

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 Repealed.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