

File VI

Amendment offered by Mr. McIntyre (NC)

Amendment Description

The proposal would provide \$4 million per year in mandatory funding for the Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program (RMAP), which enables microenterprise development programs and small businesses to rebuild our economy and to strengthen communities on Main Street. In just two years of operation, the program has funded more than 123 programs in 41 states. This proposal would ensure that the program continues to meet contracts and obligations already committed to organizations, and continues to expand opportunity for rural small businesses.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. _____
OFFERED BY MR. MCINTYRE OF NORTH
CAROLINA
[2013 Farm Bill]

Strike section 6016 and insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6016. RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 379E(a) of the Consoli-
4 dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
5 2008s(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (i) by redesignating clauses (ii) and
9 (iii) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively;

10 (ii) by inserting after clause (i) the
11 following new clause:

12 “(ii) a local government”;

13 (iii) in clause (iii)(II) (as so redesign-
14 dated), by striking “or” at the end;

15 (iv) in clause (iv) (as so redesignated),
16 by inserting “or” at the end; and

1 (v) by adding at the end the following
2 new clause:

3 “(v) a collaboration of rural non-profit
4 entities serving a region or State, if one
5 lead non-profit entity is the sole under-
6 writer of all loans and is responsible for
7 associated risks;” and

8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
9 “training and” and inserting “training or”;

10 (2) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the
11 following new paragraph:

12 “(6) RURAL MICROENTERPRISE.—The term
13 ‘rural microenterprise’ means a business entity with
14 not more than 10 full-time-equivalent employees lo-
15 cated in a rural area.”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraphs:

18 “(7) TRAINING.—The term ‘training’ means
19 teaching broad business principles or general busi-
20 ness skills in a group or public setting.

21 “(8) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The term ‘tech-
22 nical assistance’ means working with a business cli-
23 ent in a 1-to-1 manner—

24 “(A) to provide business and financial
25 management counseling; and

1 “(B) to assist in the preparation of busi-
2 ness or marketing plans; or

3 “(C) to assist in the development of other
4 skills tailored to an individual microentre-
5 preneur.”.

6 (b) RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PRO-
7 GRAM.—Section 379E(b)(4) of the Consolidated Farm
8 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s(b)(4)) is
9 amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i)(I), by striking
11 “training, operational support, business planning,
12 and market development assistance,” and inserting
13 “training and technical assistance”; and

14 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

15 (A) in clause (i), in the matter preceding
16 subclause (I), by striking “marketing, manage-
17 ment, and other”; and

18 (B) in clause (ii), in the heading, by insert-
19 ing “TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE” before “GRANT”.

20 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 379E(c)(1) of the
21 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
22 2008s(c)(1)) is amended—

23 (1) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (C);

24 (2) by striking “(1) COST SHARE.—”;

1 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as para-
2 graph (1) and moving the margins of such subpara-
3 graph two ems to the left; and

4 (4) in paragraph (1) (as so redesignated), by
5 striking “under this subparagraph” and inserting
6 “under this section”.

7 (d) FUNDING.—Section 379E(d) of the Consolidated
8 Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s(d))
9 is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “until ex-
11 pended” and all that follows through the period and
12 inserting the following: “until expended—

13 “(A) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

14 “(B) \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years
15 2014 through 2018.”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “2012” and
17 inserting “2018”.

