

**§ 1747. Loans to States and political subdivisions; purposes; amounts; allocation; terms and conditions; interest rate; security; limitations; forbearance for benefit of borrowers; recordkeeping requirements; discrimination prohibited; deposit of receipts**

(1) The Secretary is authorized to make loans to States and their political subdivisions in order to relieve social or economic impacts occasioned by the development of minerals leased in such States pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended [30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.]. Such loans shall be confined to the uses specified for the 50 per centum of mineral leasing revenues to be received by such States and subdivisions pursuant to section 35 of such Act [30 U.S.C. 191].

(2) The total amount of loans outstanding pursuant to this section for any State and political subdivisions thereof in any year shall be not more than the anticipated mineral leasing revenues to be received by that State pursuant to section 35 of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended [30 U.S.C. 191], for the ten years following.

(3) The Secretary, after consultation with the Governors of the affected States, shall allocate such loans among the States and their political subdivisions in a fair and equitable manner, giving priority to those States and subdivisions suffering the most severe impacts.

(4) Loans made pursuant to this section shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines necessary to assure the achievement of the purpose of this section. The Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section no later than three months after August 20, 1978.

(5) Loans made pursuant to this section shall bear interest equivalent to the lowest interest rate paid on an issue of at least \$1,000,000 of tax exempt bonds of such State or any agency thereof within the preceding calendar year.

(6) Any loan made pursuant to this section shall be secured only by a pledge of the revenues received by the State or the political subdivision thereof pursuant to section 35 of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended [30 U.S.C. 191], and shall not constitute an obligation upon the general property or taxing authority of such unit of government.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, loans made pursuant to this section may be used for the non-Federal share of the aggregate cost of any project or program otherwise funded by the Federal Government which requires a non-Federal share for such project or program and which provides planning or public facilities otherwise eligible for assistance under this section.

(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude any forbearance<sup>1</sup> for the benefit of the borrower including loan restructuring, which may be determined by the Secretary as justified by the failure of anticipated mineral development or related revenues to materialize as expected when the loan was made pursuant to this section.

(9) Recipients of loans made pursuant to this section shall keep such records as the Secretary

shall prescribe by regulation, including records which fully disclose the disposition of the proceeds of such assistance and such other records as the Secretary may require to facilitate an effective audit. The Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States or their duly authorized representatives shall have access, for the purpose of audit, to such records.

(10) No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or part with funds made available under this section.

(11) All amounts collected in connection with loans made pursuant to this section, including interest payments or repayments of principal on loans, fees, and other moneys, derived in connection with this section, shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §317(c), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2771; Pub. L. 95-352, §1(f), Aug. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 515.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, referred to in par. (1), is act Feb. 25, 1920, ch. 85, 41 Stat. 437, as amended, known as the Mineral Leasing Act, which is classified generally to chapter 3A (§181 et seq.) of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 181 of Title 30 and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of subsec. (c) of section 317 of Pub. L. 94-579. Subsecs. (a) and (b) of section 317 of Pub. L. 94-579 are classified to section 191 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining, and a note set out under that section; respectively.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pars. (1) and (2). Pub. L. 95-352 redesignated par. (1) as pars. (1) and (2), in par. (1) struck out provisions establishing interest rate requirements, and in par. (2) struck out exception for Alaska and requirements for repayment. Former par. (2) redesignated (3).

Pars. (3) to (11). Pub. L. 95-352 redesignated former pars. (2) and (3) as (3) and (4), respectively, and added pars. (5) to (11).

**§ 1748. Funding requirements**

**(a) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act, but no amounts shall be appropriated to carry out after October 1, 2002, any program, function, or activity of the Bureau under this or any other Act unless such sums are specifically authorized to be appropriated as of October 21, 1976 or are authorized to be appropriated in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

**(b) Procedure applicable for authorization of appropriations**

Consistent with section 1110 of title 31, beginning May 15, 1977, and not later than May 15 of each second even numbered year thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate a request for the authorization of ap-

<sup>1</sup> So in original.

propriations for all programs, functions, and activities of the Bureau to be carried out during the four-fiscal-year period beginning on October 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which such request is submitted. The Secretary shall include in his request, in addition to the information contained in his budget request and justification statement to the Office of Management and Budget, the funding levels which he determines can be efficiently and effectively utilized in the execution of his responsibilities for each such program, function, or activity, notwithstanding any budget guidelines or limitations imposed by any official or agency of the executive branch.

**(c) Distribution of receipts from Bureau from disposal of lands, etc.**

Nothing in this section shall apply to the distribution of receipts of the Bureau from the disposal of lands, natural resources, and interests in lands in accordance with applicable law, nor to the use of contributed funds, private deposits for public survey work, and townsite trusteeships, nor to fund allocations from other Federal agencies, reimbursements from both Federal and non-Federal sources, and funds expended for emergency firefighting and rehabilitation.

**(d) Purchase of certain public lands from Land and Water Conservation Fund**

In exercising the authority to acquire by purchase granted by section 1715(a) of this title, the Secretary may use the Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase lands which are necessary for proper management of public lands which are primarily of value for outdoor recreation purposes.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §318, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2771; Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title III, §310, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4139.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, as amended, known as the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (b), “section 1110 of title 31” substituted for “section 607 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 [31 U.S.C. 11c]” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-333 substituted “October 1, 2002” for “October 1, 1978”.

**§ 1748a. FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Funds**

**(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Federal land**

The term “Federal land” means—

- (A) public land, as defined in section 1702 of this title;
- (B) units of the National Park System;
- (C) refuges of the National Wildlife Refuge System;

(D) land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of Indian tribes or members of an Indian tribe; and

(E) land in the National Forest System, as defined in section 1609(a) of title 16.

**(2) FLAME Fund**

The term “FLAME Fund” means a FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund established by subsection (b).

**(3) Relevant congressional committees**

The term “relevant congressional committees” means the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate.

**(4) Secretary concerned**

The term “Secretary concerned” means—

(A) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to—

- (i) Federal land described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (1); and
- (ii) the FLAME Fund established for the Department of the Interior; and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to—

- (i) National Forest System land; and
- (ii) the FLAME Fund established for the Department of the Agriculture.

**(b) Establishment of FLAME Funds**

There is established in the Treasury of the United States the following accounts:

- (1) The FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund for the Department of the Interior.
- (2) The FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund for the Department of Agriculture.

**(c) Purpose of FLAME Funds**

The FLAME Funds shall be available to cover the costs of large or complex wildfire events and as a reserve when amounts provided for wildfire suppression and Federal emergency response in the Wildland Fire Management appropriation accounts are exhausted.

**(d) Funding**

**(1) Credits to funds**

A FLAME Fund shall consist of the following:

- (A) Such amounts as are appropriated to that FLAME Fund.
- (B) Such amounts as are transferred to that FLAME Fund under paragraph (5).

**(2) Authorization of appropriations**

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There are authorized to be appropriated to the FLAME Funds such amounts as are necessary to carry out this section.

**(B) Congressional intent**

It is the intent of Congress that, for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amounts requested by the President for a FLAME Fund should be not less than the amount estimated by the Secretary con-