

(4) contains assurances that the project will be implemented in consultation with relevant wildlife management authorities and other appropriate government officials with jurisdiction over the resources addressed by the project;

(5) demonstrates sensitivity to local historic and cultural resources and complies with applicable laws;

(6) describes how the project will promote sustainable, effective, long-term programs to conserve neotropical migratory birds; and

(7) provides any other information that the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the proposal.

**(d) Project reporting**

Each recipient of assistance for a project under this chapter shall submit to the Secretary such periodic reports as the Secretary considers to be necessary. Each report shall include all information required by the Secretary for evaluating the progress and outcome of the project.

**(e) Cost sharing**

**(1) Federal share**

The Federal share of the cost of each project shall be not greater than 25 percent.

**(2) Non-Federal share**

**(A) Source**

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project shall not be derived from any Federal grant program.

**(B) Form of payment**

**(i) Projects in the United States and Canada**

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in the United States or Canada shall be paid in cash.

**(ii) Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in Latin America or the Caribbean may be paid in cash or in kind.

(Pub. L. 106-247, §5, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 594; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, §302(d), (e), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 109-363, §302(d), inserted “Canada,” after “United States,”.

Subsec. (e)(2)(B). Pub. L. 109-363, §302(e), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(i) PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in the United States shall be paid in cash.

“(ii) PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in a foreign country may be paid in cash or in kind.”

**§ 6105. Duties of the Secretary**

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

(1) develop guidelines for the solicitation of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under section 6104 of this title;

(2) encourage submission of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under

section 6104 of this title, particularly proposals from relevant wildlife management authorities;

(3) select proposals for financial assistance that satisfy the requirements of section 6104 of this title, giving preference to proposals that address conservation needs not adequately addressed by existing efforts and that are supported by relevant wildlife management authorities; and

(4) generally implement this chapter in accordance with its purposes.

(Pub. L. 106-247, §6, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 595.)

**§ 6106. Cooperation**

**(a) In general**

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

(1) support and coordinate existing efforts to conserve neotropical migratory bird species, through—

(A) facilitating meetings among persons involved in such efforts;

(B) promoting the exchange of information among such persons;

(C) developing and entering into agreements with other Federal agencies, foreign, State, and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental organizations; and

(D) conducting such other activities as the Secretary considers to be appropriate; and

(2) coordinate activities and projects under this chapter with existing efforts in order to enhance conservation of neotropical migratory bird species.

**(b) Advisory group**

**(1) In general**

To assist in carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. The advisory group as a whole shall have expertise in the methods and procedures set forth in section 6103(2) of this title in each country and region of the Western Hemisphere<sup>1</sup>

**(2) Public participation**

**(A) Meetings**

The advisory group shall—

(i) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

(ii) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

**(B) Notice**

The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

**(C) Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.