

tion necessary to enable it to carry out this section. Upon the request of the Chairman of the Commission, the head of such department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

(6) The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of money or property.

(7) The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and upon the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States.

(8) The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Commission may request.

(h) Reports

The Commission shall transmit an annual report to the President and to each House of Congress as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year. Each report shall include a detailed statement of the activities and accomplishments of the Commission during the preceding fiscal year and any recommendations by the Commission for legislation and administrative actions.

(Pub. L. 99-83, title XIII, § 1303, Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 280; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(b) [title VI, § 620], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-50, 2681-115.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (g)(2), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-277 substituted “six” for “three”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 99-83, set out as an Effective Date of 1985 Amendment note under section 2151-1 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (h) of this section relating to transmittal of annual report to Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 157 of House Document No. 103-7.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

§ 469k. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VI, § 604(e)(1), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4173; Pub. L. 107-359, § 3(4)(A), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 3016

Section, Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VI, § 604, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4173; Pub. L. 107-359, § 3, Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 3016, known as the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996, established the American Battlefield Protection Program. See section 469k-1 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-359, § 1, Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 3016, provided that: “This Act [amending this section and enact-

ing provisions set out as a note under this section], may be cited as the ‘Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002.’”

§ 469k-1. American Battlefield Protection Program

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this section is to assist citizens, public and private institutions, and governments at all levels in planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where historic battles were fought on American soil during the armed conflicts that shaped the growth and development of the United States, in order that present and future generations may learn and gain inspiration from the ground where Americans made their ultimate sacrifice.

(b) Preservation assistance

(1) In general

Using the established national historic preservation program to the extent practicable, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the American Battlefield Protection Program, shall encourage, support, assist, recognize, and work in partnership with citizens, Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and private nonprofit organizations in identifying, researching, evaluating, interpreting, and protecting historic battlefields and associated sites on a National, State, and local level.

(2) Financial assistance

To carry out paragraph (1), the Secretary may use a cooperative agreement, grant, contract, or other generally adopted means of providing financial assistance.

(3) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 annually to carry out this subsection, to remain available until expended.

(c) Battlefield acquisition grant program

(1) Definitions

In this subsection:

(A) Battlefield Report

The term “Battlefield Report” means the document entitled “Report on the Nation’s Civil War Battlefields”, prepared by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, and dated July 1993.

(B) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means a State or local government.

(C) Eligible site

The term “eligible site” means a site—

(i) that is not within the exterior boundaries of a unit of the National Park System; and

(ii) that is identified in the Battlefield Report.

(D) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the American Battlefield Protection Program.

(2) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a battlefield acquisition grant program under which the

Secretary may provide grants to eligible entities to pay the Federal share of the cost of acquiring interests in eligible sites for the preservation and protection of those eligible sites.

(3) Nonprofit partners

An eligible entity may acquire an interest in an eligible site using a grant under this subsection in partnership with a nonprofit organization.

(4) Non-Federal share

The non-Federal share of the total cost of acquiring an interest in an eligible site under this subsection shall be not less than 50 percent.

(5) Limitation on land use

An interest in an eligible site acquired under this subsection shall be subject to section 4601-8(f)(3) of this title.

(6) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to provide grants under this subsection \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013.

(Pub. L. 111-11, title VII, §7301, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1213.)

§ 4691. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Underground Railroad, which flourished from the end of the 18th century to the end of the Civil War, was one of the most significant expressions of the American civil rights movement during its evolution over more than three centuries.

(2) The Underground Railroad bridged the divides of race, religion, sectional differences, and nationality; spanned State lines and international borders; and joined the American ideals of liberty and freedom expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution to the extraordinary actions of ordinary men and women working in common purpose to free a people.

(3) Pursuant to title VI of Public Law 101-628 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5 note; 104 Stat. 4495), the Underground Railroad Advisory Committee conducted a study of the appropriate means of establishing an enduring national commemorative Underground Railroad program of education, example, reflection, and reconciliation.

(4) The Underground Railroad Advisory Committee found that—

(A) although a few elements of the Underground Railroad story are represented in existing National Park Service units and other sites, many sites are in imminent danger of being lost or destroyed, and many important resource types are not adequately represented and protected;

(B) there are many important sites which have high potential for preservation and visitor use in 29 States, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands;

(C) no single site or route completely reflects and characterizes the Underground

Railroad, since its story and associated resources involve networks and regions of the country rather than individual sites and trails; and

(D) establishment of a variety of partnerships between the Federal Government and other levels of government and the private sector would be most appropriate for the protection and interpretation of the Underground Railroad.

(5) The National Park Service can play a vital role in facilitating the national commemoration of the Underground Railroad.

(6) The story and significance of the Underground Railroad can best engage the American people through a national program of the National Park Service that links historic buildings, structures, and sites; routes, geographic areas, and corridors; interpretive centers, museums, and institutions; and programs, activities, community projects, exhibits, and multimedia materials, in a manner that is both unified and flexible.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of sections 4691 to 4691-2 of this title are the following:

(1) To recognize the importance of the Underground Railroad, the sacrifices made by those who used the Underground Railroad in search of freedom from tyranny and oppression, and the sacrifices made by the people who helped them.

(2) To authorize the National Park Service to coordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of the Underground Railroad, its significance as a crucial element in the evolution of the national civil rights movement, and its relevance in fostering the spirit of racial harmony and national reconciliation.

(Pub. L. 105-203, §2, July 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 678.)

§ 4691-1. National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program

(a) In general

The Secretary of the Interior (in sections 4691 to 4691-3 of this title referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish in the National Park Service a program to be known as the “National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom” (in sections 4691 to 4691-3 of this title referred to as the “national network”). Under the program, the Secretary shall—

(1) produce and disseminate appropriate educational materials, such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or electronic information;

(2) enter into appropriate cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding to provide technical assistance under subsection (c) of this section; and

(3) create and adopt an official, uniform symbol or device for the national network and issue regulations for its use.

(b) Elements

The national network shall encompass the following elements:

(1) All units and programs of the National Park Service determined by the Secretary to pertain to the Underground Railroad.