

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 Repealed.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 enacting 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 4607-8(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.)

§ 469l. 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 Under-