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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2023

Mr. HEINRICH, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

1 tion, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-
2 tember 30, 2024, and for other purposes, namely:

3 TITLE I

4 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

5 PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING

6 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,
9 \$65,067,000 of which not to exceed \$7,432,000 shall be
10 available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not
11 to exceed \$1,396,000 shall be available for the Office of
12 Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000 shall be
13 available for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which
14 \$1,000,000 shall be to continue a Tribal Public Health
15 Resource Center at a land grant university with existing
16 indigenous public health expertise to expand current part-
17 nerships and collaborative efforts with indigenous groups,
18 including but not limited to, tribal organizations and insti-
19 tutions such as tribal colleges, tribal technical colleges,
20 tribal community colleges and tribal universities, to im-
21 prove the delivery of culturally appropriate public health
22 services and functions in American Indian communities fo-
23 cusing on indigenous food sovereignty; not to exceed
24 \$9,280,000 shall be available for the Office of Partner-
25 ships and Public Engagement, of which \$1,500,000 shall

1 be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to exceed \$28,422,000
2 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary
3 for Administration, of which \$26,716,000 shall be avail-
4 able for Departmental Administration to provide for nec-
5 essary expenses for management support services to of-
6 fices of the Department and for general administration,
7 security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous
8 supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and nec-
9 essary for the practical and efficient work of the Depart-
10 ment: *Provided*, That funds made available by this Act to
11 an agency in the Administration mission area for salaries
12 and expenses are available to fund up to one administra-
13 tive support staff for the Office; not to exceed \$4,609,000
14 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Secretary for
15 Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs to
16 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-
17 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
18 within the executive branch; and not to exceed \$8,738,000
19 shall be available for the Office of Communications: *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is author-
21 ized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the
22 Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office
23 of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That no appropriation
24 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than
25 5 percent: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$22,000

1 of the amount made available under this paragraph for
2 the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available
3 for official reception and representation expenses, not oth-
4 erwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: *Pro-*
5 *vided further*, That the amount made available under this
6 heading for Departmental Administration shall be reim-
7 bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for trav-
8 el expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required
9 by 5 U.S.C. 551–558: *Provided further*, That funds made
10 available under this heading for the Office of the Assistant
11 Secretary for Congressional Relations and Intergovern-
12 mental Affairs shall be transferred to agencies of the De-
13 partment of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain
14 personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no
15 funds made available under this heading for the Office of
16 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations may be
17 obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this
18 Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on
19 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the alloca-
20 tion of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided further*,
21 That during any 30 day notification period referenced in
22 section 716 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
23 take no action to begin implementation of the action that
24 is subject to section 716 of this Act or make any public
25 announcement of such action in any form.

1 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

2 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

3 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief
4 Economist, \$30,181,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be
5 for grants or cooperative agreements for policy research
6 under 7 U.S.C. 3155: *Provided*, That of the amounts made
7 available under this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be for an
8 interdisciplinary center based at a land grant university
9 focused on agricultural policy relevant to the Midwest re-
10 gion which will provide private entities, policymakers, and
11 the public with timely insights and targeted economic solu-
12 tions: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made avail-
13 able under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to
14 carry out section 224 of subtitle A of the Department of
15 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924),
16 as amended by section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.

17 OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and
19 Appeals, \$16,703,000.

20 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
22 Program Analysis, \$14,967,000.

23 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

24 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
25 formation Officer, \$92,284,000, of which not less than

1 \$77,428,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the de-
2 partment.

3 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
5 nancial Officer, \$7,367,000.

6 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL

7 RIGHTS

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant
9 Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,466,000: *Provided*, That
10 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil
11 Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available
12 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
13 fice.

14 OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

15 For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,
16 \$37,595,000.

17 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
20 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant
21 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
22 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
23 culture under 40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities
24 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
25 alterations and other actions needed for the Department

1 and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into con-
2 figurations suitable for release to the Administrator of
3 General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, im-
4 provement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facili-
5 ties, and for related costs, \$36,081,000, to remain avail-
6 able until expended.

7 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
10 culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental
11 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
12 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.
13 6901 et seq.), \$6,586,000, to remain available until ex-
14 pended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available
15 herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Man-
16 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-
17 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
18 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

19 OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Secu-
21 rity, and Protection, \$21,800,000.

22 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

23 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
24 General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector
25 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),

1 \$111,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary
2 for contracting and other arrangements with public agen-
3 cies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the
4 Inspector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5
5 U.S.C. App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for
6 certain confidential operational expenses, including the
7 payment of informants, to be expended under the direction
8 of the Inspector General pursuant to the Inspector Gen-
9 eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and
10 section 1337 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981
11 (Public Law 97-98).

12 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

13 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
14 Counsel, \$60,537,000.

15 OFFICE OF ETHICS

16 For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,
17 \$5,556,000.

18 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,

19 EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
21 Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics,
22 \$2,384,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
23 Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Eco-
24 nomics mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
25 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for

1 the Office: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made
2 available under this heading, \$1,000,000 shall be made
3 available for the Office of the Chief Scientist.

4 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

5 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
6 Service, \$92,183,000.

7 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

8 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
9 Statistics Service, \$200,563,000, of which up to
10 \$55,900,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
11 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That amounts made available
12 for the Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Cur-
13 rent Industrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C.
14 2204g(d) and (f).

15 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research
18 Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,
19 or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100, and
20 for land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of
21 equal value or shall be equalized by a payment of money
22 to the grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the
23 total value of the land or interests transferred out of Fed-
24 eral ownership, \$1,792,879,000: *Provided*, That appro-
25 priations hereunder shall be available for the operation

1 and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to
2 exceed one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That
3 appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7
4 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair
5 of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise pro-
6 vided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not
7 exceed \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses
8 which shall each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10
9 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to
10 exceed \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to
11 be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each,
12 and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal
13 year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replace-
14 ment value of the building or \$500,000, whichever is
15 greater: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder
16 shall be available for entering into lease agreements at any
17 Agricultural Research Service location for the construction
18 of a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by
19 the Agricultural Research Service and a condition of the
20 lease shall be that any facility shall be owned, operated,
21 and maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall be re-
22 moved upon the expiration or termination of the lease
23 agreement: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alter-
24 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-
25 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville,

1 Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations here-
2 under shall be available for granting easements at the
3 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*,
4 That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replace-
5 ment of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April
6 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That appro-
7 priations hereunder shall be available for granting ease-
8 ments at any Agricultural Research Service location for
9 the construction of a research facility by a non-Federal
10 entity for use by, and acceptable to, the Agricultural Re-
11 search Service and a condition of the easements shall be
12 that upon completion the facility shall be accepted by the
13 Secretary, subject to the availability of funds herein, if the
14 Secretary finds that acceptance of the facility is in the
15 interest of the United States: *Provided further*, That funds
16 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-
17 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-
18 lishing or operating any research facility or research
19 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
20 by law.

21 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

22 For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-
23 provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
24 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agri-
25 cultural research programs of the Department of Agri-

1 culture, where not otherwise provided, \$88,869,000 to re-
2 main available until expended, of which \$47,464,000 shall
3 be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this
4 account in the table titled “Congressionally Directed
5 Spending” in the report accompanying this Act.

6 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

7 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

8 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
9 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
10 for other expenses, \$1,084,600,000 which shall be for the
11 purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled
12 “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research
13 and Education Activities” in the report accompanying this
14 Act: *Provided*, That funds for research grants for 1994
15 institutions, education grants for 1890 institutions, His-
16 panic serving institutions education grants, capacity build-
17 ing for non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, the agri-
18 culture and food research initiative, veterinary medicine
19 loan repayment, multicultural scholars, graduate fellow-
20 ship and institution challenge grants, grants management
21 systems, tribal colleges education equity grants, and schol-
22 arships at 1890 institutions shall remain available until
23 expended: *Provided further*, That each institution eligible
24 to receive funds under the Evans-Allen program receives
25 no less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for

1 education grants for Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-
 2 serving institutions be made available to individual eligible
 3 institutions or consortia of eligible institutions with funds
 4 awarded equally to each of the States of Alaska and Ha-
 5 waii: *Provided further*, That funds for providing grants for
 6 food and agricultural sciences for Alaska Native and Na-
 7 tive Hawaiian-Serving institutions and for Insular Areas
 8 shall remain available until September 30, 2024: *Provided*
 9 *further*, That funds for education grants for 1890 institu-
 10 tions shall be made available to institutions eligible to re-
 11 ceive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222: *Provided fur-*
 12 *ther*, That not more than 5 percent of the amounts made
 13 available by this or any other Act to carry out the Agri-
 14 culture and Food Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 3157
 15 may be retained by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay
 16 administrative costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying
 17 out that authority.

18 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

19 For the Native American Institutions Endowment
 20 Fund authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7 U.S.C. 301
 21 note), \$11,880,000, to remain available until expended.

22 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

23 For payments to States, the District of Columbia,
 24 Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the
 25 Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$567,410,000

1 which shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, speci-
 2 fied in the table titled “National Institute of Food and
 3 Agriculture, Extension Activities” in the report accom-
 4 panying this Act: *Provided*, That funds for extension serv-
 5 ices at 1994 institutions and for facility improvements at
 6 1890 institutions shall remain available until expended:
 7 *Provided further*, That institutions eligible to receive funds
 8 under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no
 9 less than \$1,000,000: *Provided further*, That funds for co-
 10 operative extension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the
 11 Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section
 12 208(e) of Public Law 93–471 shall be available for retire-
 13 ment and employees’ compensation costs for extension
 14 agents.

15 INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

16 For the integrated research, education, and extension
 17 grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-
 18 penses, \$41,500,000, which shall be for the purposes, and
 19 in the amounts, specified in the table titled “National In-
 20 stitute of Food and Agriculture, Integrated Activities” in
 21 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That funds
 22 for the Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative shall re-
 23 main available until September 30, 2024: *Provided further*,
 24 That notwithstanding any other provision of law, indirect
 25 costs shall not be charged against any Extension Imple-

1 mentation Program Area grant awarded under the Crop
 2 Protection/Pest Management Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).

3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING
 4 AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
 6 Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs,
 7 \$1,617,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
 8 Act to an agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Pro-
 9 grams mission area for salaries and expenses are available
 10 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
 11 fice.

12 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
 13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
 14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant
 16 Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for
 17 representation allowances and for expenses pursuant to
 18 the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),
 19 \$1,185,967,000 of which up to \$14,276,000 shall be for
 20 the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this ac-
 21 count in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spend-
 22 ing” in the report accompanying this Act; of which
 23 \$514,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
 24 available for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant dis-
 25 eases, animal diseases and for control of pest animals and

1 birds (“contingency fund”) to the extent necessary to meet
2 emergency conditions; of which \$15,450,000, to remain
3 available until expended, shall be used for the cotton pests
4 program, including for cost share purposes or for debt re-
5 tirement for active eradication zones; of which
6 \$39,183,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
7 for Animal Health Technical Services; of which
8 \$4,096,000 shall be for activities under the authority of
9 the Horse Protection Act of 1970, as amended (15 U.S.C.
10 1831); of which \$64,930,000, to remain available until ex-
11 pended, shall be used to support avian health; of which
12 \$4,251,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
13 for information technology infrastructure; of which
14 \$217,904,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
15 for specialty crop pests, of which \$8,500,000, to remain
16 available until September 30, 2025, shall be for one-time
17 control and management and associated activities directly
18 related to the multiple-agency response to citrus greening;
19 of which, \$13,986,000, to remain available until expended,
20 shall be for field crop and rangeland ecosystem pests; of
21 which \$21,567,000, to remain available until expended,
22 shall be for zoonotic disease management; of which
23 \$48,067,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
24 for emergency preparedness and response; of which
25 \$62,562,000, to remain available until expended, shall be

1 for tree and wood pests; of which \$6,500,000, to remain
2 available until expended, shall be for the National Veteri-
3 nary Stockpile; of which up to \$1,500,000, to remain
4 available until expended, shall be for the scrapie program
5 for indemnities; of which \$2,500,000, to remain available
6 until expended, shall be for the wildlife damage manage-
7 ment program for aviation safety: *Provided*, That of
8 amounts available under this heading for wildlife services
9 methods development, \$1,000,000 shall remain available
10 until expended: *Provided further*, That of amounts avail-
11 able under this heading for the screwworm program,
12 \$4,990,000 shall remain available until expended; of which
13 \$24,527,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
14 used to carry out the science program and transition ac-
15 tivities for the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility lo-
16 cated in Manhattan, Kansas: *Provided further*, That no
17 funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucel-
18 losis eradication program for the current fiscal year that
19 does not require minimum matching by the States of at
20 least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this appropriation
21 shall be available for the purchase, replacement, operation,
22 and maintenance of aircraft: *Provided further*, That in ad-
23 dition, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the
24 agricultural production industry of the United States, the
25 Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds

1 available to the agencies or corporations of the Depart-
2 ment such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be avail-
3 able only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradi-
4 cation of contagious or infectious disease or pests of ani-
5 mals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance
6 with sections 10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Pro-
7 tection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431
8 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and
9 7772), and any unexpended balances of funds transferred
10 for such emergency purposes in the preceding fiscal year
11 shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*
12 *further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available
13 pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alter-
14 ation of leased buildings and improvements, but unless
15 otherwise provided the cost of altering any one building
16 during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the
17 current replacement value of the building.

18 In fiscal year 2024, the agency is authorized to collect
19 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
20 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
21 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
22 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
23 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
24 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
25 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such

1 fees shall be reimbursed to this account, to remain avail-
 2 able until expended, without further appropriation, for
 3 providing such assistance, goods, or services.

4 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

5 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
 6 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
 7 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
 8 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
 9 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$3,175,000, to remain
 10 available until expended.

11 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

12 MARKETING SERVICES

13 For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing
 14 Service, \$229,891,000, of which \$7,500,000 shall be avail-
 15 able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113-
 16 79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-
 17 poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117-
 18 103: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under
 19 this heading, \$15,000,000, to remain available until ex-
 20 pended, shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law
 21 115-334, of which \$14,000,000 shall be for dairy business
 22 innovation initiatives established in Public Law 116-6 and
 23 the Secretary shall take measures to ensure an equal dis-
 24 tribution of funds between these three regional innovation
 25 initiatives: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall

1 be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
 2 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
 3 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
 4 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
 5 value of the building.

6 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
 7 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
 8 U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to
 9 the development or maintenance of grain standards under
 10 the United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et
 11 seq.

12 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

13 Not to exceed \$62,596,000 (from fees collected) shall
 14 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
 15 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated
 16 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may
 17 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification
 18 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
 19 Congress.

20 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND

21 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
 24 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for com-
 25 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other

1 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
2 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
3 Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) trans-
4 fers otherwise provided in this Act; and (3) not more than
5 \$21,501,000 for formulation and administration of mar-
6 keting agreements and orders pursuant to the Agricultural
7 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural
8 Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-128).

9 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

10 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
11 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
12 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
13 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
14 \$1,235,000.

15 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

16 EXPENSES

17 Not to exceed \$55,000,000 (from fees collected) shall
18 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
19 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-
20 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or
21 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
22 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Com-
23 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

1 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
3 Secretary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: *Provided*, That
4 funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Food
5 Safety mission area for salaries and expenses are available
6 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
7 fice.

8 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

9 For necessary expenses to carry out services author-
10 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
11 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
12 Act, including not to exceed \$10,000 for representation
13 allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the
14 Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
15 \$1,205,009,000; and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be cred-
16 ited to this account from fees collected for the cost of lab-
17 oratory accreditation as authorized by section 1327 of the
18 Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990
19 (7 U.S.C. 138f): *Provided*, That funds provided for the
20 Public Health Data Communication Infrastructure system
21 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
22 That no fewer than 148 full-time equivalent positions shall
23 be employed during fiscal year 2024 for purposes dedi-
24 cated solely to inspections and enforcement related to the
25 Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (7 U.S.C. 1901 et

1 seq.): *Provided further*, That the Food Safety and Inspec-
2 tion Service shall continue implementation of section
3 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further clarified by the
4 amendments made in section 12106 of Public Law 113–
5 79: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
6 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-
7 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
8 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
9 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
10 value of the building.

1 TITLE II
2 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM
5 PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation,
8 \$1,727,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conserva-
10 tion mission area for salaries and expenses are available
11 to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Of-
12 fice.

13 FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS
14 CENTER

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and
18 Conservation Business Center, \$249,684,000, of which
19 \$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773
20 of Public Law 117–328: *Provided*, That \$60,228,000 of
21 amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant
22 to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
23 ment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred
24 to and merged with this account.

1 FARM SERVICE AGENCY
2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,
5 \$1,215,307,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall
6 be for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and
7 anticipated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county of-
8 fices and farm loan officers and shall be available until
9 September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That not more than 50
10 percent of the funding made available under this heading
11 for information technology related to farm program deliv-
12 ery may be obligated until the Secretary submits to the
13 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
14 gress, and receives written or electronic notification of re-
15 ceipt from such Committees of, a plan for expenditure that
16 (1) identifies for each project/investment over \$25,000 (a)
17 the functional and performance capabilities to be delivered
18 and the mission benefits to be realized, (b) the estimated
19 lifecycle cost for the entirety of the project/investment, in-
20 cluding estimates for development as well as maintenance
21 and operations, and (c) key milestones to be met; (2) dem-
22 onstrates that each project/investment is, (a) consistent
23 with the Farm Service Agency Information Technology
24 Roadmap, (b) being managed in accordance with applica-
25 ble lifecycle management policies and guidance, and (c)

1 subject to the applicable Department's capital planning
2 and investment control requirements; and (3) has been re-
3 viewed by the Government Accountability Office and ap-
4 proved by the Committees on Appropriations of both
5 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the agency
6 shall submit a report by the end of the fourth quarter of
7 fiscal year 2024 to the Committees on Appropriations and
8 the Government Accountability Office, that identifies for
9 each project/investment that is operational (a) current
10 performance against key indicators of customer satisfac-
11 tion, (b) current performance of service level agreements
12 or other technical metrics, (c) current performance against
13 a pre-established cost baseline, (d) a detailed breakdown
14 of current and planned spending on operational enhance-
15 ments or upgrades, and (e) an assessment of whether the
16 investment continues to meet business needs as intended
17 as well as alternatives to the investment: *Provided further*,
18 That the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facili-
19 ties, and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity
20 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-
21 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
22 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
23 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
24 count: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated
25 under this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made available

1 to county offices, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
 2 *vided further*, That, notwithstanding the preceding pro-
 3 viso, any funds made available to county offices in the cur-
 4 rent fiscal year that the Administrator of the Farm Serv-
 5 ice Agency deems to exceed or not meet the amount need-
 6 ed for the county offices may be transferred to or from
 7 the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses: *Provided*
 8 *further*, That none of the funds available to the Farm
 9 Service Agency shall be used to close Farm Service Agency
 10 county offices: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
 11 available to the Farm Service Agency shall be used to per-
 12 manently relocate county based employees that would re-
 13 sult in an office with two or fewer employees without prior
 14 notification and approval of the Committees on Appropria-
 15 tions of both Houses of Congress.

16 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

17 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
 18 tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–
 19 5106), \$7,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agri-
 20 culture may determine that United States territories and
 21 Federally recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the
 22 purposes of Subtitle A of such Act.

23 GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

24 For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or
 25 groundwater protection activities under section 12400 of

1 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),
2 \$7,500,000, to remain available until expended.

3 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
6 payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy
7 products under a dairy indemnity program, such sums as
8 may be necessary, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That such program is carried out by the Secretary
10 in the same manner as the dairy indemnity program de-
11 scribed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
12 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
13 tions Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–
14 12).

15 GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND

16 RANCHERS

17 For necessary expenses to carry out direct reimburse-
18 ment payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers
19 and ranchers under section 1621 of the Food Conserva-
20 tion, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8792),
21 \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended.

1 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM
 2 ACCOUNT
 3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 5 rect and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et
 6 seq.) and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emer-
 7 gency loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land ac-
 8 quisition loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7
 9 U.S.C. 1989), guaranteed conservation loans (7 U.S.C.
 10 1924 et seq.), relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936c), and
 11 Indian highly fractionated land loans (25 U.S.C. 5136)
 12 to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit In-
 13 surance Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed
 14 farm ownership loans and \$3,100,000,000 for farm owner-
 15 ship direct loans; \$2,118,491,000 for unsubsidized guar-
 16 anteed operating loans and \$1,633,000,000 for direct op-
 17 erating loans; emergency loans, \$37,667,000; Indian tribe
 18 land acquisition loans, \$20,000,000; guaranteed conserva-
 19 tion loans, \$150,000,000; relending program,
 20 \$61,426,000; Indian highly fractionated land loans,
 21 \$5,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program loans,
 22 \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall deem the
 23 pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll
 24 weevil eradication program loans.

1 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and
2 grants, including the cost of modifying loans as defined
3 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
4 as follows: \$3,507,000 for emergency loans, to remain
5 available until expended; and \$27,598,000 for direct farm
6 operating loans, \$1,483,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed
7 farm operating loans, \$19,368,000 for the relending pro-
8 gram, \$1,577,000 for Indian highly fractionated land
9 loans, and \$258,000 for boll weevil eradication program
10 loans.

11 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
12 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
13 \$341,871,000: *Provided*, That of this amount,
14 \$321,621,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the
15 appropriation for “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Ex-
16 penses”.

17 Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural
18 Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership,
19 operating and conservation direct loans and guaranteed
20 loans may be transferred among these programs: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That the Committees on Appropriations of both
22 Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days in ad-
23 vance of any transfer.

1 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

2 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

3 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management
4 Agency, \$66,870,000: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 of the
5 amount appropriated under this heading in this Act shall
6 be available for compliance and integrity activities re-
7 quired under section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop In-
8 surance Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall
9 be in addition to amounts otherwise provided for such pur-
10 pose: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall
11 be available for official reception and representation ex-
12 penses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1506(i).

13 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

14 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

15 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
16 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-f),
17 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
18 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
19 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
20 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
21 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
22 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
23 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
24 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
25 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials

1 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
2 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
3 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 2268a); purchase and erection or alter-
4 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
5 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
6 \$922,151,000, to remain available until September 30,
7 2025: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
8 available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construction and
9 improvement of buildings and public improvements at
10 plant materials centers, except that the cost of alterations
11 and improvements to other buildings and other public im-
12 provements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Provided further*,
13 That when buildings or other structures are erected on
14 non-Federal land, that the right to use such land is ob-
15 tained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.

16 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

17 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
18 ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-
19 tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and
20 changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed
21 Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–
22 1005 and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provi-
23 sions of laws relating to the activities of the Department,
24 \$90,405,000, to remain available until expended, of which
25 up to \$20,405,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the

1 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled
2 “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-
3 panying this Act: *Provided*, That for funds provided by
4 this Act or any other prior Act, the limitation regarding
5 the size of the watershed or subwatershed exceeding two
6 hundred and fifty thousand acres in which such activities
7 can be undertaken shall only apply for activities under-
8 taken for the primary purpose of flood prevention (includ-
9 ing structural and land treatment measures): *Provided*
10 *further*, That of the amounts made available under this
11 heading, \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to projects and ac-
12 tivities that can commence promptly following enactment;
13 that address regional priorities for flood prevention, agri-
14 cultural water management, inefficient irrigation systems,
15 fish and wildlife habitat, or watershed protection; or that
16 address authorized ongoing projects under the authorities
17 of section 13 of the Flood Control Act of December 22,
18 1944 (Public Law 78–534) with a primary purpose of wa-
19 tershed protection by preventing floodwater damage and
20 stabilizing stream channels, tributaries, and banks to re-
21 duce erosion and sediment transport: *Provided further*,
22 That of the amounts made available under this heading,
23 \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to irrigation modernization
24 projects and activities located in Western states that in-
25 crease fish or wildlife habitat, reduce drought impact, im-

1 prove water quality or instream flow, or provide off-chan-
2 nel renewable energy production.

3 WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

4 Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed
5 Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$2,000,000 is pro-
6 vided.

7 CORPORATIONS

8 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
9 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
10 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-
11 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make
12 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
13 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
14 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
15 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
16 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
17 inafter provided.

18 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

19 For payments as authorized by section 516 of the
20 Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1516), such sums
21 as may be necessary, to remain available until expended.

1 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND
2 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-
5 essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for
6 net realized losses sustained, but not previously reim-
7 bursed, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17,
8 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a–11): *Provided*, That of the funds
9 available to the Commodity Credit Corporation under sec-
10 tion 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act
11 (15 U.S.C. 714i) for the conduct of its business with the
12 Foreign Agricultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be
13 transferred to and used by the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
14 ice for information resource management activities of the
15 Foreign Agricultural Service that are not related to Com-
16 modity Credit Corporation business: *Provided further*,
17 That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appro-
18 priations of the House and Senate in writing 15 days prior
19 to the obligation or commitment of any emergency funds
20 from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

21 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT
22 (LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)

23 For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit
24 Corporation shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for
25 site investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations

1 and maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement
2 of section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental
3 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.
4 9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 6961).

1 TITLE III
2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL
4 DEVELOPMENT

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Rural Development, \$1,620,000: *Provided*,
7 That funds made available by this Act to an agency in
8 the Rural Development mission area for salaries and ex-
9 penses are available to fund up to one administrative sup-
10 port staff for the Office.

11 RURAL DEVELOPMENT
12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
15 tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-
16 grams, including activities with institutions concerning the
17 development and operation of agricultural cooperatives;
18 and for cooperative agreements; \$351,087,000: *Provided*,
19 That of the amount made available under this heading,
20 up to \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
21 2025, shall be for the Rural Partners Network activities
22 of the Department of Agriculture, and may be transferred
23 to other agencies of the Department for such purpose, con-
24 sistent with the missions and authorities of such agencies:
25 *Provided further*, That of the amount made available

1 under this heading, no less than \$100,000,000, to remain
 2 available until expended, shall be used for information
 3 technology expenses: *Provided further*, That notwith-
 4 standing any other provision of law, funds appropriated
 5 under this heading may be used for advertising and pro-
 6 motional activities that support Rural Development pro-
 7 grams: *Provided further*, That in addition to any other
 8 funds appropriated for purposes authorized by section
 9 502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)),
 10 any amounts collected under such section, as amended by
 11 this Act, will immediately be credited to this account and
 12 will remain available until expended for such purposes.

13 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

14 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
 17 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
 18 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
 19 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$850,000,000
 20 shall be for direct loans, \$7,500,000 shall be for a Single
 21 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for
 22 Native American Tribes; and \$30,000,000,000, which
 23 shall remain available until September 30, 2025 shall be
 24 for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$28,000,000 for sec-
 25 tion 504 housing repair loans; \$60,000,000 for section

1 515 rental housing; \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaran-
2 teed multi-family housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit
3 sales of single family housing acquired property;
4 \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help housing land develop-
5 ment loans; and \$5,000,000 for section 524 site develop-
6 ment loans.

7 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
8 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
9 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
10 502 loans, \$62,637,000 shall be for direct loans; Single
11 Family Housing Relending demonstration program for
12 Native American Tribes, \$3,432,000; section 504 housing
13 repair loans, \$4,858,000; section 523 self-help housing
14 land development loans, \$637,000; section 524 site devel-
15 opment loans, \$477,000; and repair, rehabilitation, and
16 new construction of section 515 rental housing,
17 \$20,988,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
18 *vided*, That to support the loan program level for section
19 538 guaranteed loans made available under this heading
20 the Secretary may charge or adjust any fees to cover the
21 projected cost of such loan guarantees pursuant to the
22 provisions of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C.
23 661 et seq.), and the interest on such loans may not be
24 subsidized: *Provided further*, That applicants in commu-
25 nities that have a current rural area waiver under section

1 541 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall
2 be treated as living in a rural area for purposes of section
3 502 guaranteed loans provided under this heading: *Pro-*
4 *vided further,* That of the amounts available under this
5 paragraph for section 502 direct loans, no less than
6 \$5,000,000 shall be available for direct loans for individ-
7 uals whose homes will be built pursuant to a program
8 funded with a mutual and self-help housing grant author-
9 ized by section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 until June
10 1, 2024: *Provided further,* That the Secretary shall imple-
11 ment provisions to provide incentives to nonprofit organi-
12 zations and public housing authorities to facilitate the ac-
13 quisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS) multifamily
14 housing properties by such nonprofit organizations and
15 public housing authorities that commit to keep such prop-
16 erties in the RHS multifamily housing program for a pe-
17 riod of time as determined by the Secretary, with such
18 incentives to include, but not be limited to, the following:
19 allow such nonprofit entities and public housing authori-
20 ties to earn a Return on Investment on their own re-
21 sources to include proceeds from low income housing tax
22 credit syndication, own contributions, grants, and devel-
23 oper loans at favorable rates and terms, invested in a deal;
24 and allow reimbursement of organizational costs associ-

1 ated with owner's oversight of asset referred to as "Asset
2 Management Fee" of up to \$7,500 per property.

3 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,
4 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section
5 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
6 \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a
7 demonstration program for the preservation and revital-
8 ization of the sections 514, 515, and 516 multi-family
9 rental housing properties to restructure existing USDA
10 multi-family housing loans, as the Secretary deems appro-
11 priate, expressly for the purposes of ensuring the project
12 has sufficient resources to preserve the project for the pur-
13 pose of providing safe and affordable housing for low-in-
14 come residents and farm laborers including reducing or
15 eliminating interest; deferring loan payments, subordi-
16 nating, reducing or re-amortizing loan debt; and other fi-
17 nancial assistance including advances, payments and in-
18 centives (including the ability of owners to obtain reason-
19 able returns on investment) required by the Secretary:
20 *Provided*, That the Secretary shall, as part of the preser-
21 vation and revitalization agreement, obtain a restrictive
22 use agreement consistent with the terms of the restruc-
23 turing.

24 In addition, for the cost of direct loans, grants, and
25 contracts, as authorized by sections 514 and 516 of the

1 Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1486),
2 \$18,703,000, to remain available until expended, for direct
3 farm labor housing loans and domestic farm labor housing
4 grants and contracts.

5 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
6 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
7 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for
8 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

9 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

10 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
11 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
12 of the Housing Act of 1949 or agreements entered into
13 in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible house-
14 holds as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Hous-
15 ing Act of 1949, \$1,608,000,000, and in addition such
16 sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c)
17 of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year
18 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under sec-
19 tion 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That amounts made
20 available under this heading shall be available for renewal
21 of rental assistance agreements for a maximum of 15,000
22 units where the Secretary determines that a maturing loan
23 for a project cannot reasonably be restructured with an-
24 other USDA loan or modification and the project was op-
25 erating with rental assistance under section 521 of the

1 Housing Act of 1949: *Provided further*, That the Secretary
2 may enter into rental assistance contracts in maturing
3 properties with existing rental assistance agreements not-
4 withstanding any provision of section 521 of the Housing
5 Act of 1949, for a term of at least 10 years but not more
6 than 20 years: *Provided further*, That any agreement to
7 enter into a rental assistance contract under section 521
8 of the Housing Act of 1949 for a maturing property shall
9 obligate the owner to continue to maintain the project as
10 decent, safe, and sanitary housing and to operate the de-
11 velopment in accordance with the Housing Act of 1949,
12 except that initial rents shall be based on the budget-based
13 needs of the project: *Provided further*, That annual rent
14 adjustments shall be based on the lesser of (1) the budget-
15 based needs of the project, or (2) the operating cost ad-
16 justment factor as a payment standard as provided under
17 section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform
18 and Affordability Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1437f note):
19 *Provided further*, That rental assistance agreements en-
20 tered into or renewed during the current fiscal year shall
21 be funded for a one year period: *Provided further*, That
22 upon request by an owner under section 514 or 515 of
23 the Act, the Secretary may renew the rental assistance
24 agreement for a period of 20 years or until the term of
25 such loan has expired, subject to annual appropriations:

1 *Provided further*, That rental assistance agreements en-
2 tered into or renewed during the current fiscal year shall
3 be funded for a one-year period: *Provided further*, That
4 upon request by an owner of a project financed by an ex-
5 isting loan under section 514 or 515 of the Act, the Sec-
6 retary may renew the rental assistance agreement for a
7 period of 20 years or until the term of such loan has ex-
8 pired, subject to annual appropriations: *Provided further*,
9 That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of
10 such one-year agreements may be transferred and used
11 for purposes of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair,
12 or rehabilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and
13 rental assistance activities authorized under title V of the
14 Act: *Provided further*, That rental assistance provided
15 under agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2024
16 for a farm labor multi-family housing project financed
17 under section 514 or 516 of the Act may not be recaptured
18 for use in another project until such assistance has re-
19 mained unused for a period of six consecutive months, if
20 such project has a waiting list of tenants seeking such as-
21 sistance or the project has rental assistance eligible ten-
22 ants who are not receiving such assistance: *Provided fur-*
23 *ther*, That such recaptured rental assistance shall, to the
24 extent practicable, be applied to another farm labor multi-
25 family housing project financed under section 514 or 516

1 of the Act: *Provided further*, That except as provided in
2 the tenth proviso under this heading and notwithstanding
3 any other provision of the Act, the Secretary may recap-
4 ture rental assistance provided under agreements entered
5 into prior to fiscal year 2024 for a project that the Sec-
6 retary determines no longer needs rental assistance and
7 use such recaptured funds for current needs.

8 RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT

9 For the rural housing voucher program as authorized
10 under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but not-
11 withstanding subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000,
12 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the
13 funds made available under this heading shall be available
14 for rural housing vouchers to any low-income household
15 (including those not receiving rental assistance) residing
16 in a property financed with a section 515 loan which has
17 been prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30,
18 2005: *Provided further*, That the amount of such voucher
19 shall be the difference between comparable market rent
20 for the section 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such
21 unit: *Provided further*, That funds made available for such
22 vouchers shall be subject to the availability of annual ap-
23 propriations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall,
24 to the maximum extent practicable, administer such
25 vouchers with current regulations and administrative guid-

1 ance applicable to section 8 housing vouchers administered
2 by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban
3 Development: *Provided further*, That in addition to any
4 other available funds, the Secretary may expend not more
5 than \$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made
6 available under this heading, for administrative expenses
7 for activities funded under this heading.

8 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

9 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
10 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
11 1490c), \$32,000,000, to remain available until expended.

12 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

13 For grants for very low-income housing repair and
14 rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing
15 Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,
16 \$48,000,000, to remain available until expended.

17 RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
20 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
21 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated
22 Farm and Rural Development Act, \$2,800,000,000 for di-
23 rect loans and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.

24 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
25 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined

1 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
2 for rural community facilities programs as authorized by
3 section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the
4 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
5 \$253,134,000, to remain available until expended, of
6 which up to \$205,134,000 shall be for the purposes, and
7 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
8 tled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report ac-
9 companying this Act: *Provided*, That \$6,000,000 of the
10 amount appropriated under this heading shall be available
11 for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided*
12 *further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop
13 the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-
14 based housing and community development organizations,
15 low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized
16 Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve
17 housing, community facilities, community and economic
18 development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*,
19 That such funds shall be made available to qualified pri-
20 vate, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations pro-
21 posing to carry out a program of financial and technical
22 assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary orga-
23 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,
24 including Federal funds for related activities, in an
25 amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*,

1 That any unobligated balances from prior year appropria-
 2 tions under this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan
 3 guarantees and grants, including amounts deobligated or
 4 cancelled, may be made available to cover the subsidy costs
 5 for direct loans and or loan guarantees under this heading
 6 in this fiscal year: *Provided further*, That no amounts may
 7 be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from
 8 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
 9 emergency requirement pursuant to a Concurrent Resolu-
 10 tion on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-
 11 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, or that were specified
 12 in the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in
 13 the report accompanying this Act: *Provided further*, That
 14 \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
 15 ing shall be available for community facilities grants to
 16 tribal colleges, as authorized by section 306(a)(19) of such
 17 Act: *Provided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N
 18 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are
 19 not applicable to the funds made available under this
 20 heading.

21 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

22 RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

23 For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the
 24 rural business development programs authorized by sec-
 25 tion 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and

1 (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
2 Development Act, \$77,728,000, to remain available until
3 expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated
4 under this heading, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made
5 available for one grant to a qualified national organization
6 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in
7 order to promote economic development and \$12,000,000
8 shall be for grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7
9 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the Northern Border Regional
10 Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.), the Southwest
11 Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.),
12 and the Appalachian Regional Commission (40 U.S.C.
13 14101 et seq.) for any Rural Community Advancement
14 Program purpose as described in section 381E(d) of the
15 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, of which
16 not more than 5 percent may be used for administrative
17 expenses: *Provided further*, That \$4,000,000 of the
18 amount appropriated under this heading shall be for busi-
19 ness grants to benefit Federally Recognized Native Amer-
20 ican Tribes, including \$250,000 for a grant to a qualified
21 national organization to provide technical assistance for
22 rural transportation in order to promote economic develop-
23 ment: *Provided further*, That sections 381E–H and 381N
24 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are
25 not applicable to funds made available under this heading.

1 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
4 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
5 ount (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$18,889,000.

6 For the cost of direct loans, \$5,733,000, as author-
7 ized by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Ac-
8 ount (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$573,000 shall be avail-
9 able through June 30, 2024, for Federally Recognized Na-
10 tive American Tribes; and of which \$1,147,000 shall be
11 available through June 30, 2024, for Mississippi Delta Re-
12 gion counties (as determined in accordance with Public
13 Law 100–460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the
14 cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section
15 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

16 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
17 the direct loan programs, \$4,468,000 shall be paid to the
18 appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Ex-
19 penses”.

20 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM
21 ACCOUNT

22 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
23 ized under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification
24 Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic develop-
25 ment and job creation projects, \$75,000,000.

1 The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)
2 of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-
3 moting rural economic development and job creation
4 projects shall not exceed \$15,000,000.

5 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

6 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
7 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
8 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$28,300,000, of
9 which \$3,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for
10 the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas pro-
11 gram: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be
12 for grants for cooperative development centers, individual
13 cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially
14 disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of di-
15 rectors or governing boards of which are comprised of in-
16 dividuals who are members of socially disadvantaged
17 groups; and of which \$16,000,000, to remain available
18 until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural prod-
19 uct market development grants, as authorized by section
20 210A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, of which
21 \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be
22 for Agriculture Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to
23 section 6402 of Public Law 107–171.

1 RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For the principal amount of direct loans as author-
3 ized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
4 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$20,000,000.

5 For the cost of loans and grants, \$6,000,000 under
6 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
7 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
8 Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

9 RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

10 For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under
11 the same terms and conditions as authorized by section
12 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of
13 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$50,000,000.

14 HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

15 For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent
16 with section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department
17 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
18 6953), as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act
19 of 2014, for necessary expenses of the Secretary to sup-
20 port projects that provide access to healthy food in under-
21 served areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to
22 revitalize low-income communities, \$1,000,000, to remain
23 available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs of
24 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be

1 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
2 of 1974.

3 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

4 RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
7 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306
8 and described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated
9 Farm and Rural Development Act, as follows:
10 \$880,000,000 for direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for guar-
11 anteed loans.

12 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and
13 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
14 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,
15 for rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid
16 waste management programs authorized by sections 306,
17 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sec-
18 tions 306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the
19 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,
20 \$671,560,000, to remain available until expended, of
21 which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available for the
22 rural utilities program described in section 306(a)(2)(B)
23 of such Act, and of which not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall
24 be available for the rural utilities program described in
25 section 306E of such Act: *Provided*, That not to exceed

1 \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
2 ing shall be for grants authorized by section 306A(i)(2)
3 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in
4 addition to funding authorized by section 306A(i)(1) of
5 such Act: *Provided further*, That \$70,000,000 of the
6 amount appropriated under this heading shall be for loans
7 and grants including water and waste disposal systems
8 grants authorized by section 306C(a)(2)(B) and section
9 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
10 Act, and Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
11 authorized by 306C(a)(1) of such Act, and the Depart-
12 ment of Hawaiian Home Lands (of the State of Hawaii):
13 *Provided further*, That funding provided for section 306D
14 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
15 may be provided to a consortium formed pursuant to sec-
16 tion 325 of Public Law 105–83: *Provided further*, That
17 not more than 2 percent of the funding provided for sec-
18 tion 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
19 ment Act may be used by the State of Alaska for training
20 and technical assistance programs and not more than 2
21 percent of the funding provided for section 306D of the
22 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act may be
23 used by a consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of
24 Public Law 105–83 for training and technical assistance
25 programs: *Provided further*, That not to exceed

1 \$37,500,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
2 ing shall be for technical assistance grants for rural water
3 and waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of such
4 Act, unless the Secretary makes a determination of ex-
5 treme need, of which \$8,500,000 shall be made available
6 for a grant to a qualified nonprofit multi-State regional
7 technical assistance organization, with experience in work-
8 ing with small communities on water and waste water
9 problems, the principal purpose of such grant shall be to
10 assist rural communities with populations of 3,300 or less,
11 in improving the planning, financing, development, oper-
12 ation, and management of water and waste water systems,
13 and of which not less than \$800,000 shall be for a quali-
14 fied national Native American organization to provide
15 technical assistance for rural water systems for tribal com-
16 munities: *Provided further*, That not to exceed
17 \$25,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this head-
18 ing shall be for contracting with qualified national organi-
19 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-
20 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That
21 not to exceed \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available
22 under this heading shall be for solid waste management
23 grants: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$8,085,000
24 of the amounts appropriated under this heading shall be
25 available as the Secretary deems appropriate for water

1 and waste direct one percent loans for distressed commu-
 2 nities: *Provided further*, That if the Secretary determines
 3 that any portion of the amount made available for one per-
 4 cent loans is not needed for such loans, the Secretary may
 5 use such amounts for grants authorized by section
 6 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
 7 ment Act: *Provided further*, That if any funds made avail-
 8 able for the direct loan subsidy costs remain unobligated
 9 after July 31, 2024, such unobligated balances may be
 10 used for grant programs funded under this heading: *Pro-*
 11 *vided further*, That \$10,000,000 of the amount appro-
 12 priated under this heading shall be transferred to, and
 13 merged with, the Rural Utilities Service, High Energy
 14 Cost Grants Account to provide grants authorized under
 15 section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
 16 U.S.C. 918a): *Provided further*, That sections 381E–H
 17 and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
 18 ment Act are not applicable to the funds made available
 19 under this heading.

20 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

21 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees
 24 as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of
 25 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,

1 936, 940c-1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaran-
2 teed rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of
3 that Act, \$2,167,000,000; cost of money direct loans made
4 pursuant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of
5 one percent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c),
6 of that Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting
7 loans pursuant to section 313A of that Act, \$900,000,000;
8 and for cost-of-money rural telecommunications loans
9 made pursuant to section 305(d)(2) of that Act,
10 \$690,000,000: *Provided*, That up to \$2,000,000,000 shall
11 be used for the construction, acquisition, design, engineer-
12 ing or improvement of fossil-fueled electric generating
13 plants (whether new or existing) that utilize carbon sub-
14 surface utilization and storage systems.

15 For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section
16 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7
17 U.S.C. 935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans,
18 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
19 of 1974, cost of money rural telecommunications loans,
20 \$7,176,000.

21 In addition, \$10,734,000 to remain available until ex-
22 pended, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security
23 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That the energy efficiency measures supported by

1 the funding in this paragraph shall contribute in a demon-
2 strable way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.

3 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
4 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
5 \$33,270,000, which shall be paid to the appropriation for
6 “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

7 DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND
8 PROGRAM

9 For grants for telemedicine and distance learning
10 services in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa
11 et seq., \$62,721,000, to remain available until expended,
12 of which up to \$2,721,000 shall be for the purposes, and
13 in the amounts, specified for this account in the table ti-
14 tled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report ac-
15 companying this Act: *Provided*, That \$3,000,000 shall be
16 made available for grants authorized by section 379G of
17 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That funding provided under this heading
19 for grants under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm
20 and Rural Development Act may only be provided to enti-
21 ties that meet all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium
22 as established by this section.

23 For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant
24 pilot program established by section 779 of division A of
25 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law

1 115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as
2 amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$98,000,000, to remain
3 available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary
4 may award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural
5 Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.
6 950bb(a)) for the purposes of carrying out such pilot pro-
7 gram: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct loans shall
8 be defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
9 of 1974: *Provided further*, That at least 90 percent of the
10 households to be served by a project receiving a loan or
11 grant under the pilot program shall be in a rural area
12 without sufficient access to broadband: *Provided further*,
13 That for purposes of such pilot program, a rural area
14 without sufficient access to broadband shall be defined as
15 twenty-five megabits per second downstream and three
16 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That to
17 the extent possible, projects receiving funds provided
18 under the pilot program must build out service to at least
19 one hundred megabits per second downstream, and twenty
20 megabits per second upstream: *Provided further*, That an
21 entity to which a loan or grant is made under the pilot
22 program shall not use the loan or grant to overbuild or
23 duplicate broadband service in a service area by any entity
24 that has received a broadband loan from the Rural Utili-
25 ties Service unless such service is not provided sufficient

1 access to broadband at the minimum service threshold:
2 *Provided further*, That not more than four percent of the
3 funds made available in this paragraph can be used for
4 administrative costs to carry out the pilot program and
5 up to three percent of funds made available in this para-
6 graph may be available for technical assistance and pre-
7 development planning activities to support the most rural
8 communities: *Provided further*, That the Rural Utilities
9 Service is directed to expedite program delivery methods
10 that would implement this paragraph: *Provided further*,
11 That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall
12 adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-
13 ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural
14 Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).

15 In addition, \$35,000,000, to remain available until
16 expended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-
17 thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb-3.

1 TITLE IV
2 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,
4 NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
6 Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,
7 \$1,376,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
8 Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer
9 Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
10 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
11 the Office.

12 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE
13 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.
16 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et
17 seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of
18 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and
19 21; \$32,032,897,000 to remain available through Sep-
20 tember 30, 2025, of which such sums as are made avail-
21 able under section 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation,
22 and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as
23 amended by this Act, shall be merged with and available
24 for the same time period and purposes as provided herein:
25 *Provided*, That of the total amount available, \$20,162,000

1 shall be available to carry out section 19 of the Child Nu-
2 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.): *Provided*
3 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$21,876,000
4 shall be available to carry out studies and evaluations and
5 shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,
6 That of the total amount available, \$10,000,000 shall re-
7 main available until expended to carry out section 18(g)
8 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1769(g)): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding
10 section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National
11 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total
12 grant amount provided to a farm to school grant recipient
13 in fiscal year 2024 shall not exceed \$500,000: *Provided*
14 *further*, That of the total amount available, \$20,000,000
15 shall be available to provide competitive grants to State
16 agencies for subgrants to local educational agencies and
17 schools to purchase the equipment, with a value of greater
18 than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier meals, improve food
19 safety, and to help support the establishment, mainte-
20 nance, or expansion of the school breakfast program: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That of the total amount available,
22 \$2,000,000 shall remain available until expended to carry
23 out activities authorized under subsections (a)(2) and
24 (e)(2) of section 21 of the Richard B. Russell National
25 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b-1(a)(2) and (e)(2)):

1 *Provided further*, That section 26(d) of the Richard B.
 2 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d))
 3 is amended in the first sentence by striking “2010 through
 4 2024” and inserting “2010 through 2025”: *Provided fur-*
 5 *ther*, That section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell Na-
 6 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amend-
 7 ed in the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2023”
 8 and inserting “For fiscal year 2024”: *Provided further*,
 9 That section 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National
 10 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in
 11 the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2023” and
 12 inserting “For fiscal year 2024”.

13 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
 14 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

15 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
 16 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
 18 \$6,300,000,000, to remain available through September
 19 30, 2025: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section
 20 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
 21 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for
 22 breastfeeding peer counselors and other related activities,
 23 and \$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure: *Pro-*
 24 *vided further*, That the Secretary shall use funds made
 25 available under this heading to increase the amount of a

1 cash-value voucher for women and children participants
2 to an amount recommended by the National Academies
3 of Science, Engineering and Medicine and adjusted for in-
4 flation: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided
5 in this account shall be available for the purchase of infant
6 formula except in accordance with the cost containment
7 and competitive bidding requirements specified in section
8 17 of such Act: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
9 provided shall be available for activities that are not fully
10 reimbursed by other Federal Government departments or
11 agencies unless authorized by section 17 of such Act: *Pro-
12 vided further*, That upon termination of a federally man-
13 dated vendor moratorium and subject to terms and condi-
14 tions established by the Secretary, the Secretary may
15 waive the requirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the re-
16 quest of a State agency.

17 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

18 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and
19 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),
20 \$122,141,239,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain
21 available through September 30, 2026, shall be placed in
22 reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times
23 as may become necessary to carry out program operations:
24 *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be expended
25 in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition

1 Act of 2008: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
2 available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to
3 provide nutrition education services to State agencies and
4 Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food
5 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: *Provided*
6 *further*, That of the funds made available under this head-
7 ing, \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
8 2025, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public
9 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal
10 organizations: *Provided further*, That of the funds made
11 available under this heading, \$3,000,000 shall be used to
12 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115-334: *Provided*
13 *further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to any
14 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-
15 quired by law: *Provided further*, That funds made available
16 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-
17 main available through September 30, 2025: *Provided fur-*
18 *ther*, That funds made available under this heading for
19 section 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the
20 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available
21 through September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That none
22 of the funds made available under this heading may be
23 obligated or expended in contravention of section 213A of
24 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A):
25 *Provided further*, That funds made available under this

1 heading may be used to enter into contracts and employ
2 staff to conduct studies, evaluations, or to conduct activi-
3 ties related to program integrity provided that such activi-
4 ties are authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

5 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

6 For necessary expenses to carry out disaster assist-
7 ance and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program as
8 authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Con-
9 sumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note); the
10 Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983; special assist-
11 ance for the nuclear affected islands, as authorized by sec-
12 tion 103(f)(2) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
13 ments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–188); and the Farm-
14 ers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by section
15 17(m) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, \$501,070,000,
16 to remain available through September 30, 2025: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That none of these funds shall be available to reim-
18 burse the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities
19 donated to the program: *Provided further*, That notwith-
20 standing any other provision of law, effective with funds
21 made available in fiscal year 2024 to support the Seniors
22 Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, as authorized by
23 section 4402 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
24 Act of 2002, such funds shall remain available through
25 September 30, 2025: *Provided further*, That of the funds

1 made available under section 27(a) of the Food and Nutri-
2 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)), the Secretary may
3 use up to 20 percent for costs associated with the distribu-
4 tion of commodities.

5 NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

6 For necessary administrative expenses of the Food
7 and Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutri-
8 tion assistance program, \$184,348,000: *Provided*, That of
9 the funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for
10 the purposes of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as
11 amended by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.

1 TITLE V
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED
3 PROGRAMS

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND
5 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under
7 Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,
8 \$932,000: *Provided*, That funds made available by this
9 Act to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural
10 Affairs mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-
11 able to fund up to one administrative support staff for
12 the Office.

13 OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex
15 Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed
16 \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses.

17 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
21 Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representa-
22 tion allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of
23 the Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),
24 \$237,330,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall re-
25 main available until September 30, 2025, for overseas op-

1 erations to include the payment of locally employed staff:
2 *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,
3 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on
4 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-
5 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-
6 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-
7 grams (7 U.S.C. 1737) and the foreign assistance pro-
8 grams of the United States Agency for International De-
9 velopment: *Provided further*, That funds made available
10 for middle-income country training programs, funds made
11 available for the Borlaug International Agricultural
12 Science and Technology Fellowship program, and up to
13 \$2,000,000 of the Foreign Agricultural Service appropria-
14 tion solely for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in
15 international currency exchange rates, subject to docu-
16 mentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service, shall re-
17 main available until expended.

18 FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS

19 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
20 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
21 cluding interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act
22 (Public Law 83-480), for commodities supplied in connec-
23 tion with dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,
24 \$1,800,000,000, to remain available until expended.

1 MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION
2 AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
4 of section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
5 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1), \$248,331,000, to
6 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Com-
7 modity Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the
8 services, facilities, and authorities for the purpose of im-
9 plementing such section, subject to reimbursement from
10 amounts provided herein: *Provided further*, That of the
11 amount made available under this heading, not more than
12 10 percent, but not less than \$24,800,000, shall remain
13 available until expended to purchase agricultural commod-
14 ities as described in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm
15 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
16 1736o-1(a)(2)).

17 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)

18 CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
21 modity Credit Corporation's Export Guarantee Program,
22 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common
23 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-
24 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
25 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall

- 1 be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
- 2 “Foreign Agricultural Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

1 TITLE VI
2 RELATED AGENCY AND FOOD AND DRUG
3 ADMINISTRATION
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
5 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
6 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for payment of space rental and related
11 costs pursuant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and
12 activities of the Food and Drug Administration which are
13 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
14 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; in addition to
15 amounts appropriated to the FDA Innovation Account, for
16 carrying out the activities described in section 1002(b)(4)
17 of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114–255); for
18 miscellaneous and emergency expenses of enforcement ac-
19 tivities, authorized and approved by the Secretary and to
20 be accounted for solely on the Secretary’s certificate, not
21 to exceed \$25,000; and notwithstanding section 521 of
22 Public Law 107–188; \$6,625,030,000: *Provided*, That of
23 the amount provided under this heading, \$1,336,525,000
24 shall be derived from prescription drug user fees author-
25 ized by 21 U.S.C. 379h, and shall be credited to this ac-

1 count and remain available until expended; \$331,273,000
2 shall be derived from medical device user fees authorized
3 by 21 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be credited to this account
4 and remain available until expended; \$594,150,000 shall
5 be derived from human generic drug user fees authorized
6 by 21 U.S.C. 379j-42, and shall be credited to this ac-
7 count and remain available until expended; \$42,432,000
8 shall be derived from biosimilar biological product user
9 fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-52, and shall be cred-
10 ited to this account and remain available until expended;
11 \$33,500,000 shall be derived from animal drug user fees
12 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-12, and shall be credited
13 to this account and remain available until expended;
14 \$25,000,000 shall be derived from generic new animal
15 drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-21, and shall
16 be credited to this account and remain available until ex-
17 pended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-
18 uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be
19 credited to this account and remain available until ex-
20 pended: *Provided further*, That in addition to and notwith-
21 standing any other provision under this heading, amounts
22 collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device
23 user fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biologi-
24 cal product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic
25 new animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal

1 year 2024 limitations are appropriated and shall be credited to this account and remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That fees derived from prescription drug, medical device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological product, animal drug, and generic new animal drug assessments for fiscal year 2024, including any such fees collected prior to fiscal year 2024 but credited for fiscal year 2024, shall be subject to the fiscal year 2024 limitations: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may accept payment during fiscal year 2024 of user fees specified under this heading and authorized for fiscal year 2025, prior to the due date for such fees, and that amounts of such fees assessed for fiscal year 2025 for which the Secretary accepts payment in fiscal year 2024 shall not be included in amounts under this heading: *Provided further*, That none of these funds shall be used to develop, establish, or operate any program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated: (1) \$1,198,263,000 shall be for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used for inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,326,206,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and related

1 field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs, of which
2 no less than \$10,000,000 shall be for pilots to increase
3 unannounced foreign inspections and shall remain avail-
4 able until expended; (3) \$497,700,000 shall be for the
5 Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and for re-
6 lated field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs;
7 (4) \$286,633,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary
8 Medicine and for related field activities in the Office of
9 Regulatory Affairs; (5) \$739,543,000 shall be for the Cen-
10 ter for Devices and Radiological Health and for related
11 field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (6)
12 \$77,388,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-
13 cological Research; (7) \$679,965,000 shall be for the Cen-
14 ter for Tobacco Products and for related field activities
15 in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (8) \$217,357,000 shall
16 be for Rent and Related activities, of which \$56,411,000
17 is for White Oak Consolidation, other than the amounts
18 paid to the General Services Administration for rent; (9)
19 \$244,587,000 shall be for payments to the General Serv-
20 ices Administration for rent; and (10) \$357,388,000 shall
21 be for other activities, including the Office of the Commis-
22 sioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of Food Policy and
23 Response, the Office of Operations, the Office of the Chief
24 Scientist, and central services for these offices: *Provided*
25 *further*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount shall

1 be for official reception and representation expenses, not
2 otherwise provided for, as determined by the Commis-
3 sioner: *Provided further*, That any transfer of funds pursu-
4 ant to, and for the administration of, section 770(n) of
5 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
6 379dd(n)) shall only be from amounts made available
7 under this heading for other activities and shall not exceed
8 \$2,000,000: *Provided further*, That of the amounts that
9 are made available under this heading for “other activi-
10 ties”, and that are not derived from user fees, \$1,500,000
11 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation
12 for “Department of Health and Human Services—Office
13 of Inspector General” for oversight of the programs and
14 operations of the Food and Drug Administration and shall
15 be in addition to funds otherwise made available for over-
16 sight of the Food and Drug Administration: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That funds may be transferred from one specified
18 activity to another with the prior approval of the Commit-
19 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

20 In addition, mammography user fees authorized by
21 42 U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized
22 by 21 U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by
23 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food
24 reinspection fees, and voluntary qualified importer pro-
25 gram fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing

1 facility fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription
2 drug wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees
3 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics
4 provider licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21
5 U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized
6 by 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), medical countermeasure priority
7 review voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–
8 4a, and fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs
9 authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this
10 account, to remain available until expended.

11 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

12 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
13 sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-
14 ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Admin-
15 istration, where not otherwise provided, \$12,788,000, to
16 remain available until expended.

17 FDA INNOVATION ACCOUNT, CURES ACT

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 For necessary expenses to carry out the purposes de-
20 scribed under section 1002(b)(4) of the 21st Century
21 Cures Act, in addition to amounts available for such pur-
22 poses under the heading “Salaries and Expenses”,
23 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
24 *vided*, That amounts appropriated in this paragraph are
25 appropriated pursuant to section 1002(b)(3) of the 21st

1 Century Cures Act, are to be derived from amounts trans-
 2 ferred under section 1002(b)(2)(A) of such Act, and may
 3 be transferred by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs
 4 to the appropriation for “Department of Health and
 5 Human Services Food and Drug Administration Salaries
 6 and Expenses” solely for the purposes provided in such
 7 Act: *Provided further*, That upon a determination by the
 8 Commissioner that funds transferred pursuant to the pre-
 9 vious proviso are not necessary for the purposes provided,
 10 such amounts may be transferred back to the account:
 11 *Provided further*, That such transfer authority is in addi-
 12 tion to any other transfer authority provided by law.

13 INDEPENDENT AGENCY

14 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

15 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

16 Not to exceed \$94,300,000 (from assessments col-
 17 lected from farm credit institutions, including the Federal
 18 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
 19 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
 20 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: *Provided*, That this
 21 limitation shall not apply to expenses associated with re-
 22 ceiverships: *Provided further*, That the agency may exceed
 23 this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the
 24 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
 25 gress: *Provided further*, That the purposes of section

1 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.
2 2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may
3 exempt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the applica-
4 tion of the limitation provided in that clause of export
5 loans described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a
6 manner other than described in subclause (II) of the
7 clause.

1 TITLE VII
2 GENERAL PROVISIONS
3 (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations
5 made available to the Department of Agriculture in this
6 Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition
7 to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the
8 total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2024
9 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased
10 in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That, prior to purchasing
11 additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine
12 that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety,
13 to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life,
14 property, and public safety: *Provided further*, That the
15 Secretary may not increase the Department of Agri-
16 culture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary
17 notifies in writing, and receives approval from, the Com-
18 mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
19 within 30 days of the notification.

20 SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobli-
22 gated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this
23 Act or any other available unobligated discretionary bal-
24 ances that are remaining available of the Department of
25 Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisi-

1 tion of property, plant and equipment and for the improve-
2 ment, delivery, and implementation of Department finan-
3 cial, and administrative information technology services,
4 and other support systems necessary for the delivery of
5 financial, administrative, and information technology serv-
6 ices, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary
7 benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture,
8 such transferred funds to remain available until expended:
9 *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this
10 Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working
11 Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency ad-
12 ministrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds
13 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this
14 section shall be available for obligation without written no-
15 tification to and the prior approval of the Committees on
16 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided fur-*
17 *ther*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or
18 made available to the Department's Working Capital
19 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to
20 make any changes to the Department's National Finance
21 Center without written notification to and prior approval
22 of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
23 Congress as required by section 716 of this Act: *Provided*
24 *further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act
25 or made available to the Department's Working Capital

1 Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to
2 initiate, plan, develop, implement, or make any changes
3 to remove or relocate any systems, missions, personnel, or
4 functions of the offices of the Chief Financial Officer and
5 the Chief Information Officer, co-located with or from the
6 National Finance Center prior to written notification to
7 and prior approval of the Committee on Appropriations
8 of both Houses of Congress and in accordance with the
9 requirements of section 716 of this Act: *Provided further,*
10 That the National Finance Center Information Tech-
11 nology Services Division personnel and data center man-
12 agement responsibilities, and control of any functions,
13 missions, and systems for current and future human re-
14 sources management and integrated personnel and payroll
15 systems (PPS) and functions provided by the Chief Finan-
16 cial Officer and the Chief Information Officer shall remain
17 in the National Finance Center and under the manage-
18 ment responsibility and administrative control of the Na-
19 tional Finance Center: *Provided further,* That the Sec-
20 retary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial
21 Officer shall actively market to existing and new Depart-
22 ments and other government agencies National Finance
23 Center shared services including, but not limited to, pay-
24 roll, financial management, and human capital shared
25 services and allow the National Finance Center to perform

1 technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual in-
2 come amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the De-
3 partment of Agriculture attributable to the amounts in ex-
4 cess of the true costs of the shared services provided by
5 the National Finance Center and budgeted for the Na-
6 tional Finance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not
7 more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition
8 of capital equipment, including equipment for the improve-
9 ment, delivery, and implementation of financial, adminis-
10 trative, and information technology services, and other
11 systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any un-
12 foreseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Cen-
13 ter: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved
14 shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary sub-
15 mits written notification of the obligation to the Commit-
16 tees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That the limitations on the obligation of
18 funds pending notification to Congressional Committees
19 shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by
20 the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state
21 of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of
22 the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of
23 the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue
24 operations of the National Finance Center.

1 SEC. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in
2 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
3 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

4 SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
5 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative
6 agreements or similar arrangements between the United
7 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-
8 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of
9 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-
10 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest
11 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-
12 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts
13 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-
14 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-
15 priations are provided in this Act.

16 SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-
17 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made
18 available in the current fiscal year shall remain available
19 until expended to disburse obligations made in the current
20 fiscal year for the following accounts: the Rural Develop-
21 ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrifica-
22 tion and Telecommunication Loans program account, and
23 the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

24 SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the
25 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-

1 quire new information technology systems or significant
2 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-
3 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-
4 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-
5 tion Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That
6 notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the
7 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this
8 Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Informa-
9 tion Officer without written notification to and the prior
10 approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both
11 Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That notwith-
12 standing section 11319 of title 40, United States Code,
13 none of the funds available to the Department of Agri-
14 culture for information technology shall be obligated for
15 projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000
16 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Informa-
17 tion Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information
18 Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without
19 written approval from the Chief Information Officer for
20 projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000
21 based upon the performance of an agency measured
22 against the performance plan requirements described in
23 the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113-
24 235.

1 SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)
2 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in
3 the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-
4 pended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal
5 year.

6 SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of
7 law, any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has
8 repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan
9 under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-
10 for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or
11 direct loan under such Act, shall be eligible for assistance
12 under section 313B(a) of such Act in the same manner
13 as a borrower under such Act.

14 SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided
15 by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated bal-
16 ances from appropriations made available for salaries and
17 expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall
18 remain available through September 30, 2025, for infor-
19 mation technology expenses.

20 SEC. 710. None of the funds appropriated or other-
21 wise made available by this Act may be used for first-class
22 travel by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in
23 contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124
24 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

1 SEC. 711. In the case of each program established
2 or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law
3 113–79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title
4 I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for
5 which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that
6 is authorized or required to be carried out using funds
7 of the Commodity Credit Corporation—

8 (1) such funds shall be available for salaries
9 and related administrative expenses, including tech-
10 nical assistance, associated with the implementation
11 of the program, without regard to the limitation on
12 the total amount of allotments and fund transfers
13 contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit
14 Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and

15 (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall
16 not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment
17 for purposes of applying the limitation on the total
18 amount of allotments and fund transfers contained
19 in such section.

20 SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act,
21 not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary
22 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
23 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
24 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-

1 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-
2 tively awarded grants.

3 SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in
4 this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer
5 network unless such network blocks the viewing,
6 downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

7 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of
8 funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law
9 enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-
10 nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

11 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section
12 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this
13 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds
14 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any
15 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses
16 of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of
17 the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section
18 referred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,573,666,000
19 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal
20 years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement
21 Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—
22 \$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—
23 \$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Pur-
24 chases—\$37,178,000: *Provided*, That, of the total funds
25 made available in the matter preceding this proviso that

1 remain unobligated on October 1, 2024, such unobligated
2 balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2025 and shall
3 remain available until expended for any of the purposes
4 of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used
5 in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed
6 \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture provides written notification of the
8 expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both
9 Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That, with the exception of any available
11 carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act
12 to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32,
13 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
14 able by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the
15 salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department
16 of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

17 SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or
18 any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and ex-
19 penses of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations
20 language as part of the President's budget submission to
21 the Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the
22 Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural De-
23 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
24 Agencies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction
25 from the previous year due to user fees proposals that

1 have not been enacted into law prior to the submission
2 of the budget unless such budget submission identifies
3 which additional spending reductions should occur in the
4 event the user fees proposals are not enacted prior to the
5 date of the convening of a committee of conference for
6 the fiscal year 2024 appropriations Act.

7 SEC. 716. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,
8 or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agen-
9 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
10 or expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
11 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of
12 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
13 available for obligation or expenditure through a re-
14 programming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as au-
15 thorized by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Depart-
16 ment of Agriculture, through use of the authority provided
17 by section 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Or-
18 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public
19 Law 89–106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—

- 20 (1) creates new programs;
- 21 (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- 22 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means
23 for any project or activity for which funds have been
24 denied or restricted;
- 25 (4) relocates an office or employees;

1 (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities;

2 or

3 (6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or

4 activities presently performed by Federal employees;

5 unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of

6 Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies

7 in writing and receives approval from the Committees on

8 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30

9 days in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or

10 the use of such authority.

11 (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-

12 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies

13 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or

14 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from

15 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

16 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be

17 available for obligation or expenditure for activities, pro-

18 grams, or projects through a reprogramming or use of the

19 authorities referred to in subsection (a) involving funds

20 in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less,

21 that—

22 (1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-

23 tivities;

1 (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-
2 ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-
3 sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or

4 (3) results from any general savings from a re-
5 duction in personnel which would result in a change
6 in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-
7 proved by Congress;

8 unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies
10 in writing and receives approval from the Committees on
11 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30
12 days in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such
13 funds or the use of such authority.

14 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
15 Health and Human Services shall notify in writing and
16 receive approval from the Committees on Appropriations
17 of both Houses of Congress before implementing any pro-
18 gram or activity not carried out during the previous fiscal
19 year unless the program or activity is funded by this Act
20 or specifically funded by any other Act.

21 (d) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
22 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies
23 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or
24 expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from
25 any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of

1 fees available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be
2 available for—

3 (1) modifying major capital investments fund-
4 ing levels, including information technology systems,
5 that involves increasing or decreasing funds in the
6 current fiscal year for the individual investment in
7 excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost,
8 whichever is less;

9 (2) realigning or reorganizing new, current, or
10 vacant positions or agency activities or functions to
11 establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity
12 with ten or more personnel; or

13 (3) carrying out activities or functions that
14 were not described in the budget request;

15 unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,
16 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
17 gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for
18 these purposes.

19 (e) As described in this section, no funds may be used
20 for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture or
21 the Secretary of Health and Human Services receives from
22 the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
23 gress written or electronic mail confirmation of receipt of
24 the notification as required in this section.

1 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the
2 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
3 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for
4 any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount
5 that does not exceed 4 percent of the guaranteed principal
6 portion of the loan.

7 SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or other-
8 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the
9 Food and Drug Administration or the Farm Credit Ad-
10 ministration shall be used to transmit or otherwise make
11 available reports, questions, or responses to questions that
12 are a result of information requested for the appropria-
13 tions hearing process to any non-Department of Agri-
14 culture, non-Department of Health and Human Services,
15 or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.

16 SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing
17 law, none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used
18 by an executive branch agency to produce any pre-
19 packaged news story intended for broadcast or distribution
20 in the United States unless the story includes a clear noti-
21 fication within the text or audio of the prepackaged news
22 story that the prepackaged news story was prepared or
23 funded by that executive branch agency.

24 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
25 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or

1 office funded by this Act or any other Act to any other
2 agency or office of the Department for more than 60 days
3 in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency
4 or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or
5 office for the salary and expenses of the employee for the
6 period of assignment.

7 SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of
8 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
9 Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and
10 the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall
11 submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
12 Houses of Congress a detailed spending plan by program,
13 project, and activity for all the funds made available under
14 this Act including appropriated user fees, as defined in
15 the report accompanying this Act.

16 SEC. 722. None of the funds made available by this
17 Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement
18 any rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing
19 or requiring information intended for a prescribing health
20 care professional, in the case of a drug or biological prod-
21 uct subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food,
22 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be dis-
23 tributed to such professional electronically (in lieu of in
24 paper form) unless and until a Federal law is enacted to
25 allow or require such distribution.

1 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
2 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service
3 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated
4 prison populations.

5 SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not
6 require budget authority and the program level has been
7 established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may
8 increase the program level for such loans and loan guaran-
9 tees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior
10 to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Sec-
11 retary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropria-
12 tions of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in ad-
13 vance.

14 SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates
15 transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-
16 tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and
17 Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-
18 tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107-76)
19 shall be available for obligation without written notifica-
20 tion to, and the prior approval of, the Committees on Ap-
21 propriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That
22 the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available for
23 obligation only for the acquisition of property, plant and
24 equipment, including equipment for the improvement, de-
25 livery, and implementation of Departmental financial

1 management, information technology, and other support
2 systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administra-
3 tive, and information technology services, including cloud
4 adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies
5 of the Department of Agriculture.

6 SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this
7 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the
8 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-
9 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-
10 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department
11 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15,
12 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agri-
13 culture amends the definition of the term “variety” as de-
14 fined in section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Fed-
15 eral Regulations, and “variety” as applied in the definition
16 of the term “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of
17 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, to increase the num-
18 ber of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each
19 staple food category so that the total number of such items
20 in each staple food category exceeds the number of such
21 items in each staple food category included in the final
22 rule as published on December 15, 2016: *Provided*, That
23 until the Secretary promulgates such regulatory amend-
24 ments, the Secretary shall apply the requirements regard-
25 ing acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to Supple-

1 mental Nutrition Assistance Program retailers that were
2 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of
3 the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79).

4 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section
5 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the
6 Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority
7 with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and
8 eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under
9 subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with respect to loans guaranteed under
11 such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

12 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-
13 wise made available by this Act shall be available for the
14 United States Department of Agriculture to propose, fi-
15 nalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate
16 new user fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act.

18 SEC. 729. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
19 made available for the Broadband Treasury Rate Loan
20 program, authorized in section 601 of the Rural Elec-
21 trification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb), \$9,156,000 are
22 hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts
23 shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by
24 the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief require-
25 ment pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget

1 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
2 Act of 1985.

3 SEC. 730. Notwithstanding any provision of law that
4 regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and hol-
5 iday pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge
6 establishments subject to the inspection requirements of
7 the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et
8 seq., the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et
9 seq, and the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 1031
10 et seq., for the cost of inspection services provided outside
11 of an establishment’s approved inspection shifts, and for
12 inspection services provided on Federal holidays: *Provided*,
13 That any sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall
14 be deemed as overtime pay or holiday pay under section
15 1001(d) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public
16 Law 117–2, 135 Stat. 242): *Provided further*, That sums
17 received by the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in
18 addition to other available funds, remain available until
19 expended to the Secretary without further appropriation
20 for the purpose of funding all costs associated with FSIS
21 inspections.

22 SEC. 731. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—
23 (1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates
24 the following factors in the country or region being
25 audited, as applicable—

- 1 (A) veterinary control and oversight;
2 (B) disease history and vaccination prac-
3 tices;
4 (C) livestock demographics and
5 traceability;
6 (D) epidemiological separation from poten-
7 tial sources of infection;
8 (E) surveillance practices;
9 (F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and
10 (G) emergency preparedness and response;
11 and

12 (2) promptly make publicly available the final
13 reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant
14 to paragraph (1).

15 (b) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
16 sistent with United States obligations under its inter-
17 national trade agreements.

18 SEC. 732. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
19 made available in prior Acts for the rural housing voucher
20 program authorized by section 542 of the Housing Act of
21 1949, (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), as amended, \$3,000,000
22 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no
23 amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were des-
24 ignated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief
25 requirement pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the

1 budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
2 Control Act of 1985.

3 SEC. 733. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
4 made available in prior Acts under the heading “Rural Co-
5 operative Development Grants” for Agriculture Innovation
6 Centers authorized by section 6402 of the Farm Security
7 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1632b), as
8 amended, \$8,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled:
9 *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from
10 amounts that were designated by the Congress as an
11 emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the
12 concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced
13 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 SEC. 734. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for
15 this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-
16 posal, and solid waste management programs authorized
17 by sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of
18 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
19 U.S.C. 1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the
20 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public
21 water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel
22 products used in the project are produced in the United
23 States.

24 (2) In this section, the term “iron and steel products”
25 means the following products made primarily of iron or

1 steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers
2 and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges,
3 pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, rein-
4 forced precast concrete, and construction materials.

5 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or cat-
6 egory of cases in which the Secretary of Agriculture (in
7 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) or the designee
8 of the Secretary finds that—

9 (1) applying subsection (a) would be incon-
10 sistent with the public interest;

11 (2) iron and steel products are not produced in
12 the United States in sufficient and reasonably avail-
13 able quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or

14 (3) inclusion of iron and steel products pro-
15 duced in the United States will increase the cost of
16 the overall project by more than 25 percent.

17 (c) If the Secretary or the designee receives a request
18 for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the des-
19 ignee shall make available to the public on an informal
20 basis a copy of the request and information available to
21 the Secretary or the designee concerning the request, and
22 shall allow for informal public input on the request for
23 at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the
24 request. The Secretary or the designee shall make the re-
25 quest and accompanying information available by elec-

1 tronic means, including on the official public Internet Web
2 site of the Department.

3 (d) This section shall be applied in a manner con-
4 sistent with United States obligations under international
5 agreements.

6 (e) The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of
7 the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities
8 Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-
9 count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-
10 section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the re-
11 quirements of this section.

12 (f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a
13 project for which the engineering plans and specifications
14 include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited
15 by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-
16 ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the
17 date of enactment of this Act.

18 (g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United
19 States” and “State” shall include each of the several
20 States, the District of Columbia, and each Federally rec-
21 ognized Indian Tribe.

22 SEC. 735. None of the funds appropriated by this Act
23 may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence
24 congressional action on any legislation or appropriation
25 matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-

1 nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.
2 1913.

3 SEC. 736. Of the total amounts made available by
4 this Act for direct loans and grants under the following
5 headings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insur-
6 ance Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—
7 Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing
8 Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural
9 Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program
10 Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—Rural
11 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business-Coopera-
12 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-
13 gram Account”; “Rural Business-Cooperative Service—
14 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-
15 ness-Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-
16 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water
17 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities
18 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications
19 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—
20 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
21 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 per-
22 cent of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in per-
23 sistent poverty counties under this section, including, not-
24 withstanding any other provision regarding population
25 limits, any county seat of such a persistent poverty county

1 that has a population that does not exceed the authorized
2 population limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided*, That
3 for purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty
4 counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or
5 more of its population living in poverty over the past 30
6 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial cen-
7 suses, and 2007–2011 American Community Survey 5-
8 year average, or any territory or possession of the United
9 States: *Provided further*, That with respect to specific ac-
10 tivities for which program levels have been made available
11 by this Act that are not supported by budget authority,
12 the requirements of this section shall be applied to such
13 program level.

14 SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this
15 Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-
16 edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for inves-
17 tigational use of a drug or biological product under section
18 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
19 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health
20 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which
21 a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to
22 include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submis-
23 sion shall be deemed to have not been received by the Sec-
24 retary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

1 SEC. 738. None of the funds made available by this
2 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule
3 promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration enti-
4 tled “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing,
5 and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and
6 published on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regu-
7 lation of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine
8 grapes, hops, pulse crops, or almonds.

9 SEC. 739. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000,
10 to remain available until September 30, 2025, for a pilot
11 program for the National Institute of Food and Agri-
12 culture to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for
13 programs and services to establish and enhance farming
14 and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

15 SEC. 740. For school years 2023–2024 and 2024–
16 2025, none of the funds made available by this Act may
17 be used to implement or enforce the matter following the
18 first comma in the second sentence of footnote (c) of sec-
19 tion 220.8(c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, with
20 respect to the substitution of vegetables for fruits under
21 the school breakfast program established under section 4
22 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

23 SEC. 741. None of the funds made available by this
24 Act or any other Act may be used—

1 (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Ag-
2 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G
3 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or sec-
4 tion 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of
5 2018; or

6 (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,
7 sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is
8 grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606
9 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the
10 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or out-
11 side the State in which the hemp is grown or cul-
12 tivated.

13 SEC. 742. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive
14 the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of
15 the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Re-
16 form Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

17 SEC. 743. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
18 to remain available until expended, for a pilot program
19 for the Secretary to provide grants to qualified non-profit
20 organizations and public housing authorities to provide
21 technical assistance, including financial and legal services,
22 to RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate the
23 acquisition of RHS multi-family housing properties in
24 areas where the Secretary determines a risk of loss of af-
25 fordable housing, by non-profit housing organizations and

1 public housing authorities as authorized by law that com-
2 mit to keep such properties in the RHS multi-family hous-
3 ing program for a period of time as determined by the
4 Secretary.

5 SEC. 744. Of the unobligated balances from amounts
6 made available in prior Acts under the heading “Rural
7 Housing Assistance Grants” for housing repair grants au-
8 thorized by section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
9 U.S.C. 1474), as amended, \$30,000,000 are hereby per-
10 manently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be
11 cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Con-
12 gress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pur-
13 suant to the concurrent resolution on the budget or the
14 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
15 1985.

16 SEC. 745. Of the unobligated balances of the amounts
17 made available for fiscal year 2022 for the “National In-
18 stitute of Food and Agriculture—Research and Extension
19 Activities”, \$307,526,000 are hereby rescinded: *Provided*,
20 That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that
21 were designated by the Congress as an emergency require-
22 ment pursuant to a Concurrent Resolution on the Budget
23 or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
24 Act of 1985.

1 SEC. 746. Funds made available under title II of the
2 Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be
3 used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate
4 monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-
5 trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is
6 received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by
7 food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-
8 propriate purposes.

9 SEC. 747. None of the funds made available by this
10 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-
11 ucts imported into the United States from the People's
12 Republic of China for use in the school lunch program
13 under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care Food
15 Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766),
16 the Summer Food Service Program for Children under
17 section 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school
18 breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
19 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

20 SEC. 748. For school year 2024–2025, only a school
21 food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit
22 school food service account as of June 30, 2023, shall be
23 required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance
24 with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National
25 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

1 SEC. 749. Any funds made available by this or any
2 other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section
3 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
4 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended,
5 shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assess-
6 ment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer
7 such funds among appropriations of the Department of
8 Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

9 SEC. 750. Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 law, no funds available to the Department of Agriculture
11 may be used to move any staff office or any agency from
12 the mission area in which it was located on August 1,
13 2018, to any other mission area or office within the De-
14 partment in the absence of the enactment of specific legis-
15 lation affirming such move.

16 SEC. 751. The Secretary, acting through the Chief
17 of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use
18 funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for
19 the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program
20 and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out
21 pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Preven-
22 tion Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency
23 Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to
24 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16
25 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such pro-

1 grams pursuant to section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Secu-
2 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding
3 subsection (c) of such section.

4 SEC. 752. In administering the pilot program estab-
5 lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-
6 propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining en-
8 tities eligible to receive assistance, consider those commu-
9 nities which are “Areas Rural in Character”: *Provided*,
10 That not more than 10 percent of the funds made avail-
11 able under the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine,
12 and Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot
13 program established by section 779 of Public Law 115–
14 141 may be used for this purpose.

15 SEC. 753. In addition to amounts otherwise made
16 available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence
17 of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$2,000,000, to
18 remain available until expended, to implement non-renew-
19 able agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agri-
20 cultural lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the
21 Water Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).

22 SEC. 754. Out of amounts appropriated to the Food
23 and Drug Administration under title VI, the Secretary of
24 Health and Human Services, acting through the Commis-
25 sioner of Food and Drugs, shall, not later than September

1 30, 2024, and following the review required under Execu-
2 tive Order No. 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to regu-
3 latory planning and review), issue advice revising the ad-
4 vice provided in the notice of availability entitled “Advice
5 About Eating Fish, From the Environmental Protection
6 Agency and Food and Drug Administration; Revised Fish
7 Advice; Availability” (82 Fed. Reg. 6571 (January 19,
8 2017)), in a manner that is consistent with nutrition
9 science recognized by the Food and Drug Administration
10 on the net effects of seafood consumption.

11 SEC. 755. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,
12 to remain available until expended, to carry out section
13 2103 of Public Law 115–334: *Provided*, That the Sec-
14 retary shall prioritize the wetland compliance needs of
15 areas with significant numbers of individual wetlands, wet-
16 land acres, and conservation compliance requests.

17 SEC. 756. Notwithstanding any other provision of
18 law, the acceptable market name of any engineered animal
19 approved prior to the effective date of the National Bio-
20 engineered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19,
21 2019) shall include the words “genetically engineered”
22 prior to the existing acceptable market name.

23 SEC. 757. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural
24 Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August
25 15, 2024, an amount of funds made available in title III

1 under the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund
2 Program Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants,
3 Rural Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Fa-
4 cilities Program Account, Rural Business Program Ac-
5 count, Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account,
6 and Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account,
7 equal to the amount obligated in REAP Zones with re-
8 spect to funds provided under such headings in the most
9 recent fiscal year any such funds were obligated under
10 such headings for REAP Zones, excluding the funding
11 provided through any Congressionally Directed Spending/
12 Community Project Funding.

13 SEC. 758. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to
14 carry out the duties of the working group established
15 under section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development,
16 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
17 propriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 133 Stat. 89).

18 SEC. 759. For an additional amount for the Office
19 of the Secretary, \$9,000,000, to remain available until ex-
20 pended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships
21 as established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall con-
23 tinue to dedicate resources to researching the causes and
24 conditions of challenges facing rural areas, and develop
25 community partnerships to address such challenges: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That administrative or other fees shall not
2 exceed one percent: *Provided further*, That such partner-
3 ship shall coordinate and publish an annual report.

4 SEC. 760. Funds made available in the Consolidated
5 Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) for the
6 “Rural Community Facilities Program Account” under
7 section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
8 ment Act, 7 U.S.C. 1926, for the principal amount of di-
9 rect loans are to remain available through fiscal year 2028
10 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal
11 year 2018.

12 SEC. 761. Section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949
13 (42 U.S.C. 1490c) is amended in subsection (b)(1)(B) by
14 striking “two years” and inserting “five years”.

15 SEC. 762. Section 524 of the Housing Act of 1949
16 (42 U.S.C. 1490d) is amended in subsection (a)(1) by
17 striking “two years” and inserting “five years”.

18 SEC. 763. Section 592 of the Stewart B. McKinney
19 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11408a) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (1) in the section heading by striking “FMHA”
22 and inserting “USDA”;

23 (2) in subsection (a), by, in the matter pre-
24 ceding paragraph (1), striking “program and non-
25 program”; and

1 (3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b) PRIORITY.—The priority uses of inventory prop-
4 erty under this section shall be given priority equal to or
5 higher than the disposition of such property in accordance
6 with priorities determined by the Secretary as necessary
7 to protect the best interests of the Federal Government.”.

8 SEC. 764. Section 363 of the Multifamily Mortgage
9 Foreclosure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702) is amended at
10 paragraph (10) by inserting after “Secretary of Housing
11 Urban Development” the following: “and the Secretary of
12 Agriculture”.

13 SEC. 765. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000,
14 to remain available until September 30, 2025, for a Bison
15 Production and Marketing Grant Program that the Agri-
16 cultural Marketing Service shall develop and maintain:
17 *Provided*, That this program shall be similar, as deter-
18 mined by the Secretary, to the Sheep Production and Mar-
19 keting Grant Program the Department of Agriculture cur-
20 rently maintains pursuant to section 209(c) of the Agricul-
21 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627a(c)), and
22 shall prioritize grants to national non-profits and federally
23 chartered Tribal organizations that have expertise in bison
24 production or marketing.

1 SEC. 766. Notwithstanding the Agricultural Mar-
2 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622 et seq.) and 9 CFR
3 part 352, the Committee provides an additional \$700,000
4 to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service to cover
5 voluntary meat inspection fees for the slaughtering or
6 processing of bison/buffalo at Native American owned es-
7 tablishments or establishments operating on tribal lands.

8 SEC. 767. Of the unobligated balances available to
9 the Department of Agriculture for the Rural Water Oper-
10 ation Program under the heading “Natural Resources
11 Conservation Service—Watershed and Flood Prevention
12 Operations” from prior appropriations Acts, \$20,000,000
13 is hereby rescinded: *Provided*, That no amounts may be
14 rescinded from amounts that were designated by the Con-
15 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concur-
16 rent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and
17 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

18 SEC. 768. If services performed by APHIS employees
19 are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and
20 Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an
21 animal disease outbreak, any premium pay that is funded,
22 either directly or through reimbursement, shall be exempt-
23 ed from the aggregate of basic pay and premium pay cal-
24 culated under section 5547 of title 5, United States Code,
25 and any other provision of law limiting the aggregate

1 amount of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar
2 year basis: *Provided*, That this section shall take effect
3 as if enacted on January 1, 2023.

4 SEC. 769. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by this or any other Act may be used
6 by the Food Safety and Inspection Service to take any
7 action that would result in the permanent relocation, de-
8 motion, or termination of any Supervisory Public Health
9 Veterinarian (SPHV), solely as result of the creation of
10 the District Veterinary Medical Officer position, prior to
11 completing a 1010 package and cost-benefit analysis, and
12 briefing the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
13 of Congress.

14 SEC. 770. None of the funds appropriated or other-
15 wise made available by this or any other Act may be used
16 to purchase, deploy, or train third parties on the use of
17 M-44 sodium cyanide ejector devices (“M-44s”), includ-
18 ing any components or parts, or sodium fluoroacetate
19 (“Compound 1080”), except for activities directly related
20 to the removal of M-44s that have been placed on Federal,
21 Tribal, State and private land.

22 SEC. 771. Notwithstanding section 521(a)(1)(B) of
23 the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490a(a)(1)(B)), for
24 loans made under section 502 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Sec-
25 retary of Agriculture may provide the borrower with as-

1 sistance in the form of credits so as to reduce the effective
2 interest rate to a rate not less than 2 per centum per
3 annum for such periods of time as the Secretary may de-
4 termine for applicants described in section 521(a)(1)(A)
5 (42 U.S.C. 1490a(a)(1)(A)) if without such assistance
6 such applicants could not afford the dwelling or make pay-
7 ments on the indebtedness of the rental or cooperative
8 housing.

9 SEC. 772. Any rule-making, notice or guidance of or
10 regarding USDA Proposed Rule (Child Nutrition Pro-
11 grams: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent With the
12 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans; RIN 0584–AE88)
13 shall allow and provide meal reimbursement for (or “low
14 fat or fat free”) flavored milk in National School Lunch
15 Program and School Breakfast Program for grades Kin-
16 dergarten through 12th grade and in Child and Adult
17 Care Food Program for participants 5 years of age and
18 older, and for any other program complying with the meal
19 pattern requirements covered in such final rule.

20 SEC. 773. Weekly sodium limits that may be included
21 in any rule-making, notice or guidance of or regarding
22 USDA Proposed Rule (Child Nutrition Programs: Revi-
23 sions to Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020 Dietary
24 Guidelines for Americans; RIN 0584–AE88) shall exclude
25 sodium used for food safety and functional purposes in

1 cheese-making, as determined by the Secretary, in con-
2 sultation with FDA. Sodium limits will not take effect
3 until the Secretary determines the amounts which shall
4 be excluded.

5 SEC. 774. Notwithstanding section 521(a)(1)(B) of
6 the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C 1490a(a)(1)(B)), for
7 loans made under section 502 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture may provide the borrower with as-
9 sistance in the form of credits so as to reduce the effective
10 interest rate to a rate not less than 2 per centum per
11 annum for such periods of time as the Secretary may de-
12 termine for applicants described in section 521(a)(1)(A)
13 (42 U.S.C. 1490a(a)(1)(A)) if without such assistance
14 such applicants could not afford the dwelling or make pay-
15 ments on the indebtedness of the rental or cooperative
16 housing.

17 SEC. 775. Section 542(b)(2) of the Housing Act, (42
18 U.S.C. 1490r), is amended by striking “5,000” and insert-
19 ing “10,000”.

20 SEC. 776. None of the funds made available by this
21 Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-
22 sonnel—

23 (1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the
24 Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603);

1 (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the
2 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of
3 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or
4 (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of
5 title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
6 regulation).

7 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
8 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
9 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”.

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