonprofit
2 entity’ means an organization—

3 (A) described in section 501(c) of the In-
4 ternal Revenue Code of 1986; and

5 (B) exempt from taxation under section
6 501(a) of such Code.

7 **SEC. 4. APPLICATIONS BY STATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each State desiring to conduct,
9 or to continue to conduct, a community works progress
10 program under this Act shall submit an annual application
11 to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the
12 Secretary shall require. Such application shall include—

13 (1) identification of the State agency or agen-
14 cies that will administer the program and be the
15 grant recipient of funds for the State,

16 (2) a description of the procedure under which
17 governmental and nonprofit entities will solicit the
18 State agency or agencies administering the program
19 for funds to conduct a community works progress
20 project,

21 (3) a description of each type of project to be
22 conducted under the program, including a descrip-
23 tion of the types and duration of training and work
24 experience to be provided to participants in each
25 such project,

1 (4) a comprehensive description of the objec-
2 tives and performance goals for each project to be
3 conducted under the program,

4 (5) an estimate of the number of participants
5 necessary for each proposed project, the length of
6 time that the services of such participants will be re-
7 quired, and the support services that will be required
8 for such participants,

9 (6) a description of a plan for managing and
10 funding each project,

11 (7) a description of the basic standards of work
12 requirements, sanitation, and safety for each project
13 and the manner in which such standards will be en-
14 forced,

15 (8) a description of a plan to assign partici-
16 pants to projects as near to the homes of such par-
17 ticipants as is reasonable and practicable or to pro-
18 vide appropriate transportation for participants,

19 (9) a description of how the program will offer
20 participants flexibility in scheduling hours to be
21 worked,

22 (10) an assurance that the State or local ad-
23 ministering agency described in part D of title IV of
24 the Social Security Act located within the State or
25 unit of general local government, as the case may

1 be, will seek court-ordered enrollment in projects of
2 a noncustodial parent who is not employed and who
3 is at least 2 months in arrears in the payment of
4 court ordered child support,

5 (11) an assurance that, prior to the placement
6 of a participant in a project, the governmental or
7 nonprofit entity conducting the project will consult
8 with any local labor organization representing em-
9 ployees in the area who are engaged in the same or
10 similar work as that proposed to be carried out by
11 such project,

12 (12) a description of any formal job training or
13 job search arrangements to be made available to the
14 participants in cooperation with State agencies,

15 (13) an assurance that each project will be co-
16 ordinated with other federally assisted education
17 programs, training programs, social service pro-
18 grams, and other appropriate programs,

19 (14) an assurance that each project will partici-
20 pate in cooperative efforts among community-based
21 agencies, local educational agencies, and local gov-
22 ernment agencies (as defined in paragraphs (3),
23 (11), and (12), respectively, of section 101 of the
24 National and Community Service Act of 1990), busi-

1 nesses, and State agencies, to develop and provide
2 supportive services,

3 (15) a description of fiscal control, accounting,
4 audit, and debt collection procedures to assure the
5 proper disbursement of, and accounting for, funds re-
6 ceived under this Act,

7 (16) a projection of the amount each govern-
8 mental or nonprofit entity conducting a project
9 under this Act intends to spend on such project on
10 an annual basis and in the aggregate,

11 (17) procedures for the preparation and sub-
12 mission to the State of an annual report by each
13 governmental or nonprofit entity conducting a
14 project that shall include—

15 (A) a description of activities conducted
16 under the project during the program year;

17 (B) characteristics of the participants in
18 the project; and

19 (C) the extent to which the project ex-
20 ceeded or failed to meet relevant performance
21 standards, and

22 (18) such other information that the Secretary
23 determines appropriate.

24 (b) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.—In review-
25 ing all applications received from States desiring to con-

1 duct or continue to conduct a community works progress
2 program under this Act, the Secretary shall consider—

3 (1) the unemployment rate for the area in
4 which each project will be conducted,

5 (2) the proportion of the population receiving
6 public assistance in each area in which a project will
7 be conducted,

8 (3) the per capita income for each area in
9 which a project will be conducted,

10 (4) the degree of involvement and commitment
11 demonstrated by public officials in each area in
12 which a project will be conducted,

13 (5) the State's history of success with offering
14 job opportunities training programs to individuals
15 receiving general welfare benefits or aid to families
16 with dependent children under part A of title IV of
17 the Social Security Act,

18 (6) the likelihood that a project will be success-
19 ful,

20 (7) the contribution that a project is likely to
21 make toward improving the quality of life of resi-
22 dents of the area in which the project will be con-
23 ducted,

24 (8) geographic distribution,

1 (9) the extent to which each project will encour-
2 age team approaches to work on real, identifiable
3 projects,

4 (10) the extent to which private and community
5 agencies will be involved in projects, and

6 (11) such other criteria as the Secretary deems
7 appropriate.

8 (c) MODIFICATION TO APPLICATIONS.—If changes in
9 labor market conditions, costs, or other factors require
10 substantial deviation from the terms of an application ap-
11 proved by the Secretary, the State shall submit a modifica-
12 tion of such application to the Secretary.

13 **SEC. 5. PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to participate in a
15 project under this Act, an individual shall be—

16 (1) receiving, eligible to receive, or have ex-
17 hausted unemployment compensation under an un-
18 employment compensation law of a State or of the
19 United States,

20 (2) receiving, eligible to receive, or at risk of be-
21 coming eligible to receive, aid to families with de-
22 pendent children under part A of title IV of the So-
23 cial Security Act,

1 (3) a noncustodial parent of a child who is re-
2 ceiving aid to families with dependent children under
3 part A of title IV of the Social Security Act,

4 (4) a noncustodial parent who is not employed
5 and is at least 2 months in arrears in payment of
6 court ordered child support, or

7 (5) an individual who—

8 (A) is not receiving unemployment com-
9 pensation under an unemployment compensa-
10 tion law of a State or of the United States;

11 (B) if under the age of 20 years, has grad-
12 uated from high school or has the equivalent of
13 a high school education;

14 (C) has resided in the State in which the
15 project is located for a period of at least 60
16 consecutive days prior to the placement of such
17 individual in such project;

18 (D) has been unemployed for a period of at
19 least 35 workdays prior to the placement of
20 such individual in such project;

21 (E) does not reside in the same dwelling
22 place with more than 1 individual who is a par-
23 ticipant under a project that is the subject of
24 a grant award under this Act; and

25 (F) is a citizen of the United States.

1 (b) MANDATORY PARTICIPATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), in any State conducting a program, an
4 individual who has been participating in the job op-
5 portunities and basic skills training program under
6 part F of title IV of the Social Security Act for at
7 least 2 years and has not found employment shall be
8 required to participate in a project.

9 (2) WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT.—A State agen-
10 cy administering a program may waive the require-
11 ment under paragraph (1) in the case of any individ-
12 ual who is completing educational or vocational
13 training under the job opportunities and basic skills
14 training program under part F of title IV of the So-
15 cial Security Act and such waiver may continue for
16 a period of 3 months after the completion of such
17 educational or vocational training.

18 **SEC. 6. HOURS AND COMPENSATION.**

19 (a) DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
21 graph (2), the Secretary shall, based on the initial
22 and annual reports submitted by the advisory com-
23 mittee established under paragraph (3), determine—

24 (A) the hourly wage rate for determining
25 the minimum number of hours a participant in

1 a community works progress project who is re-
2 ceiving unemployment compensation under an
3 unemployment compensation law of a State or
4 of the United States must agree to work on a
5 monthly basis under subsection (b)(2)(A);

6 (B) the hourly wage rate for determining
7 the minimum number of hours a participant in
8 a project who is receiving aid to families with
9 dependent children under part A of title IV of
10 the Social Security Act must agree to work on
11 a monthly basis under subsection (b)(2)(B);

12 (C) the compensation to be paid to a par-
13 ticipant in a project under subsection (c)(1);
14 and

15 (D) the hourly wage rate to be paid under
16 subsection (c)(2) to a participant in a project
17 who accepts an offer to work hours in addition
18 to the number of hours determined under sub-
19 section (b)(2).

20 (2) LIMITATION.—Any determination made by
21 the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall not result
22 in a participant receiving on an hourly basis an
23 amount below the Federal minimum wage or the ap-
24 plicable State minimum wage, whichever is greater.

1 (3) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOURS AND COM-
2 PENSATION.—

3 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
4 shall establish an advisory committee (hereafter
5 referred to in this section as the “Committee”)
6 for the purpose of assisting the Secretary in
7 matters described in paragraph (1).

8 (B) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall
9 be composed of individuals appointed by the
10 Secretary representing—

11 (i) the Department of Health and
12 Human Services;

13 (ii) the business community;

14 (iii) labor organizations;

15 (iv) individuals who are likely to be
16 participants in a program;

17 (v) State and local governments; and

18 (vi) other individuals or groups deter-
19 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

20 (C) REPORT.—Within 90 days after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act and on each
22 anniversary of such date, the Committee shall
23 submit a report to the Secretary containing the
24 Committee’s findings and conclusions with re-
25 spect to the matters described in paragraph (1).

1 (D) COMPENSATION.—

2 (i) IN GENERAL.—Members of the
3 Committee shall serve without compensa-
4 tion.

5 (ii) EXPENSES REIMBURSED.—While
6 away from their homes or regular places of
7 business on the business of the Committee,
8 the members of the Committee may be al-
9 lowed travel expenses, including per diem
10 in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by sec-
11 tion 5703 of title 5, United States Code,
12 for persons employed intermittently in
13 Government service.

14 (iii) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall
15 supply such necessary office facilities, of-
16 fice supplies, support services, and related
17 expenses as necessary to carry out the
18 functions of the Committee.

19 (E) APPLICATION OF THE ACT.—The pro-
20 visions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
21 (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply with respect to
22 the Committee.

23 (b) WORK REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PARTICIPA-
24 TION.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—

1 (A) MAXIMUM HOURS.—In order to assure
2 that each individual participating in a project
3 will have time to seek alternative employment
4 or to participate in an alternative employability
5 enhancement activity, no individual may work
6 as a participant in a project under this Act for
7 more than 32 hours per week.

8 (B) REQUIRED JOB SEARCH ACTIVITY.—
9 Individuals participating in a project who are
10 not receiving aid to families with dependent
11 children under part A of title IV of the Social
12 Security Act or unemployment compensation
13 under an unemployment compensation law of a
14 State or of the United States shall be required
15 to participate in job search activities deter-
16 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

17 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
18 NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED.—

19 (A) INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING UNEMPLOY-
20 MENT COMPENSATION.—Except as provided in
21 paragraph (1)(A), individuals who are receiving
22 unemployment compensation under an unem-
23 ployment compensation law of a State or of the
24 United States shall agree to work as partici-

1 pants in a project on a monthly basis the num-
2 ber of hours determined by dividing—

3 (i) the lowest amount of monthly un-
4 employment compensation any individual
5 in the State is eligible to receive, by

6 (ii) an hourly wage rate determined
7 appropriate by the Secretary under sub-
8 section (a)(1)(A).

9 (B) INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING AFDC.—Ex-
10 cept as provided in paragraph (1)(A), individ-
11 uals who are receiving aid to families with de-
12 pendent children under part A of title IV of the
13 Social Security Act shall work as participants
14 in a community works progress project on a
15 monthly basis the number of hours determined
16 by dividing—

17 (i) the lowest amount of monthly as-
18 sistance any family is eligible to receive
19 under such part in the State, by

20 (ii) an hourly wage rate determined
21 appropriate by the Secretary under sub-
22 section (a)(1)(B).

23 (c) COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPANTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—

1 (A) INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING UNEMPLOY-
2 MENT COMPENSATION OR AFDC.—Each partici-
3 pant in a project who is receiving unemploy-
4 ment compensation under an unemployment
5 compensation law of a State or of the United
6 States or aid to families with dependent chil-
7 dren under part A of title IV of the Social Se-
8 curity Act and who worked the number of hours
9 determined under subsection (b)(2) shall be
10 compensated for participation in such project
11 on a monthly basis a bonus amount determined
12 appropriate by the Secretary under subsection
13 (a)(1)(C). Such amount shall be paid from
14 grant funds awarded to the State and shall be
15 in addition to any such benefit received by such
16 participant.

17 (B) INDIVIDUALS NOT RECEIVING UNEM-
18 PLOYMENT COMPENSATION OR AFDC.—Each
19 participant in a project who is not described in
20 subparagraph (A) shall be paid for each hour
21 worked as a participant on such project an
22 amount determined appropriate by the Sec-
23 retary under subsection (a)(1)(C).

24 (2) COMPENSATION FOR ADDITIONAL WORK
25 HOURS.—If an individual who is receiving unemploy-

1 ment compensation under an unemployment com-
2 pensation law of a State or of the United States or
3 an individual who is receiving aid to families with
4 dependent children under part A of title IV of the
5 Social Security Act accepts an offer to work hours
6 in addition to the number of hours determined under
7 subsection (b)(2), such individual shall be paid for
8 each such additional hour an amount determined ap-
9 propriate by the Secretary under subsection
10 (a)(1)(D). Such amount shall be paid from grant
11 funds awarded to the State and shall be in addition
12 to any such benefit received by such participant.

13 (3) ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATION METHODS.—
14 The Secretary may approve any application submit-
15 ted by a State under this Act which provides for an
16 alternative to the method of compensation for par-
17 ticipants in a project set forth in this Act if such al-
18 ternative method is based on an individual partici-
19 pant's skill level, education, or responsibility on the
20 project, and such alternative method—

21 (A) does not reduce the amount received
22 by any participant on an hourly basis below the
23 Federal minimum wage or the applicable State
24 minimum wage, whichever is greater; and

1 (B)(i) in the case of an individual receiving
2 unemployment compensation under an unem-
3 ployment law of a State or of the United
4 States, results in a weekly payment which
5 would be greater than the weekly amount the
6 participant receives as such compensation; or

7 (ii) in the case of an individual receiving
8 aid to families with dependent children under
9 part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, re-
10 sults in a monthly payment which would be
11 greater than the monthly amount the family of
12 the participant receives as such aid.

13 (4) PAYMENTS OF AFDC AND UNEMPLOYMENT
14 COMPENSATION.—Any State agency responsible for
15 making a payment of benefits to a participant in a
16 project under part A of title IV of the Social Secu-
17 rity Act or under an unemployment compensation
18 law of a State or of the United States may transfer
19 such payment to the governmental or nonprofit en-
20 tity conducting such project and such payment shall
21 be made by such entity to such participant in con-
22 junction with any payment of compensation made
23 under paragraphs (1), (2), or (3).

24 (5) TREATMENT OF COMPENSATION OR BENE-
25 FITS UNDER OTHER PROGRAMS.—

1 (A) HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—In
2 determining any grant, loan, or other form of
3 assistance for an individual under any program
4 under the Higher Education Act of 1965, the
5 Secretary of Education shall not take into con-
6 sideration the compensation and benefits re-
7 ceived by such individual under this section for
8 participation in a project.

9 (B) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FEDERAL
10 BENEFITS.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
11 sion of law, any compensation or benefits re-
12 ceived by an individual under this section for
13 participation in a community works progress
14 project shall be excluded from any determina-
15 tion of income for the purposes of determining
16 eligibility for benefits under section 402, title
17 XVI, and title XIX of the Social Security Act,
18 or any other Federal or federally assisted pro-
19 gram which is based on need.

20 (6) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—Each participant
21 in a project conducted under this Act shall be eligi-
22 ble to receive, out of grant funds awarded to the
23 State agency administering such project, assistance
24 to meet necessary costs of transportation, child care,

1 vision testing, eyeglasses, uniforms and other work
2 materials.

3 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) NONDUPLICATION AND NONDISPLACEMENT.—

5 (1) NONDUPLICATION.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts from a grant
7 provided under this Act shall be used only for
8 a project that does not duplicate, and is in ad-
9 dition to, an activity otherwise available in the
10 State or unit of general local government in
11 which the project is carried out.

12 (B) NONPROFIT ENTITY.—Amounts from
13 a grant provided to a State under this Act shall
14 not be provided to a nonprofit entity to conduct
15 activities that are the same or substantially
16 equivalent to activities provided by a State or
17 local government agency in which such entity
18 resides, unless the requirements of paragraph
19 (2) are met.

20 (2) NONDISPLACEMENT.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—A governmental or non-
22 profit entity shall not displace any employee or
23 position, including partial displacement such as
24 reduction in hours, wages, or employment bene-
25 fits, as a result of the use by such entity of a

1 participant in a project funded by a grant
2 under this Act.

3 (B) LIMITATION ON SERVICES.—

4 (i) DUPLICATION OF SERVICES.—A
5 participant in a project funded by a grant
6 under this Act shall not perform any serv-
7 ices or duties or engage in activities that
8 would otherwise be performed by any em-
9 ployee as part of the assigned duties of
10 such employee.

11 (ii) SUPPLANTATION OF HIRING.—A
12 participant in a project funded by a grant
13 under this Act shall not perform any serv-
14 ices or duties or engage in activities that
15 will supplant the hiring of other workers.

16 (iii) DUTIES FORMERLY PERFORMED
17 BY ANOTHER EMPLOYEE.—A participant
18 in a project funded by a grant under this
19 Act shall not perform services or duties
20 that have been performed by or were as-
21 signed to any presently employed worker,
22 employee who recently resigned or was dis-
23 charged, employee who is subject to a re-
24 duction in force, employee who is on leave
25 (terminal, temporary, vacation, emergency,

1 or sick), or employee who is on strike or
2 who is being locked out.

3 (b) FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
4 retary may suspend or terminate payments under this Act
5 for a project if the Secretary determines that the govern-
6 mental or nonprofit entity conducting such project has
7 materially failed to comply with this Act, the application
8 submitted under this Act, or any other terms and condi-
9 tions of a grant under this Act agreed to by the State
10 agency administering the project and the Secretary.

11 (c) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State conducting a
13 community works progress program under this Act
14 shall establish and maintain a procedure for the fil-
15 ing and adjudication of grievances from participants
16 in any project conducted under such program, labor
17 organizations, and other interested individuals con-
18 cerning such program, including grievances regard-
19 ing proposed placements of such participants in
20 projects conducted under such program.

21 (2) DEADLINE FOR GRIEVANCES.—Except for a
22 grievance that alleges fraud or criminal activity, a
23 grievance under this paragraph shall be filed not
24 later than 1 year after the date of the alleged occur-

1 rence of the event that is the subject of the grievance.
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3 (3) DEADLINE FOR HEARING AND DECISION.—

4 (A) HEARING.—A hearing conducted
5 under this paragraph on any grievance shall be
6 conducted not later than 30 days after the fil-
7 ing of such grievance.

8 (B) DECISION.—A decision on any grievance shall be made not later than 60 days after
9 the filing of such grievance.
10

11 (4) ARBITRATION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the event of a deci-
13 sion on a grievance that is adverse to the party
14 who filed such grievance, or 60 days after the
15 filing of such grievance if no decision has been
16 reached, such party shall have the right to de-
17 mand an arbitration. Such demand for an arbi-
18 tration shall be made to the American Arbitra-
19 tion Association (hereafter referred to in this
20 subsection as the “Association”) within 30 days
21 after a decision on a grievance that is adverse
22 to the party who filed such grievance has been
23 reached, or 90 days after the filing of such
24 grievance if no decision has been reached. Upon
25 receipt of such a demand for arbitration, the

1 Association shall serve notice on the parties to
2 the arbitration and, except as provided in sub-
3 paragraph (B), conduct the arbitration accord-
4 ing to the commercial rules of the Association
5 in effect at the time of the filing of the demand
6 for arbitration.

7 (B) SPECIAL RULES FOR ARBITRATION
8 PROCEEDING.—

9 (i) DEADLINE FOR PROCEEDING.—An
10 arbitration proceeding shall be held not
11 later than 45 days after the appointment
12 of an arbitrator.

13 (ii) DEADLINE FOR DECISION.—A de-
14 cision concerning a grievance subject to an
15 arbitration proceeding shall be made not
16 later than 30 days after the date such ar-
17 bitration proceeding begins.

18 (iii) COST.—

19 (I) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
20 vided in subclause (II), the cost of an
21 arbitration proceeding shall be divided
22 evenly between the parties to the arbi-
23 tration.

24 (II) EXCEPTION.—If a partici-
25 pant, labor organization, or other in-

1 interested individual described in para-
2 graph (1) prevails under an arbitra-
3 tion proceeding, the State, govern-
4 mental entity, or nonprofit entity
5 which is a party to such grievance
6 shall pay the total cost of such pro-
7 ceeding and the attorney's fees of
8 such participant, labor organization,
9 or individual, as the case may be.

10 (5) PROPOSED PLACEMENT.—If a grievance is
11 filed regarding a proposed placement of a partici-
12 pant in a project conducted under this Act, such
13 placement shall not be made unless it is consistent
14 with the resolution of the grievance pursuant to this
15 subsection.

16 (6) REMEDIES.—Remedies for a grievance filed
17 under this subsection include—

18 (A) prohibition of the placement described
19 in paragraph (5); and

20 (B) in the case of an individual who has
21 been displaced from employment—

22 (i) reinstatement of the individual to
23 the position held by such individual prior
24 to displacement;

1 (ii) payment of lost wages and bene-
2 fits of the individual;

3 (iii) reestablishment of other relevant
4 terms, conditions, and privileges of employ-
5 ment of the individual; and

6 (iv) such equitable relief as is nec-
7 essary to correct any violation of this Act
8 or to make the individual whole.

9 (7) ENFORCEMENT.—Suits to enforce an arbi-
10 tration award under this subsection may be brought
11 in any district court of the United States having ju-
12 risdiction over the parties without regard to the
13 amount in controversy and without regard to the
14 citizenship of the parties.

15 (d) TESTING AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.—

16 (1) TESTING.—Except as provided in para-
17 graph (3), each participant in a project shall be test-
18 ed for basic reading and writing competence prior to
19 employment under such project.

20 (2) EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.—

21 (A) FAILURE TO SATISFACTORILY COM-
22 PLETE TEST.—Participants who fail to com-
23 plete satisfactorily the basic competency test re-
24 quired in paragraph (1) shall be furnished
25 counseling and instruction.

1 (B) LIMITED-ENGLISH.—Participants with
2 limited-English speaking ability may be fur-
3 nished such instruction as the governmental or
4 nonprofit entity conducting the project deems
5 appropriate.

6 (3) PARTICIPANTS IN JOBS PROGRAM.—Any in-
7 dividual who is a participant in the job opportunities
8 and basic skills training program under part F of
9 title IV of the Social Security Act shall not be re-
10 quired to be tested under paragraph (1) if such indi-
11 vidual has been tested under such program so long
12 as such test is adequate to ensure appropriate place-
13 ment of the individual in a project.

14 (e) COMPLETION OF PROJECTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—A governmental or nonprofit
16 entity conducting a project under this Act shall com-
17 plete such project within the 2-year period beginning
18 on a date determined appropriate by such entity, the
19 State agency administering the project, and the Sec-
20 retary.

21 (2) MODIFICATION.—The period referred to in
22 paragraph (1) may be modified in the discretion of
23 the Secretary upon application by the State in which
24 a project is being conducted.

1 **SEC. 8. EVALUATIONS AND REPORTS.**

2 (a) BY THE STATES.—Each State conducting a com-
3 munity works progress program under this Act shall con-
4 duct ongoing evaluations of the effectiveness of such pro-
5 gram (including the effectiveness of such program in meet-
6 ing the goals and objectives described in the application
7 approved by the Secretary) and, for each year in which
8 such program is conducted, shall submit an annual report
9 to the Secretary concerning the results of such evaluations
10 at such time, and in such manner, as the Secretary shall
11 require. The report shall incorporate information from an-
12 nual reports submitted to the State by governmental and
13 nonprofit entities conducting projects under the program.
14 The report shall include an analysis of the interaction, if
15 any, of project participants with employees that are not
16 participating in the project. Up to 3 percent of the amount
17 granted to a State may be used to conduct the evaluations
18 required under this subsection.

19 (b) BY THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall sub-
20 mit an annual report to the Congress concerning the effec-
21 tiveness of the community works progress programs con-
22 ducted under this Act. Such report shall analyze the re-
23 ports received by the Secretary under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 9. FUNDING.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
3 priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the
4 purposes of this Act.

5 (b) LIMITATIONS ON COSTS.—

6 (1) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more
7 than 10 percent of the amount of each grant award-
8 ed to a State may be used for administrative ex-
9 penses.

10 (2) COMPENSATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERV-
11 ICES.—Not less than 70 percent of the amount of
12 each grant awarded to a State may be used to pro-
13 vide compensation and supportive services to project
14 participants.

15 (3) WAIVER OF COST LIMITATIONS.—The limi-
16 tations under paragraphs (1) and (2) may be waived
17 as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

18 **SEC. 10. INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASK FORCE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in con-
21 sultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
22 ices, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,
23 the Secretary of Education, and the Secretary of Agri-
24 culture shall establish a task force to identify any Federal
25 funds that may be directed for use in the community
26 works progress programs under this Act and to identify

1 any modifications to existing policies or procedures that
2 would facilitate the implementation of such programs.

3 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall consist of at
4 least 5 members and shall include 1 representative from
5 each of the following agencies:

6 (1) the Department of Labor;

7 (2) the Department of Health and Human
8 Services;

9 (3) the Department of Housing and Urban De-
10 velopment;

11 (4) the Department of Education; and

12 (5) the Department of Agriculture.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the task force shall submit
15 a report to the Secretary, the Secretary of Health and
16 Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
17 velopment, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of
18 Agriculture, and the Congress that includes any findings
19 and recommendations of the task force.

20 (d) ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Sec-
21 retary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
22 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Sec-
23 retary of Education, and the Secretary of Agriculture shall
24 take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the
25 recommendations of the task force.



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