

graph (A) if a State is unable to use the entire amount of funding made available to the State under this Act.

“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

“(A) DEFINITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE.—In this paragraph, the term ‘administrative expense’ means, except as provided in subparagraph (B)(iii)(II), any expenditure relating to—

“(i) staffing and overhead, such as the rental of office space and the acquisition of office equipment; and

“(ii) the review, processing, and provision of applications for funding under the Program.

“(B) LIMITATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 6 percent of amounts made available to carry out this Act for each fiscal year may be used for Federal and State administrative expenses of carrying out this Act.

“(ii) FEDERAL AND STATE SHARES.—To the maximum extent practicable, of the amounts made available for administrative expenses under clause (i)—

“(I) 50 percent shall be provided to the State agencies provided assistance under the Program; and

“(II) an amount equal to the cost of 1 full-time equivalent Federal employee, as determined by the Secretary, shall be provided to the Federal agency carrying out the Program.

“(iii) STATE EXPENSES.—Amounts made available to States for administrative expenses under clause (i)—

“(I) shall be divided evenly among all States provided assistance under the Program; and

“(II) may be used by a State to provide technical assistance relating to the program, including any staffing expenditures (including staff travel expenses) associated with—

“(aa) arranging meetings to promote the Program to potential applicants;

“(bb) assisting applicants with the preparation of applications for funding under the Program; and

“(cc) visiting construction sites to provide technical assistance, if requested by the applicant.”

### § 777a. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) the term “fish restoration and management projects” shall be construed to mean projects designed for the restoration and management of all species of fish which have material value in connection with sport or recreation in the marine and/or fresh waters of the United States and include—

(A) such research into problems of fish management and culture as may be necessary to efficient administration affecting fish resources;

(B) the acquisition of such facts as are necessary to guide and direct the regulation of fishing by law, including the extent of the fish population, the drain on the fish supply from fishing and/or natural causes, the necessity of legal regulation of fishing, and the effects of any measures of regulation that are applied;

(C) the formulation and adoption of plans of restocking waters with food and game fishes according to natural areas or districts to which such plans are applicable, together with the acquisition of such facts as are necessary to the formulation, execution, and testing the efficacy of such plans;

(D) the selection, restoration, rehabilitation, and improvement of areas of water or land adaptable as hatching, feeding, resting, or breeding places for fish, including acquisition by purchase, condemnation, lease, or gift of such areas or estates or interests therein as are suitable or capable of being made suitable therefor, and the construction thereon or therein of such works as may be necessary to make them available for such purposes, and such preliminary or incidental costs and expenses as may be incurred in and about such works; the term “State fish and game department” shall be construed to mean and include any department or division of department of another name, or commission, or official or officials, of a State empowered under its laws to exercise the functions ordinarily exercised by a State fish and game department;

(2) the term “outreach and communications program” means a program to improve communications with anglers, boaters, and the general public regarding angling and boating opportunities, to reduce barriers to participation in these activities, to advance adoption of sound fishing and boating practices, to promote conservation and the responsible use of the Nation’s aquatic resources, and to further safety in fishing and boating; and

(3) the term “aquatic resource education program” means a program designed to enhance the public’s understanding of aquatic resources and sportfishing, and to promote the development of responsible attitudes and ethics toward the aquatic environment.

(Aug. 9, 1950, ch. 658, § 2, 64 Stat. 431; July 2, 1956, ch. 489, § 3, 70 Stat. 473; Pub. L. 86-624, § 12, July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 413; Pub. L. 105-178, title VII, § 7402(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 483.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-178 inserted introductory provisions “For purposes of this chapter—”, designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “the term” for “For the purpose of this chapter the term”, redesignated subsecs. (a) to (d) as subpars. (A) to (D), respectively, of par. (1), substituted “department;” for “department.” at end of subpar. (D), realigned margins, and added pars. (2) and (3).

1960—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 86-624 struck out provisions which defined “State” as including the several States and the Territory of Hawaii.

1956—Act July 2, 1956, included definition of “State”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1956 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act July 2, 1956, as applicable only with respect to fiscal years beginning after July 2, 1956, see section 5 of act July 2, 1956, set out as a note under section 669a of this title.

### § 777b. Authorization of appropriations

To carry out the provisions of this chapter for fiscal years after September 30, 1984, there are authorized to be appropriated from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund established by section 9504(a) of title 26 the amounts paid, transferred, or otherwise credited to that Trust Fund, except as provided in section 9504(c) of title 26. For purposes of the provision of the Act of August 31, 1951, which refers to this section, such amounts shall be treated as the