



Current U.S. Code Preferences, Priorities, or other Benefits for Certain Racial Groups Presumed to be “Socially Disadvantaged Individuals” (SDIs)

	Agency	Program	Citation/Preference
1.	USDA	Education and Risk Management Assistance	7 U.S.C. § 1524 (program for competitive grants with a priority for SDIs)
2.	USDA	Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance	7 U.S.C. §1531 (SDIs receive special disaster assistance waivers)
3.	USDA	Local Agricultural Market Program	7 U.S.C. § 1627c (priority given to SDIs in applications for the program, and 10% of funds set aside for SDIs)
4.	USDA	Grants for Cooperative Development Centers	7 U.S.C. § 1932 (20% set aside of funds for SDIs-run cooperative development centers)
5.	USDA	Down Payment Loan Program	7 U.S.C. § 1935 (USDA must “facilitate the transfer of farms and ranches from retiring farmers and ranchers” to SDI, while providing operating loan guarantees to facilitate the transaction)
6.	USDA	Relending Program	7 U.S.C. § 1935c (USDA shall give preferences to cooperatives, credit unions, and nonprofit organizations with experience serving SDIs)
7.	USDA	Contract Land Sales Program	7 U.S.C. § 1936 (USDA shall “guarantee a loan made by a private seller of a farm” to an SDI)

8.	USDA	Farmer Individual Development Accounts Pilot Program	7 U.S.C. § 1983b (USDA must give preference to applicants that have a track record of serving SDIs)
9.	USDA	Sale of Property Program	7 U.S.C. § 1985 (USDA may offer to sell certain property to “socially disadvantaged” farmers or ranchers at current market value)
10.	USDA	Homestead Protection Act	7 U.S.C. § 2000 (SDIs are given a right of first refusal to reacquire homestead property with a price cap)
11.	USDA	Agricultural Credit Program for SDIs	7 U.S.C. § 2003 (in all programs, loans, and land purchases, SDIs must have proportional representation).
12.	USDA	Loan Guarantee for SDIs	7 U.S.C. § 2008b (special loan guarantee plan of 95% of the principal offered to SDIs)
13.	USDA	Farming Training, Research, and Funding Set Aside	7 U.S.C. § 2279 (USDA must afford special technical assistance, training opportunities, and other benefits to SDIs)
14.	USDA	Fair and Equitable Treatment	7 U.S.C. § 2279a (the Secretary of Agriculture “shall adjust the bases and yields” to benefit farms owned by SDIs)
15.	USDA	Greenhouse Gas Advisory Council	7 U.S.C. § 6712 (advisory council with quota for SDI members)
16.	USDA	Office of Public Engagement; SDI Farmers Group	7 U.S.C. § 6934 (creation of institutions within USDA to ensure equitable allocation of benefits to SDI and the creation of special initiatives for SDIs)
17.	USDA	Noninsured Crop Assistance Program	7 U.S.C. § 7333 (waiver of fee and 50% premium reduction for noninsured crop insurance program for SDIs)

18.	USDA	Food Safety Grant Program	7 U.S.C. § 7625 (priority to SDIs for grants awarded under this program)
19.	USDA	Biomass Crop Assistance Program	7 U.S.C. § 8111 (special price cap on costs for SDI farmers)
20.	USDA	Base Acres Exemption	7 U.S.C. § 8711, 8752 (SDIs do not need to comply with the 10-acre minimum under 7 U.S.C. § 8711 to receive “direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments”)
21.	USDA	Minimal Payment Acres	7 U.S.C. § 9014 (SDIs exempted from 10-acres-or-less rule for certain agricultural price loss or risk coverage payments)
22.	USDA	Participation of dairy operations in dairy margin coverage	7 U.S.C. § 9054 (SDIs are “exempt from the administrative fee under this section.”)
23.	USDA	Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance	7 U.S.C. § 9081 (SDI are s a “covered producer” and eligible for a supplemental agricultural disaster assistance program)
24.	USDA	Conservation Planning Technical Assistance	16 U.S.C. § 590c (the Secretary of Agriculture may waive certain fees of SDIs)
25.	USDA	Payments of Grants of Aid	16 U.S.C. § 590h (the Secretary of Agriculture must ensure representation of SDIs on state conservation committees)
26.	USDA	Emergency Conservation Program	16 U.S.C. 2202a (cap on cost-share for SDIs)
27.	USDA	Commodity Credit Corporation Quotas	16 U.S.C. § 3841 (5% set asides for SDIs for certain incentives made available by the Commodity Credit Corporation)

28.	USDA	Conservation Reserve Program	16 U.S.C. § 3831c (50% set aside payment for SDIs to cover soil health and income protection program)
29.	USDA	Conservations Reserve Contracts	16 U.S.C. § 3835 (the Secretary may modify conservation reserve contracts to benefit SDIs)
30.	USDA	Disaster Assistance	19 U.S.C. § 2497 (the Secretary may waive certain paperwork and fee requirements for SDIs seeking disaster assistance)
31.	SBA	Manufacturing USA Institute	15 U.S.C. § 278s (financial assistance awarded to areas “located in an area with high proportion of” SDIs)
32.	SBA	Contracts	15 U.S.C. § 637 (preference in awarding contracts to businesses owned by SDIs)
33.	SBA	Awards or Contracts	15 U.S.C. § 644 (government-wide goal of 5% SDI participation for all prime contracts and subcontracts each year)
34.	SBA	Office of International Trade	15 U.S.C. § 649 (priority given to SDIs in the trade expansion program)
35.	SBA	Surety Bond Guarantee Program	15 USC § 694b (SDIs preferences in small-business bond forgiveness)
36.	SBA	Community Navigator Pilot Program	15 U.S.C. § 9013 (small business outreach program with priority to SDIs)
37.	DHS	Preparedness Accreditation and Certification Program	6 U.S.C. § 321m (preference given to third parties who perform certification processes that are owned by SDIs)
38.	DHS	Mentor Protégé Program	6 U.S.C. § 475a (special mentorship program for SDI-owned firms)

39.	DHS	Intelligence and cybersecurity diversity fellowship program	6 U.S.C. § 665a (internship for SDIs)
40.	DHS	Public Transportation Security Grants	6 U.S.C. § 1135 (preferences for “disadvantaged business concerns” – defined elsewhere as SDIs – in the “distribution of funds”)
41.	Treasury	Import-Export Bank Preferences to SDIs	12 U.S.C. § 635 (increasing loans to SDIs)
42.	Treasury	Import-Export Bank	12 U.S.C. § 635a (Small Business Division’s function shall be to increase loans, guarantees, and insurance to SDIs)
43.	Treasury	US Debt Collection	31 U.S.C. § 3718 (preference/set asides for contracting with law firms to collect us debt obligations, including law firms)
44.	Treasury	State Small Business Credit Initiative	12 U.S.C. § 5702 (\$2.5 billion program for states to distribute to businesses owned by SDIs)
45.	Treasury	State Small Business Technical Assistance Grants	12 U.S.C. § 5708 (\$500 million for technical assistance to states to distribute to businesses owned by SDIs)
46.	Treasury	Local Government Financial Assistance Fund	31 U.S.C. § 6701 (10% quota for spending contract dollars with SDI-owned small business concerns)
47.	Treasury	Homeowner Assistance Fund	15 U.S.C. § 9058d (\$10 billion homeowner assistance fund with SDI preference)

48.	EPA	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	16 U.S.C. §§ 3839aa-2 (SDIs eligible for more incentive payments)
49.	EPA	Conservation Program Incentives	16 U.S.C. § 3844 (conservation incentives available for SDIs)
50.	EPA	Federal contracting in Environmental Programs	42 U.S.C. § 4370d (agency goal that 8% of all prime and subcontracts awarded by EPA in all authorized programs, including grants, loans, contracts for wastewater and storage tanks, must be to SDIs)
51.	Energy	Disadvantaged Business Enterprises	42 U.S.C. §13556 (10% must be spent by each agency under the Energy Policy Act of 1992 must be spent by SDI/DBEs)
52.	Energy	Integrated bioenergy research and development	42 U.S.C. § 16311 (\$5 million Set aside in bioenergy research for SDIs)
53.	Energy	Home Energy Whole-House Rebates	42 U.S.C. § 18795 (\$200 rebate for homes located in SDI communities)
54.	NASA	Outreach Program	51 U.S.C. § 30305 (creating program to promote SDIs & gives preference to SDIs in contracting programs)
55.	NASA	Contracting	51 U.S.C. § 30304 (agency-wide goal that at least 8% of all prime and subcontracts will be awarded to SDIs)
56.	USDOT	Project grants for airport operations	49 U.S.C. § 47107 (SDI preferences in airport operations project grants)
57.	USDOT	Airport Development	49 U.S.C. § 47113 (10% of all funds for airport development spent through SDI-owned businesses)

58.	USDOT	Amtrack Grants	6 U.S.C. § 1152 (the Secretary of USDOT shall award grants for Amtrack whenever possible to “disadvantaged business concerns,” defined elsewhere as SDIs)
59.	OFPP	Federal procurement preferences	41 U.S.C. § 1122 (general SDI preferences in federal procurement)
60.	FCC	Broadband Opportunity Grants	47 U.S.C. § 1305 (preference for SDIs in awarding grants)
61.	DOD	Mentor-Protégé Program	10 U.S.C. § 4902 (special preference given to firms that mentor businesses owned by SDIs)

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