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TITLE I—AGRICULTURE

Subtitle A—General Provisions

SEC. 10001. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

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

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

Subtitle B—Forestry

SEC. 11001. NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM RESTORATION AND FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2031—
(1) $10,000,000,000 for hazardous fuels reduction projects within the wildland-urban interface;

(2) $4,000,000,000 for, on a determination made solely by the Secretary that hazardous fuels reduction projects within the wildland-urban interface described in paragraph (1) have been planned to protect, to the extent practicable, at-risk communities, hazardous fuels reduction projects outside the wildland-urban interface that are—

(A) primarily noncommercial in nature, provided that, in accordance with the best available science, the harvest of merchantable materials shall be ecologically appropriate for restoration and to enhance ecological health and function, and any sale of merchantable materials under this paragraph shall be limited to small diameter trees or biomass that are a byproduct of hazardous fuel reduction projects;

(B) collaboratively developed; and

(C) carried out in a manner that enhances the ecological integrity and achieves the restoration of a forest ecosystem; maximizes the retention of old-growth and large trees, as appropriate for the forest type; and prioritizes pre-
scribed fire as the primary means to achieve modified wildland fire behavior;

(3) $1,000,000,000 for vegetation management projects carried out solely on National Forest System land that the Secretary shall select following the receipt of proposals submitted in accordance with subsections (a), (b), and (e) of section 4003 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303);

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

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

(A) maintain, or contribute toward the restoration of, reference old growth characteristics, including structure, composition, function, and connectivity,

(B) prioritize small diameter trees and prescribed fire to modify fire behavior; and

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

(6) $450,000,000 for the Legacy Roads and Trails program of the Forest Service;
(7) $350,000,000 for National Forest System land management planning and monitoring, prioritized on the assessment of watershed, ecological, and carbon conditions on National Forest System land and the revision and amendment of older land management plans that present opportunities to protect, maintain, restore, and monitor ecological integrity, ecological conditions for at-risk species, and carbon storage;

(8) $100,000,000 for maintenance of trails on National Forest System land, with a priority on trails that provide to underserved communities access to National Forest System land;

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

(10) $100,000,000 to provide for more efficient and more effective environmental reviews by the Chief of the Forest Service in satisfying the obligations of the Chief of the Forest Service under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);
(11) $50,000,000 to develop and carry out activities and tactics for the protection of older and mature forests on National Forest System land, including completing an inventory of older and mature forests within the National Forest System;

(12) $50,000,000 to develop and carry out activities and tactics for the maintenance and restoration of habitat conditions necessary for the protection and recovery of at-risk species on National Forest System land;

(13) $50,000,000 to carry out post-fire recovery plans that emphasize the use of locally adapted native plant materials to restore the ecological integrity of disturbed areas and do not include salvage logging; and

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

(b) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.—For projects described in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a), the Secretary shall prioritize for implementation projects—

(1) for which an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) has been completed;
(2) that are collaboratively developed; or

(3) that include opportunities to restore sustainable recreation infrastructure or access or accomplish other recreation outcomes on National Forest System lands, if the opportunities are compatible with the primary restoration purposes of the project.

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

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

(2) that includes the construction of a permanent road or permanent trail;

(3) that includes the construction of a temporary road, except in the case of a temporary road that is decommissioned by the Secretary not later than 3 years after the earlier of—

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

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

(4) inconsistent with the applicable land management plan;

(5) inconsistent with the prohibitions of the rule of the Forest Service entitled “Special Areas;
Roadless Area Conservation’’ (66 Fed. Reg. 3244 (January 12, 2001)), as modified by subparts C and D of part 294 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations; or

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

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

(2) COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOPED.—The term “collaboratively developed” means, with respect to a project located exclusively on National Forest System land, that the project is developed and implemented through a collaborative process that—

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

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

(ii) meets the requirements for a resource advisory committee under subsections (c) through (f) of section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125).
(3) DECOMMISSION.—The term “decommission” means, with respect to a road—

(A) reestablishing native vegetation on the road;

(B) restoring any natural drainage, watershed function, or other ecological processes that were disrupted or adversely impacted by the road by removing or hydrologically disconnecting the road prism and reestablishing stable slope contours; and

(C) effectively blocking the road to vehicular traffic, where feasible.

(4) ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY.—The term “ecological integrity” has the meaning given the term in section 219.19 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

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

(6) RESTORATION.—The term “restoration” has the meaning given the term in section 219.19 of
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title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on
the date of enactment of this Act).

(7) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT.—The

term “vegetation management project” means an ac-
tivity carried out on National Forest System land to
enhance the ecological integrity and achieve the res-
toration of a forest ecosystem through the removal
of vegetation, the use of prescribed fire, the restora-
tion of aquatic habitat, or the decommissioning of an
unauthorized, temporary, or system road.

(8) WATER SOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The

term “water source management plan” means a plan
developed under section 303(d)(1) of the Healthy
Forests Restoration Act of (16 U.S.C. 6542(d)(1)).

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

(10) WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.—The term
“wildland-urban interface” has the meaning given
the term in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Res-

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

(f) **Cost-sharing Requirement.**—Any partnership agreements, including cooperative agreements and mutual interest agreements, using funds made available under this section shall be subject to a non-Federal cost-share requirement of not less than 20 percent of the project cost, which may be waived at the discretion of the Secretary.

**SEC. 11002. CIVILIAN CLIMATE CORPS ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND.**

(a) **Appropriations.**—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2031, $2,250,000,000 to be used for staffing and salaries to support the development of a Civilian Climate Corps for the purposes of managing National Forest System land, subject to the conditions that the amounts made available under this section shall be in addition to any amounts required for salaries and expenses needed to carry out projects under section 11001 and members of the Civilian Climate Corps shall be compensated at not less than 200 percent of the annual Federal poverty line.
(b) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for activities under this section if such funds are not expressly authorized or currently expended for such purposes.

SEC. 11003. NON-FEDERAL LAND FOREST RESTORATION AND FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS AND RESEARCH.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2031—

(1) $8,600,000,000 to award grants to a Tribal, State, or local government or the government of the District of Columbia, a regional organization, a special district, or a nonprofit organization to support, on non-Federal land, forest restoration and resilience projects, including projects to reduce the risk of wildfires and establish defensible space around structures within at-risk communities (as defined in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));

(2) $1,000,000,000 to award grants to a Tribal, State, or local government or the government of
the District of Columbia, a regional organization, a special district, or a nonprofit organization to implement community wildfire protection plans (as defined in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511)), purchase firefighting equipment, provide firefighter training, and increase the capacity for planning, coordinating, and monitoring projects on non-Federal land to protect at-risk communities (as defined in section 101 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511));

(3) $250,000,000 to award grants to a Tribal, State, or local government or the government of the District of Columbia, a regional organization, a special district, or a nonprofit organization for projects on non-Federal land to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of burned forested areas, including reforestation;

(4) $250,000,000 to award grants to a Tribal, State, or local government or the government of the District of Columbia, a regional organization, a special district, or a nonprofit organization for projects on non-Federal land to expand equitable outdoor access and promote tourism on non-Federal forested land for members of underserved groups;
(5) $250,000,000 for the State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance programs established under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.), to be distributed at the discretion of the Secretary;

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

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

(8) $250,000,000 for the competitive grant program under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for providing through that program grants to support the participation of underserved forest landowners in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience, subject to the condition that subsection (h) of that section shall not apply;
(9) $250,000,000 for the competitive grant program under section 13A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2109a) for providing through that program grants to support the participation of forest landowners who own less than 2,500 acres of forest land in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience, subject to the condition that subsection (h) of that section shall not apply;

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

(A) those payments shall not preclude landowners from participation in other public and private sector financial incentive programs; and
(B) subsection (h) of that section shall not apply;

(11) $50,000,000 to carry out the healthy forests reserve program established under section 501 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6571);

(12) $50,000,000 for the forest inventory and analysis program established under section 3(e) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) for collaborative partnerships with the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs;

(13) $50,000,000 for the forest inventory and analysis program established under section 3(e) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) for activities and tactics to accelerate and expand existing research efforts to improve forest carbon monitoring technologies to better predict changes in forest carbon due to climate change;

(14) $100,000,000 for the forest inventory and analysis program established under section 3(e) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to carry out recommendations from a panel of relevant experts
convened by the Secretary that has reviewed and, based on the review, issued recommendations regarding the current priorities and future needs of the forest inventory and analysis program with respect to climate change, forest health, sustainable wood products, and increasing carbon storage in forests;

(15) $50,000,000 for the forest inventory and analysis program established under section 3(e) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1642(e)) to provide enhancements to the technology managed and used by the forest inventory and analysis program, including cloud computing and remote sensing for purposes such as small area estimation;

(16) $1,000,000,000 to provide grants under the wood innovation grant program under section 8643 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7655d), including for the construction of new facilities that advance the purposes of the program, subject to the conditions that the amount of such a grant shall be not more than $5,000,000; notwithstanding subsection (d) of that section, a recipient of such a grant shall provide funds equal to not less than 50 percent of the amount received under the grant, to be derived from non-Federal
sources; and a priority shall be placed on projects
that create a financial model for addressing forest
restoration needs on public or private forest land;

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

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

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

(20) $50,000,000 for the research mission area
of the Forest Service to assess the quantity of car-on sequestration and storage accomplished by dif-
f erent forest practices when applied in diverse eco-
logical and geographic settings;
(21) $50,000,000 for the research mission area of the Forest Service to carry out greenhouse gas life cycle analyses of domestic wood products;

(22) $50,000,000 for the Forest Health Monitoring Program of the Forest Service for activities and tactics to reduce the spread of invasive species on non-Federal forested land; and

(23) $2,250,000,000 to be used for staffing and salaries to support the development of a Civilian Climate Corps for carrying out projects on non-Federal land through the Forest Service State and private forestry mission area and other Department of Agriculture programs, including rural and urban conservation and tree planting projects, subject to the conditions that—

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

(B) members of the Civilian Climate Corps shall be compensated at not less than 200 percent of the annual Federal poverty line.

(b) Funding for Restoration on Non-Federal Areas by States.—The Secretary may use amounts made available by this section to carry out eligible projects
as determined by the Secretary, authorized in subsection (a) on non-Federal land upon the request of the Governor of that State.

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

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

SEC. 11004. STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2031—

(1) $1,250,000,000 to provide competitive grants to States through the Forest Legacy Program established under section 7 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103c)
to acquire land and interests in land, with priority given to grant applications that offer significant natural carbon sequestration benefits, contribute to the resilience of community infrastructure, local economies, or natural systems, or provide benefits to underserved populations;

(2) $3,000,000,000 to provide multi-year, programmatic, competitive grants to a State agency, a local governmental entity, and agency or governmental entity of the District of Columbia, an Indian Tribe, or a nonprofit organization through the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance program established under section 9(e) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2105(c)) for tree planting and related activities to increase community tree canopy and associated societal and climate co-benefits, with a priority for projects that benefit underserved populations; and

(3) $100,000,000 for the acquisition of urban and community forests through the Community Forest and Open Space Program of the Forest Service.

(b) Waiver.—Any non-Federal cost-share requirement otherwise applicable to projects carried out under this section may be waived at the discretion of the Secretary.
SEC. 11005. LIMITATION.

The funds made available under this subtitle are subject to the condition that the Secretary shall not—

(1) enter into any agreement—

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

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

(2) use any other funds available to the Secretary to satisfy obligations initially made under this subtitle.

SEC. 11006. APPROPRIATIONS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2031, for administrative costs of the agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture for costs related to implementing this subtitle.
Subtitle C—Rural Development, Energy, and Agricultural Credit and Outreach

PART 1—RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY

SEC. 12001. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE USDA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LOAN PROGRAM.

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

SEC. 12002. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR USDA RURAL WATER PROGRAMS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and notwithstanding sections 381E through 381H and
381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009d through 2009g and 2009m), $430,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031, for the cost of grants for rural water and waste water programs authorized by sections 306, 306C, and 306D and described in sections 306C(a)(2) and 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in persistent poverty counties (or, notwithstanding any population limits specified in section 343 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, a county seat of a persistent poverty county with a population that does not exceed the authorized population limit by more than 10 percent), Tribal lands, colonias, and insular areas.

SEC. 12003. SUBSIDY FOR CERTAIN USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN PAYMENTS.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to the amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $390,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031, to carry out this section.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall make a payment to the lender on a covered loan equal to half of the total of the installment amounts owed by the borrower on the loan for 1 year, if the borrower has the opportunity
to opt of the payment, and to the extent there are remain-
ing amounts available under subsection (a) after making
such payments, shall make additional payments on such
covered loans.

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

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

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

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

(3) a loan made by a microenterprise develop-
ment organization before January 1, 2021, to a
microentrepreneur under section 379E of the Con-
solidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s).

SEC. 12004. RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM.

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

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, at the election of an eligible entity (as defined in section 6407(b) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a(b))) to which a loan is made under section 6407(c) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a(c)), the Secretary shall make a grant to the eligible entity in an amount equal to not more than 5 percent of the loan amount for the purposes of costs incurred in—
(A) applying for a loan received under section 6407(e) of such Act;

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

(C) making repairs to the property of a qualified consumer that facilitate the energy efficiency measures for the property financed through a loan under section 6407(d) of such Act;

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

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

(2) Persistent Poverty Counties.—In the case that the grant is for the purpose of making a loan under section 6407(d) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a(d)) to a qualified consumer (as defined in section 6407(b) of such Act) in a persistent poverty county (as determined by the Secretary), the percentage limitation in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be 10 percent.

(e) Limitation.—The Secretary shall not enter into any loan agreement pursuant to this section that could result in disbursements after September 30, 2031, or any
grant agreement pursuant to this section that could result in any outlays after September 30, 2031.

SEC. 12005. RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM.

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

(1) $811,750,000 for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031; and

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

(b) UNDERUTILIZED RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to provide grants and loans guaranteed by the Secretary (including
the costs of such loans) under the program described in subsection (a) of this section relating to underutilized renewable energy technologies, and to provide technical assistance for applying to such program (as determined by the Secretary), subject to the conditions that the performance of any construction work completed with amounts provided under this subsection meet the condition described in section 9003(f) of such Act and, notwithstanding section 9007(c)(3)(A) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107(c)(3)(A)), the amount of a grant shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the activity carried out using the grant funds, and to the extent the following amounts remain available at the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall use such amounts in accordance with subsection (a) of this section—

(1) $143,250,000 for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031; and

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

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

SEC. 12006. BIOFUEL INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCT MARKET EXPANSION.

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

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use the amounts made available by subsection (a) to provide grants, for which the Federal share shall be not more than 75 percent of the total cost of carrying out a project for which the grant is provided, on a competitive basis, to transportation fueling facilities and distribution facilities, including fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket retailer fueling stations, fleet facilities, as well as fuel terminal operations, mid-stream partners, and heating oil distribution facilities or equivalent entities, subject to the condition that the performance of any construction work completed with amounts provided under this section shall meet the condition described in section 9003(f) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103(f))—
(1) to install, retrofit, or otherwise upgrade fuel
dispensers or pumps and related equipment, storage
tank system components, and other infrastructure
required at a location related to dispensing certain
biofuels blends to ensure the increased sales of fuels
with high levels of commodity-based ethanol and bio-
diesel that are at or greater than the levels required
in the Notice of Funding Availability for the Higher
Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program for Fiscal
Year 2020, published in volume 85 of the Federal
Register (85 Fed. Reg. 26656), as determined by
the Secretary; and

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

(A) to blend biodiesel; and

(B) to carry ethanol and biodiesel.

c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not limit the
amount of funding an eligible entity may receive under
this section.
SEC. 12007. USDA ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVES.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $9,700,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031, to provide to an eligible entity (defined as an electric cooperative described in section 501(c)(12) or 1381(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is or has been a Rural Utilities Service electric loan borrower pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 or serving a predominantly rural area) assistance under paragraphs (1) and (2) by awarding such assistance through a competitive program to eligible entities for purposes described in section 310B(a)(2)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (provided that the term renewable energy system in that paragraph has the meaning given such term in section 9001(16) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002) that will achieve the highest long-term resiliency, reliability, and affordability of rural electric systems, using such assistance and that will otherwise aid disadvantaged rural communities (as determined by the Secretary), subject to the condition that any construction work completed with amounts provided under this section shall meet the condition described in section 9003(f) of the Farm Secu-
rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103(f)), when—

(1) making grants and loans (including the cost of loans and modifications thereof) to purchase renewable energy or renewable energy systems (as defined in section 9001(15) and (16) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101(15) and (16))), deploy renewable energy systems, or make energy efficiency improvements after the date of enactment of this Act; and

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

(A) facilities operating on nonrenewable energy; and

(B) related transmission assets.

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

(c) PROHIBITION.—Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for activities under this section if such funds are not expressly authorized or currently expended for such purposes.
SEC. 12008. RURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) RURAL PROSPERITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.—

(1) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $3,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031, to provide grants to support rural development under this subsection, subject to the condition that the recipient of a grant under this subsection shall contribute a non-Federal match of 25 percent of the amount of the grant, which may be satisfied through an in-kind contribution, except that the Secretary may waive such matching requirement on a finding that the recipient of the applicable grant is economically distressed.

(2) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

(A) FORMULA.—The Secretary shall establish a formula pursuant to which the Secretary shall allocate, for each State and for Indian Tribes, an amount to be provided under this subsection to eligible applicants described in paragraph (3).

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—

(i) FORMULA.—The formula established under subparagraph (A) shall in-
clude a graduated scale for the amount to be allocated under this subsection for eligible applicants in each State and eligible applicants of Indian Tribes, with higher amounts provided based on lower populations and lower income levels, as determined by the Secretary.

(ii) AWARD.—In awarding grants under this subsection to eligible applicants in each State and eligible applicants of Indian Tribes, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible applicants representing a micropolitan statistical area (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget in OMB Bulletin No. 20-01 (effective March 2020) and any subsequent updates, or under section 3504(e)(3) of title 44, United States Code, and section 1104(d) of title 31 of such Code)) and 1 or more rural areas contiguous to that micropolitan statistical area or eligible applicants representing high poverty areas (as determined by the Secretary) provided that the Secretary may award additional grants or funding under this subsection to implement
activities pursuant to a rural development
plan upon the Secretary’s approval of the
recipient’s plan and report on the use of
each grant provided to the recipient under
this subsection.

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

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

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

(I) a unit of local government;

(II) a Tribal government; or

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

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

(B) does not include a member described
in subparagraph (A)(i), but demonstrates sig-
nificant community support sufficient to sup-
port a likelihood of success on the proposed
projects, as determined by the Secretary; and

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

(4) Eligible Activities.—The use of grant
funds provided under this subsection may be used
for the following purposes, provided that, where ap-
licable, the performance of any construction work
completed with the grant funds shall meet the condi-
tion described in section 9003(f) of the Farm Secu-
rit)' and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
8103(f)):

(A) Conducting comprehensive rural devel-
_opment and pre-development activities and
planning.

(B) Supporting organizational operating
expenses relating to the rural development ac-
tivities for which the grant was provided.
(C) Implementing planned rural development activities and projects.

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

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

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

(A) development and predevelopment planning aspects of rural development; and
(B) organizational capacity-building necessary to support the rural development activities funded by the grant; and

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

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

(2) STATE.—The term “State” has the meaning given the term in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

SEC. 12009. ADDITIONAL USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $545,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2031, for administrative costs and salaries and expenses for the Rural Development mission area and expenses of the agencies and offices of the Department for costs related to implementing this part.
PART 2—AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND OUTREACH

SEC. 12101. ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN FARM LOAN BORROWERS.

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

“SEC. 1005. ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN FARM LOAN BORROWERS.

“(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2031—

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

“(2) $1,000,000,000 to provide payments or loan modifications or otherwise carry out the authorities under section 331(b)(4) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1981(b)(4)), using a centralized process administered from the national office, for Farm Service Agency direct loan and loan guarantee borrowers, focusing on borrowers who are at risk (as determined by the Secretary using factors that may include whether the borrower is a limited resource farmer or rancher, the amount of payments received by the
borrower during calendar years 2020 and 2021
under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program of
the Department of Agriculture, and other factors, as
determined by the Secretary).

“(b) PAYMENTS.—

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

“(2) OTHER PAYMENTS.—

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

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

“(ii) $200,000.

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

“(i) the total of the payments received
by the farmer or rancher during calendar
year 2020 pursuant to the Coronavirus
Food Assistance Program of the Depart-
ment of Agriculture; and

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

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

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

“(B) was 90 days or more delinquent with
respect to an eligible farm debt as of December
31, 2020;
“(C) resides on or operates a farm or ranch—

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

“(I) in the 1990 or 2000 decennial census; or

“(II) in the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates of the Bureau of the Census for the most recent year for which the Estimates are available as of the date of enactment of the Act;

“(ii) in a ZIP Code with a poverty rate of not less than 20 percent, as determined by the Secretary; or

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

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

“(E) is undergoing bankruptcy or foreclosure or is in other financially distressed categories, as determined by the Secretary, as of July 31, 2021;
“(F) was part of a Department of Agriculture disaster set aside after January 1, 2020;

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

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

“(2) ELIGIBLE FARM DEBT.—

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

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

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

and

“(ii) the amount of eligible farm debt of the borrower as of July 31, 2021.
“(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.

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

SEC. 12102. USDA ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR UNDER-SERVED FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND FORESTERS.

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

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

“(a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000 to provide outreach, mediation, financial training, capacity building training, cooperative development training and support, and other technical assistance on issues concerning food, agriculture, agricultural credit, agricultural extension, rural development, or nutrition to historically underserved farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners, in-
including veterans, limited resource producers, beginning
farmers and ranchers, and farmers, ranchers, and forest
landowners living in high poverty areas.

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

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

“(d) RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION.—In
addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-
priated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year
2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out
of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000 to support and supplement agricultural research, education, and extension, as well as scholarships and programs that provide internships and pathways to agricultural sector or Federal employment, at colleges or universities eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (commonly known as the ‘Second Morrill Act’) (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), including Tuskegee University, 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Public Law 103–382)), Alaska Native serving institutions and Native Hawaiian serving institutions eligible to receive grants under subsections (a) and (b), respectively, of section 1419B of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156), Hispanic-serving institutions eligible to receive grants under section 1455 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3241), and the insular area institutions of higher education located in the territories of the United States, as referred to in section 1489 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3361).

“(e) DISCRIMINATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appro-
appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $350,000,000 to provide to one or more entities selected by the Secretary to distribute financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners determined to have suffered discrimination in Department of Agriculture farm lending programs pursuant to standards to be determined by the Secretary and subject to oversight by the Secretary, subject to the condition that if any funds provided to the selected entity are not distributed on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Act, those undistributed funds shall be returned to the Secretary to be obligated for any other activity authorized under this section.

“(f) Administrative Costs.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $35,000,000 for administrative costs of the agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture to carry out this section.

“(g) Limitation.—The Secretary shall not enter into any loan agreement pursuant to this section that could result in disbursements after September 30, 2031
or any grant agreement pursuant to this section that could
result in any outlays after September 30, 2031.”.

Subtitle D—Research and Urban
Agriculture

SEC. 13001. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH
FUNDING.

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

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

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

(3) to the Office of the Chief Economist,
$3,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
2026, to carry out economic analysis and economic
agricultural research relating to climate change and
environmental services markets;
(4) to the National Agricultural Statistics Service—

(A) $40,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to carry out data collection and agricultural research relating to climate change; and

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

(5) to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture—

(A) to fund agricultural education, extension, and research relating to climate change—

(i) through the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative established by subsection (b) of the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act (7 U.S.C. 3157(b))—

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

(II) $150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026;
(ii) through the sustainable agriculture research education program established under sections 1619, 1621, 1622, 1628, and 1629 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5801, 5811, 5812, 5831, 5832)—

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

(II) $150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026;

(iii) through the crop protection pest management competitive grant program authorized under section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7626), $30,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

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

(v) through the organic agriculture research and extension initiative established under section 1672B of the Food, Agric-
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1 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of
2 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925b)—
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4 (I) $15,000,000 for fiscal year
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7 (II) $5,000,000 for fiscal year
8 2023; and
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10 (III) $60,000,000 for each of fis-
11 cal years 2024 through 2026;
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13 (vi) through the urban, indoor, and
14 other emerging agricultural production re-
15 search, education, and extension initiative
16 established under section 1672E of the
17 Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and
18 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925g),
19 $65,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
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21 (vii) through the centers of excellence
22 led by 1890 Institutions established under
23 section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture,
24 Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7
25 U.S.C. 5926(d)), $15,000,000 for fiscal
26 year 2022;
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28 (viii) through the specialty crop re-
29 search and extension initiative established
30 by section 412 of the Agricultural Re-
search, Extension, and Education Reform

Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632)—

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

(II) $60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026;

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

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

(II) $160,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026;

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

(xi) through the cooperative extension at 1890 Institutions under section 1444 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7
U.S.C. 3221), $25,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026;

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

(C) $985,500,000 for fiscal year 2022, for grants to covered institutions for construction, alteration, acquisition, modernization, renovation, or remodeling of agricultural research facilities, including related building costs associated with compliance with applicable Federal and State law, under section 4 of the Research Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390b), subject to the condition that notwithstanding section 3(c)(2)(A) of that Act (7 U.S.C.
390a(c)(2)(A)), the recipient of a grant provided using those amounts shall not be required to provide any non-Federal share of total funding provided under this subparagraph;

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

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

(i) $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023;
(ii) $50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025; and
(iii) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

(F) $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026, for grants to land-grant colleges and universities to support Tribal students under section 1450 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 3222e) and for purposes of this subparagraph,
section 1450(b)(4) of such Act shall not apply;

and

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

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

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

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

(7) to the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, to carry out activities relating to climate change in accordance with section 7601 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5939), to be considered as provided pursuant to subsection (g)(1)(A) of such section—

(A) $45,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023; and
(B) $150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026; (8) to the National Institute for Food and Agriculture, $5,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to fund agriculture climate change research on biomass, including pyrolysis and biochar; and (9) to the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, $62,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023, to carry out activities in accordance with section 222 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6923).

(b) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE; AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, EXTENSION, AND RESEARCH RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.—The terms “agricultural research relating to climate change” and “agricultural education, extension, and research relating to climate change” mean research, and education, extension, and research, respectively, relating to—

(A) the effects of global climate change on—

(i) agricultural economics;
(ii) agricultural production, supply chains, marketing, and prices;

(iii) animal industry and diseases, including threats of zoonotic origin;

(iv) plant industry and diseases;

(v) pests and pesticides;

(vi) crop insurance and other risk management tools;

(vii) soil conservation;

(viii) food from fresh water;

(ix) farm credit and farm security;

(x) rural development;

(xi) rural electrification, broadband, and data systems that inform climate change research;

(xii) food waste and agriculture waste;

(xiii) watersheds;

(xiv) forestry;

(xv) forest reserves and wilderness areas; and

(xvi) human nutrition, food, and hunger; and

(B) strategies to adapt to, and mitigate, the adverse effects of global climate change.
(2) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “covered institution” means—

(A) an 1890 Institution (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601));

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

(C) an Alaska Native serving institution or Native Hawaiian serving institution eligible to receive grants under subsections (a) and (b), respectively, of section 1419B of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3156);

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

(E) an eligible institution (as defined in section 1489 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
1977 (7 U.S.C. 3361) (relating to institutions of higher education in insular areas)); and

(F) the University of the District of Columbia established pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1862 (commonly known as the “First Morrill Act”) (7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

(3) STATE.—The term “State” means—

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

(B) the District of Columbia.

SEC. 13002. LIMITATION.

The funds made available under this subtitle are subject to the condition that the Secretary shall not—

(1) enter into any agreement—

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

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

(2) use any other funds available to the Secretary to satisfy obligations initially made under this subtitle.
Subtitle E—Miscellaneous

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

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $5,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2031, for audits, investigations, and other oversight activities of projects and activities carried out with funds made available to the Department of Agriculture under this title.

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

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for fiscal year 2022 to remain available until September 30, 2031, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000 to provide additional funds to the Secretary for the Farmworker and Food Worker Relief Grant Program of the Agricultural Marketing Service to provide additional COVID–19 assistance relief payments for frontline grocery workers.
Subtitle F—Conservation

SEC. 15001. SOIL CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE.

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

1. enter into any agreement—
   (A) that is for a term extending beyond September 30, 2031; and
   (B) under which any payment could be outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30, 2031;

2. use any other funds available to the Secretary to satisfy obligations initially made under this section; or

3. interpret this section to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for such payments if such funds are not expressly authorized or currently expended for such purposes.

(b) Availability of Payments to Producers.—
(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Of the funds made available under subsection (a), for each of the 2022 through 2026 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments to the producers on a farm for which the producer establishes 1 or more cover crop practices in advance of the applicable crop year, as determined by the Secretary, in accordance with this subsection, subject to the condition that a person or operation receiving a payment shall not receive a payment under any other provision of law for the same practices on the same acres.

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

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

(c) **AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO FARM OWNERS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Of the funds made available under subsection (a), for each of the 2022 through 2026 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments
to the owners of a farm with respect to which a producer establishes 1 or more cover crop practices pursuant to subsection (b), in accordance with this subsection, subject to the condition that an owner of a farm may not receive a payment under this subsection and subsection (b) for the same farm or acres, as determined by the Secretary.

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

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

(d) Availability of Payments for Prevented Planting.—

(1) In general.—Of the funds made available under subsection (a) and in addition to any other payments or assistance, for the 2022 through 2026 crop years, the Secretary shall make payments in accordance with this subsection to producers on farms who establish 1 or more cover crop practices pursuant to subsection (b).
(2) REQUIREMENTS.—To receive a payment under this subsection, a producer—

(A) shall have—

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

(ii) established a cover crop practice pursuant to subsection (b) on the farm for which the insurance described in clause (i) was purchased, as determined by the Secretary; and

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

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

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

(ii) harvest the cover crop for seed for purposes of marketing or sale, except that a quantity may be harvested for seed for on-farm usage only; or
(iii) otherwise use the acres for which payments are received under this subsection for any unapproved uses or other uses that seek to defeat or undermine the purposes of this section.

(3) Payment Amount.—The Secretary shall make payments to producers under this subsection in an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying—

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

(B) the difference between—

(i) 100 percent of the prevented planting guarantee, calculated without regard to the establishment of the cover crop practices pursuant to subsection (b), applicable for the insurance policy purchased by the producer under section 508A of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508a), as determined by the Secretary; and

(ii) the prevented planting indemnity payment received by the producer under that section and the policy purchased by
the producer for the applicable crop, as de-
determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 15002. ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION
INVESTMENTS.

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

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

(A)(i) $300,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
(ii) $500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;
(iii) $1,750,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
(iv) $3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;
and
(v) $3,450,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
and
(B) subject to the conditions on the use of the funds that—


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

(I) by substituting “$50,000,000” for “$25,000,000”; and

(II) with the Secretary prioritizing proposals that utilize diet and feed management to reduce enteric methane emissions from ruminants; and

(iii) the funds shall be available for 1 or more agricultural conservation practices or enhancements that the Secretary determines directly reduce soil or nutrient losses or greenhouse gas emissions, or capture or sequester greenhouse gas emissions, associated with agricultural production;

(2) to carry out, using the facilities and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the
conservation stewardship program under subchapter B of that chapter (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–21 et seq.)—

(A)(i) $250,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
(ii) $500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;
(iii) $750,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
(iv) $1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

and

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

and

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

(i) 1 or more agricultural conservation practices or enhancements that the Secretary determines directly reduce soil or nutrient losses or greenhouse gas emissions, or capture or sequester greenhouse gas emissions, associated with agricultural production; or

(ii) State-specific or region-specific groupings or bundles of agricultural conservation activities for climate change mitigation appropriate for cropland, pastureland, rangeland, nonindustrial private forest land, and producers
transitioning to organic or perennial production systems;

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

(A)(i) $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
(ii) $200,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;
(iii) $300,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
(iv) $400,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and
(v) $500,000,000 for fiscal year 2026; and

(B) subject to the condition that the Secretary shall prioritize eligible agricultural conservation projects that mitigate or address climate change, including by reducing or avoiding greenhouse gas emissions associated with agricultural production; and

(4) to carry out, using the facilities and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the regional conservation partnership program under subtitle I of title XII of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3871 et seq.)—

(A)(i) $200,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
(ii) $500,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;
(iii) $1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
(iv) $2,250,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;
and
(v) $3,050,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
and
(B) subject to the conditions on the use of
the funds that the Secretary—

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

(ii) may prioritize projects that—

(I) leverage corporate supply
chain sustainability commitments; or

(II) utilize models that pay for
outcomes from targeting methane and
nitrous oxide emissions associated
with agricultural production systems.
(b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under this section are subject to the conditions that the Secretary shall not—

(1) enter into any agreement—

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

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

(2) use any other funds available to the Secretary to satisfy obligations initially made under this section.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

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

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

(B) in subsection (f)(2)(B)—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) in subsection (a)—

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

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

(iii) in paragraph (2)(F), by striking “2023” and inserting “2031”; and
(iv) in paragraph (3), by striking “fiscal year 2023” each place it appears and inserting “each of fiscal years 2023 through 2031”;

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

(C) in subsection (h)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(B), in the subparagraph heading, by striking “2023” and inserting “2031”; and

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


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

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

(a) **APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addition to amounts otherwise available (and subject to subsection (b)), there are appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2031.
subject to the condition that no such funds may be disbursed after September 30, 2031)—

(1) $200,000,000 to provide conservation technical assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, including through the use of cooperative agreements;

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

(3) $600,000,000 to carry out a carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions quantification program through which the Natural Resources Conservation Service, including through technical service providers and other partners, shall collect field-based data to assess the carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions reduction outcomes associated with activities carried out pursuant to this section and use the data to monitor and track greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration trends
through the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Assessment Program of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under this section are subject to the conditions that the Secretary shall not—

(1) enter into any agreement—

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

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

(2) use any other funds available to the Secretary to satisfy obligations initially made under this section; or

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

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028, for administrative costs of the agencies and offices of the Department
of Agriculture for costs related to implementing this section.