

1 appropriate for a consortium of States and commu-
2 nities to be eligible for grants under this subsection,
3 which shall include requiring a consortium to provide
4 evidence to the Administrator that the consortium
5 has sufficient authority and administrative capability
6 to use grant amounts in accordance with this sub-
7 section on behalf of its member jurisdictions.

8 “(3) TIMING.—A consortium receiving a grant
9 under this section shall establish the position or po-
10 sitions described in paragraph (1), and employ or
11 otherwise retain an individual or individuals to fill
12 such position or positions, not later than the date
13 that all such grant amounts are expended.

14 “(4) APPLICATIONS.—The Administrator shall
15 provide for consortia of States and communities to
16 submit applications for grants under this subsection,
17 which shall include—

18 “(A) the evidence referred to in paragraph
19 (2);

20 “(B) such assurances as the Administrator
21 shall require to ensure compliance with the re-
22 quirement under paragraph (3);

23 “(C) such assurances as the Administrator
24 shall require to ensure that the consortia will
25 provide funding sufficient to continue the posi-

1 tion or positions funded with the grant
2 amounts, in the same annual amount as under
3 such grant funding, after such grant funds are
4 expended; and

5 “(D) such other information as the Admin-
6 istrator may require.

7 “(5) SELECTION.—From among eligible con-
8 sortia of States and communities submitting applica-
9 tions pursuant to paragraph (3), the Administrator
10 shall select consortia to receive grants under this
11 subsection in accordance with such competitive cri-
12 teria for such section as the Administrator shall es-
13 tablish.

14 “(6) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY.—For pur-
15 poses of this section, the term ‘community’ has the
16 meaning given such term in section 1366(h) (42
17 U.S.C. 4104e(h)), except that such term includes
18 counties and regional planning authorities that do
19 not have zoning and building code jurisdiction.

20 “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
21 There is authorized to be appropriated for grants
22 under this subsection—

23 “(A) \$7,000,000 for the first fiscal year
24 commencing after the expiration of the 4-month

1 period beginning on the date of the enactment
2 of this Act; and

3 “(B) \$7,000,000 for each of the four con-
4 secutive fiscal years thereafter.”.

