

## AMENDMENTS

2010—Par. (3). Pub. L. 111-340, §301(1), inserted “through international, national, regional, State, and local networks and partnerships” after “services”.

Pars. (7) to (9). Pub. L. 111-340, §301(2)–(4), added pars. (7) to (9).

2003—Pub. L. 108-81, §301, amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “It is the purpose of this subchapter—

“(1) to encourage and assist museums in their educational role, in conjunction with formal systems of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and with programs of nonformal education for all age groups;

“(2) to assist museums in modernizing their methods and facilities so that the museums are better able to conserve the cultural, historic, and scientific heritage of the United States; and

“(3) to ease the financial burden borne by museums as a result of their increasing use by the public.”

**§ 9172. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter:

**(1) Museum**

The term “museum” means a public or private nonprofit agency or institution organized on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes, that utilizes a professional staff, owns or utilizes tangible objects, cares for the tangible objects, and exhibits the tangible objects to the public on a regular basis. Such term includes museums that have tangible and digital collections and includes aquariums, arboretums, botanical gardens, art museums, children’s museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks.

**(2) State**

The term “State” means each of the 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §273, formerly §272, as added Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-303; renumbered §273 and amended Pub. L. 108-81, title III, §§302, 306(1), Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 1000, 1002; Pub. L. 111-340, title III, §302, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3603.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 273 of Pub. L. 94-462 was renumbered section 274 and is classified to section 9173 of this title.

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2010—Par. (1). Pub. L. 111-340 inserted “includes museums that have tangible and digital collections and” after “Such term”.

2003—Par. (1). Pub. L. 108-81, §302, inserted at end: “Such term includes aquariums, arboretums, botanical gardens, art museums, children’s museums, general museums, historic houses and sites, history museums, nature centers, natural history and anthropology museums, planetariums, science and technology centers, specialized museums, and zoological parks.”

**§ 9173. Museum services activities****(a) In general**

The Director, subject to the policy advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, may enter into arrangements, including grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other forms of assistance, with museums, States, local governments, and other entities as the Director considers appropriate, to pay the Federal share of the cost of—

(1) supporting museums in providing learning and access to collections, information, and educational resources in a variety of formats (including exhibitions, programs, publications, and websites) for individuals of all ages;

(2) supporting museums in building learning partnerships with the Nation’s schools and developing museum resources and programs in support of State and local school curricula;

(3) supporting the conservation and preservation of museum collections, including efforts to—

(A) provide optimal conditions for storage, exhibition, and use;

(B) prepare for and respond to disasters and emergency situations;

(C) establish endowments for conservation; and

(D) train museum staff in collections care;

(4) supporting efforts at the State level to leverage museum resources, including statewide assessments of museum services and needs and development of State plans to improve and maximize museum services through the State;

(5) stimulating greater collaboration, in order to share resources and strengthen communities, among museums and—

(A) libraries;

(B) schools;

(C) international, Federal, State, regional, and local agencies or organizations;

(D) nongovernmental organizations; and

(E) other community organizations;

(6) encouraging the use of new technologies and media, including new ways to disseminate information, to enhance access to museum collections, programs, and services;

(7) supporting museums in providing services to people of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds and to individuals with disabilities;

(8) supporting museums in developing and carrying out specialized programs for specific segments of the public, such as programs for urban neighborhoods, rural areas, Indian reservations, and State institutions;

(9) supporting professional development and technical assistance programs to enhance museum operations, and the skills of museum staff, at all levels, and to support the development of the next generation of museum leaders and professionals, in order to ensure the highest standards in all aspects of museum operations;

(10) supporting museums in research, program evaluation, and the collection and dissemination of information to museum professionals and the public; and

(11) encouraging, supporting, and disseminating model programs of museum and library collaboration.

**(b) Federal share**

**(1) 50 percent**

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Federal share described in subsection (a) of this section shall be not more than 50 percent.

**(2) Greater than 50 percent**

The Director may use not more than 20 percent of the funds made available under this subchapter for a fiscal year to enter into arrangements under subsection (a) of this section for which the Federal share may be greater than 50 percent.

**(3) Operational expenses**

No funds for operational expenses may be provided under this section to any entity that is not a museum.

**(c) Review and evaluation**

**(1) In general**

The Director shall establish procedures for reviewing and evaluating arrangements described in subsection (a) of this section entered into under this subchapter.

**(2) Grant distribution**

In awarding grants, the Director shall take into consideration the equitable distribution of grants to museums of various types and sizes and to different geographic areas of the United States<sup>1</sup>

**(3) Applications for technical assistance**

**(A) In general**

The Director may use not more than 10 percent of the funds appropriated to carry out this subchapter for technical assistance.

**(B) Individual museums**

Individual museums may receive not more than 3 technical assistance awards under subparagraph (A). Subsequent awards for technical assistance shall be subject to review outside the Institute.

**(d) Services for Native Americans**

From amounts appropriated under section 9176 of this title, the Director shall reserve 1.75 percent to award grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, Indian tribes and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians (as defined in section 7517 of this title), to enable such tribes and organizations to carry out the activities described in subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §274, formerly §273, as added Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-303; renumbered §274 and amended Pub. L. 108-81, title III, §§303, 306(1), Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 1000, 1002; Pub. L. 111-340, title III, §303, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3603.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 274 of Pub. L. 94-462 was classified to section 9174 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108-81.

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2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(1)(A), inserted “, States, local governments,” after “with museums” in introductory provisions.

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

Subsec. (a)(3) to (5). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(1)(B), (C), added pars. (3) to (5), redesignated former par. (5) as (6), and struck out former pars. (3) and (4) which read as follows:

“(3) supporting museums in assessing, conserving, researching, maintaining, and exhibiting their collections, and in providing educational programs to the public through the use of their collections;

“(4) stimulating greater collaboration among museums, libraries, schools, and other community organizations in order to share resources and strengthen communities;”

Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(1)(B), (D), redesignated par. (5) as (6) and substituted “media, including new ways to disseminate information,” for “broadcast media”. Former par. (6) redesignated (7).

Subsec. (a)(7), (8). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(1)(B), redesignated pars. (6) and (7) as (7) and (8), respectively. Former par. (8) redesignated (9).

Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(1)(B), (E), redesignated par. (8) as (9) and substituted “, and the skills of museum staff, at all levels, and to support the development of the next generation of museum leaders and professionals,” for “at all levels,”. Former par. (9) redesignated (10).

Subsec. (a)(10), (11). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(1)(B), redesignated pars. (9) and (10) as (10) and (11), respectively.

Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(2)(A), (B), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(2)(C)(i), which directed that “awards” be struck out after “assistance” in subpar. (A) of par. (2), was executed by making the amendment in subpar. (A) of par. (3) to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the intervening redesignation of par. (2) as (3). See above.

Subsec. (c)(3)(B). Pub. L. 111-340, §303(2)(C)(ii), which directed the substitution of “, Subsequent” for “, but subsequent” in subpar. (B) of par. (2), was executed by making the amendment in subpar. (B) of par. (3) to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the intervening redesignation of par. (2) as (3). See above.

2003—Pub. L. 108-81, §303, amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, section contained provisions which in subsec. (a) authorized the Director to make grants to museums to pay for the Federal share of the cost of increasing and improving museum services, in subsec. (b) authorized the Director to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with appropriate entities to pay for the Federal share of enabling the entities to undertake projects designed to strengthen museum services, in subsec. (c) established the Federal share, and in subsec. (d) required the Director to establish procedures for reviewing and evaluating grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements entered into under this subchapter.

**§§ 9174, 9175. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-81, title III, § 304, Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 1002**

Section 9174, Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §274, as added Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-304, related to National Award for Museum Service.

Section 9175, Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §275, as added Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-304, related to National Museum Services Board.

**§ 9176. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) Grants**

For the purpose of carrying out this subchapter, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Director \$38,600,000 for fiscal year 2011 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016.

**(b) Sums remaining available**

Sums appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for any fiscal year shall remain available for obligation until expended.