

**(B) Form of payment****(i) Projects in the United States and Canada**

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in the United States or Canada shall be paid in cash.

**(ii) Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in Latin America or the Caribbean may be paid in cash or in kind.

(Pub. L. 106-247, §5, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 594; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, §302(d), (e), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 109-363, §302(d), inserted “Canada,” after “United States.”

Subsec. (e)(2)(B). Pub. L. 109-363, §302(e), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(i) PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in the United States shall be paid in cash.

“(ii) PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in a foreign country may be paid in cash or in kind.”

**§ 6105. Duties of the Secretary**

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

(1) develop guidelines for the solicitation of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under section 6104 of this title;

(2) encourage submission of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under section 6104 of this title, particularly proposals from relevant wildlife management authorities;

(3) select proposals for financial assistance that satisfy the requirements of section 6104 of this title, giving preference to proposals that address conservation needs not adequately addressed by existing efforts and that are supported by relevant wildlife management authorities; and

(4) generally implement this chapter in accordance with its purposes.

(Pub. L. 106-247, §6, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 595.)

**§ 6106. Cooperation****(a) In general**

In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary shall—

(1) support and coordinate existing efforts to conserve neotropical migratory bird species, through—

(A) facilitating meetings among persons involved in such efforts;

(B) promoting the exchange of information among such persons;

(C) developing and entering into agreements with other Federal agencies, foreign, State, and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental organizations; and

(D) conducting such other activities as the Secretary considers to be appropriate; and

(2) coordinate activities and projects under this chapter with existing efforts in order to

enhance conservation of neotropical migratory bird species.

**(b) Advisory group****(1) In general**

To assist in carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. The advisory group as a whole shall have expertise in the methods and procedures set forth in section 6103(2) of this title in each country and region of the Western Hemisphere<sup>1</sup>

**(2) Public participation****(A) Meetings**

The advisory group shall—

(i) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

(ii) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

**(B) Notice**

The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

**(C) Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

**(3) Exemption from Federal Advisory Committee Act**

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.

(Pub. L. 106-247, §7, July 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 595; Pub. L. 109-363, title III, §302(f)(1), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-363 inserted at end “The advisory group as a whole shall have expertise in the methods and procedures set forth in section 6103(2) of this title in each country and region of the Western Hemisphere”.

## ENCOURAGEMENT TO CONVENE

Pub. L. 109-363, title III, §302(f)(2), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2076, provided that: “The Secretary of the Interior is encouraged to convene an advisory group under section 7(b)(1) of such Act [Pub. L. 106-247, subsec. (b)(1) of this section] by not later than 6 months after the effective date of this Act [Oct. 17, 2006]. This paragraph shall not be considered to authorize delay of the schedule previously established by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the submission, judging, and awarding of grants.”

**§ 6107. Report to Congress**

Not later than 2 years after October 17, 2006, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report

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