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# 15 U.S. Code § 3722b

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## Distressed area Recompete Pilot Program

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### **(a) In general**

Within the program authorized under section 3722a of this title, the Secretary is authorized to establish a pilot program, to be known as the “Recompete Pilot Program”, to provide grants to eligible recipients representing eligible areas or Tribal lands to alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation in eligible areas.

### **(b) Strategy development grants and cooperative agreements**

Subject to available appropriations, the Secretary is authorized, on the application of an eligible recipient, to award up to one half of the number of grants under subsection (e) of section 3722a of this title to eligible recipients to develop a recompete plan and carry out related predevelopment activities.

### **(c) Strategy implementation grants and cooperative agreements**

Subject to available appropriations and subsection (f), the Secretary shall award, on the application of an eligible recipient, at least ten strategy implementation grants, in accordance with a recompete plan review and approved by the Secretary, to carry out coordinated and comprehensive economic development programs and activities in an eligible area, consistent with a recompete plan approved by the Secretary. Such activities may include—

- (1) workforce development activities of the kind described in section 3722a(f) of this title or other job training and workforce outreach programs oriented to local employer needs, such as—
  - (A) customized job training programs carried out by local community colleges and other training or educational organizations in partnership with local businesses;
  - (B) workforce outreach programs located in, and targeted to, lower-income and underemployed neighborhoods; and
  - (C) programs to embed job placement and training services in neighborhood institutions such as churches, housing projects, and community advocacy programs; and
  - (D) job retention programs and activities, such as the provision of career coaches;

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