

- (i) percent of total United States shoreline miles;
- (ii) coastal population density; and
- (iii) other factors;

(B) establish criteria for States, including the requirement for a State to establish a plan to distribute the funds; and

(C) establish a maximum and minimum percentage of funding to be awarded to each State or United States territory.

(2) Indian tribes

As a condition on receipt of a grant under this subsection, a State that receives a grant under this subsection shall ensure that Indian tribes in the State are eligible to participate in any competitive grants established in this chapter.

(c) National grants for oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes

(1) In general

The Administrator and the Foundation may award grants according to the procedures established in subsection (a) to support activities consistent with section 7504 of this title.

(2) Advisory panel

(A) In general

The Foundation may establish an advisory panel to conduct reviews of applications for grants under paragraph (1) and the Foundation may consider the recommendations of the advisory panel with respect to such applications.

(B) Membership

The advisory panel described under subparagraph (A) shall include persons representing—

- (i) ocean and coastal dependent industries;
- (ii) geographic regions as defined by the Foundation; and
- (iii) academic institutions.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §906, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3032.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 7503 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “section 904”, meaning section 904 of div. O of Pub. L. 114–113, which is classified to section 7503 of this title, but probably should have been a reference to section 905 of div. O of Pub. L. 114–113, which is classified to section 7504 of this title. See subsec. (c)(1) of this section.

§ 7506. Annual report

(a) Requirement for annual report

Subject to subsection (c),¹ beginning with fiscal year 2017, not later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Foundation shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report on the operation of the Fund during that fiscal year.

(b) Content

Each annual report submitted under subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall include—

- (1) a full and complete statement of the receipts, including the source of all receipts, expenditures, and investments of the Fund;
- (2) a statement of the amounts deposited in the Fund and the balance remaining in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year; and
- (3) a description of the expenditures made from the Fund for the fiscal year, including the purpose of the expenditures.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §907, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3034.)

§ 7507. Funding

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary for fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019 for this chapter.

(Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title IX, §908, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3034.)

¹ So in original.