

“(g) LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM.—

“(1) CAPITALIZATION OF REVOLVING FUND.—Of amounts authorized under subsection (f) for each of fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, the Secretary may provide to the State of Alaska up to \$2,000,000 per fiscal year to capitalize a revolving fund to be used by the State for loans under this subsection.

“(2) LOW-INTEREST LOANS.—The Secretary shall require that any revolving fund established with amounts provided under this subsection shall be used only to provide low-interest loans to Natives of the Pribilof Islands to assess, respond to, remediate, and monitor contamination from lead paint, asbestos, and petroleum from underground storage tanks.

“(3) NATIVES OF THE PRIBILOF ISLANDS DEFINED.—The definitions set forth in section 101 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1151) shall apply to this section, except that the term ‘Natives of the Pribilof Islands’ includes the Tanadgusix and Tanaq Corporations.

“(4) REVERSION OF FUNDS.—Before the Secretary may provide any funds to the State of Alaska under this section, the State of Alaska and the Secretary must agree in writing that, on the last day of fiscal year 2011, and of each fiscal year thereafter until the full amount provided to the State of Alaska by the Secretary under this section has been repaid to the United States, the State of Alaska shall transfer to the Treasury of the United States monies remaining in the revolving fund, including principal and interest paid into the revolving fund as repayment of loans.”

[Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §144(e)(5)(A)(iv), (6)(A), (7)], and Pub. L. 106-562, §§105(a)(4), 106(a), 107, made substantially identical amendments to section 3 of Pub. L. 104-91, set out above. The text of subs. (f) and (g) of section 3 is based on amendments by Pub. L. 106-562.]

[Pub. L. 106-562, title I, §105(c), Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2798, as amended by Pub. L. 114-120, title V, §523(3)(B), Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 71, provided that, effective on the date on which the Secretary of Commerce publishes the notice of certification required by Pub. L. 106-562, §105(b)(5), set out in a Termination of Responsibilities note under section 1161 of this title, section 3 of Pub. L. 104-91, set out above, is repealed. Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, §144(e)(5)(C)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-247, enacted a provision substantially identical to Pub. L. 106-562, §105(c).]

§ 1166. Financial assistance

(a) Grant authority

(1) In general

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide financial assistance to any city government, village corporation, or tribal council of St. George, Alaska, or St. Paul, Alaska.

(2) Use for matching

Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to matching funds, funds provided by the Secretary as assistance under this subsection may be used by the entity as non-Federal matching funds under any Federal program that requires such matching funds.

(3) Restriction on use

The Secretary may not use financial assistance authorized by this chapter—

- (A) to settle any debt owed to the United States;
- (B) for administrative or overhead expenses; or
- (C) for contributions sought or required from any person for costs or fees to clean up

any matter that was caused or contributed to by such person on or after March 15, 2000.

(4) Funding instruments and procedures

In providing assistance under this subsection the Secretary shall transfer any funds appropriated to carry out this section to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall obligate such funds through instruments and procedures that are equivalent to the instruments and procedures required to be used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act [25 U.S.C. 5361 et seq.].

(5) Pro rata distribution of assistance

In any fiscal year for which less than all of the funds authorized under subsection (c)(1) are appropriated, such funds shall be distributed under this subsection on a pro rata basis among the entities referred to in subsection (c)(1) in the same proportions in which amounts are authorized by that subsection for grants to those entities.

(b) Solid waste assistance

(1) In general

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide assistance to the State of Alaska for designing, locating, constructing, redeveloping, permitting, or certifying solid waste management facilities on the Pribilof Islands to be operated under permits issued to the City of St. George and the City of St. Paul, Alaska, by the State of Alaska under section 46.03.100 of the Alaska Statutes.

(2) Transfer

The Secretary shall transfer any appropriations received under paragraph (1) to the State of Alaska for the benefit of rural and Native villages in Alaska for obligation under section 1263a of title 33, except that subsection (b) of that section shall not apply to those funds.

(3) Limitation

In order to be eligible to receive financial assistance under this subsection, not later than 180 days after December 23, 2000, each of the Cities of St. Paul and St. George shall enter into a written agreement with the State of Alaska under which such City shall identify by its legal boundaries the tract or tracts of land that such City has selected as the site for its solid waste management facility and any supporting infrastructure.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary—

(1) for assistance under subsection (a), for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 a total not to exceed—

- (A) \$9,000,000, for grants to the City of St. Paul;
- (B) \$6,300,000, for grants to the Tanadgusix Corporation;
- (C) \$1,500,000, for grants to the St. Paul Tribal Council;
- (D) \$6,000,000, for grants to the City of St. George;
- (E) \$4,200,000, for grants to the St. George Tanaq Corporation; and

(F) \$1,000,000, for grants to the St. George Tribal Council; and

(2) for assistance under subsection (b), for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 a total not to exceed—

- (A) \$6,500,000 for the City of St. Paul; and
(B) \$3,500,000 for the City of St. George.

(d) Limitation on use of assistance for lobbying activities

None of the funds authorized by this section may be available for any activity a purpose of which is to influence legislation pending before the Congress, except that this subsection shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments, agencies, or commissions from communicating to Members of Congress, through proper channels, requests for legislation or appropriations that they consider necessary for the efficient conduct of public business.

(e) Immunity from liability

Neither the United States nor any of its agencies, officers, or employees shall have any liability under this chapter or any other law associated with or resulting from the designing, locating, contracting for, redeveloping, permitting, certifying, operating, or maintaining any solid waste management facility on the Pribilof Islands as a consequence of—

(1) having provided assistance to the State of Alaska under subsection (b); or

(2) providing funds for, or planning, constructing, or operating, any interim solid waste management facilities that may be required by the State of Alaska before permanent solid waste management facilities constructed with assistance provided under subsection (b) are complete and operational.

(f) Report on expenditures

Each entity which receives assistance authorized under subsection (c) shall submit an audited statement listing the expenditure of that assistance to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, on the last day of fiscal years 2002, 2004, and 2006.

(g) Congressional intent

Amounts authorized under subsection (c) are intended by Congress to be provided in addition to the base funding appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in fiscal year 2000.

(Pub. L. 89-702, title II, § 206, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1094; Pub. L. 98-129, § 2, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 840; Pub. L. 100-711, § 9, Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4772; Pub. L. 101-512, title I, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1931; Pub. L. 106-554, § 1(a)(4) [div. B, title I, § 144(e)(3)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-244; Pub. L. 106-562, title I, § 103, Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2794; Pub. L. 109-59, title IV, § 4403, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1775.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(4), is Pub. L. 93-638, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2203. Title IV of the Act is classi-

fied generally to subchapter IV (§ 5361 et seq.) of chapter 46 of Title 25, Indians. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5301 of Title 25 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-59, § 4403(1), struck out “for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005” after “Secretary” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 109-59, § 4403(2), inserted “, for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007” after “subsection (a)” in introductory provisions.

2000—Pub. L. 106-562 amended section generally, inserting section catchline and subsec. and par. headings and reenacting substantially identical text.

Pub. L. 106-554 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (h) containing provisions establishing the Pribilof Islands Trust for the benefit of natives of the Pribilof Islands and relating to the Trust’s administration, funding, distributions, trust instrument, taxation, interest and proceeds, appropriations, and annual report to Congress.

1990—Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 101-512 added par. (3).

1988—Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 100-711 authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1989 and 1990 to fund the Saint Paul Island Trust, and authorized appropriations for fiscal year 1990 to fund the Saint George Trust.

1983—Pub. L. 98-129 amended section generally, substituting provisions for the creation and functioning of a Pribilof Islands Trust for provisions which authorized the Secretary to set apart land on Saint Paul Island for a townsite and to aid in the development of a municipal government therefor.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 1167. Leases, permits, agreements, and contracts with public or private agencies or persons

The Secretary is authorized to enter into agreements or contracts or leases with, or to issue permits to, any public or private agency or person for carrying out the provisions of the Convention or this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89-702, title II, § 207, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1095; Pub. L. 98-129, § 2, Oct. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 842.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98-129 amended section generally, substituting provisions authorizing the Secretary to enter into agreements or contracts or leases with, or to issue permits to, any public or private agency or person for carrying out the provisions of the Convention or this chapter for provisions which had set a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, for violating regulations of the Secretary relating to the use and management of the Pribilof Islands or the protection or conservation of fur seals, wildlife, or other natural resources.

§ 1168. Civil service retirement benefits

(a) Credit for services performed by natives

Service by natives of the Pribilof Islands engaged in the taking and curing of fur seal skins and other activities in connection with the administration of such islands prior to January 1, 1950, as determined by the Secretary based on records available to him, shall be considered for purposes of credit under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5 as civilian service performed by an employee, as defined in said subchapter.