

those persons. The action shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or in the district court for the district in which any of those persons resides. A person not residing or found in the district may be made a party by service in any reasonable manner the court directs. If the court is satisfied that unknown persons might make a claim under the insurance, the court may direct service on those unknown persons by publication in the Federal Register. Judgment after service by publication in the Federal Register discharges the Government from further liability to all persons.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1631.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
53911	46 App.:1292.	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title XII, §1212, as added Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 906, 64 Stat. 776.

[§ 53912. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-232, div. C, title XXXV, § 3504(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2308]

Section, Pub. L. 109-304, §8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1632; Pub. L. 110-417, div. C, title XXXV, § 3509, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4769; Pub. L. 113-66, div. C, title XXXV, § 3502, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 1085, set an expiration date of authority to provide insurance and reinsurance under this chapter.

CHAPTER 541—MISCELLANEOUS

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- 54101. Assistance for small shipyards.
- 54102. Centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 541, Miscellaneous, consisting of section 54101 and relating to assistance for small shipyards and maritime communities, added by Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, § 3523(a)(6)(A), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 599, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-417, div. C, title XXXV, § 3508(b), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4769, as amended by Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, § 1073(c)(14), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2475, effective Oct. 14, 2008, and as if included in Pub. L. 110-417 as enacted.

AMENDMENTS

2017—Pub. L. 115-91, div. C, title XXXV, §§ 3505(b), 3507(b), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1914, 1915, substituted “Assistance for small shipyards” for “Assistance for small shipyards and maritime communities” in item 54101 and added item 54102.

§ 54101. Assistance for small shipyards

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator of the Maritime Administration shall execute agreements with shipyards to provide assistance—

- (1) in the form of grants, loans, and loan guarantees to small shipyards for capital improvements; and
- (2) for maritime training programs to foster technical skills and operational productivity relating to shipbuilding, ship repair, and associated industries.

(b) AWARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In providing assistance under the program, the Administrator shall consider projects that foster—

- (A) efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration; and
- (B) employee skills and enhanced productivity related to shipbuilding, ship repair, and associated industries.

(2) TIMING OF GRANT NOTICE.—The Administrator shall post a Notice of Funding Opportunity regarding grants awarded under this section not more than 15 days after the date of enactment of the appropriations Act for the fiscal year concerned.

(3) TIMING OF GRANTS.—The Administrator shall award grants under this section not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the appropriations Act for the fiscal year concerned.

(4) REUSE OF UNEXPENDED GRANT FUNDS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), amounts awarded as a grant under this section that are not expended by the grantee shall remain available to the Administrator for use for grants under this section.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Assistance provided under this section may be used to—
 - (A) make capital and related improvements in small shipyards; and
 - (B) provide training for workers in shipbuilding, ship repair, and associated industries.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 2 percent of amounts made available to carry out the program may be used for the necessary costs of grant administration.

(d) PROHIBITED USES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants awarded under this section may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities or to acquire land.

(2) BUY AMERICA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), no funds may be obligated by the Administrator of the Maritime Administration under this section, unless each product and material purchased with those funds (including products and materials purchased by a grantee), and including any commercially available off-the-shelf item, is—

- (i) an unmanufactured article, material, or supply that has been mined or produced in the United States; or
- (ii) a manufactured article, material, or supply that has been manufactured in the United States substantially all from articles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States.

(B) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the requirements of that subparagraph shall not apply with respect to a particular product or material if the Administrator determines—

- (I) that the application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest;

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