(e) Transportation

The Secretary may provide to Corps participants who reside in their own homes transportation to and from appropriate conservation project sites.

(Pub. L. 91–378, title II, §205, as added Pub. L. 103–82, title I, §105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 851; amended Pub. L. 109–154, §2(d), (g)(2), Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2891, 2893; Pub. L. 116–9, title IX, §9003(c), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 833.)

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116–9 added subsec. (e).

2005—Pub. L. 109–154, §2(d)(1), inserted ''and program support'' after ''Conservation centers'' in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109–154, §2(d)(2), added subsec. (a) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (a). Text read as follows: ''The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are each authorized to provide such quarters, board, medical care, transportation, and other services, facilities, supplies, and equipment as such Secretary deems necessary in connection with the Public Lands Corps and appropriate conservation projects carried out under this subchapter and to establish and use conservation centers owned and operated by such Secretary for purposes of the Corps and such projects. The Secretaries shall establish basic standards of health, nutrition, sanitation, and safety for all conservation centers established under this section and shall assure that such standards are enforced. Where necessary or appropriate, the Secretaries may enter into contracts and other appropriate arrangements with State and local government agencies and private organizations for the management of such conservation centers.''

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109–154, §2(g)(2)(A), substituted ''Secretary may'' for ''Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may''.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109–154, §2(g)(2)(B), substituted ''Secretary may'' for ''Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may''.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109–154, §2(d)(3), added subsec. (d).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103–82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

§ 1725. Resource assistants

(a) Authorization

The Secretary may provide individual placements of resource assistants to carry out research or resource protection activities on behalf of the Secretary. To be eligible for selection as a resource assistant, an individual must be at least 17 years of age. The Secretary may select resource assistants without regard to the civil service and classification laws, rules, or regulations of the United States. The Secretary shall give a preference to the selection of individuals who are enrolled in an institution of higher education or are recent graduates from an institution of higher education, with particular attention given to ensure full representation of women and participants from historically black, Hispanic, and Native American schools.

(b) Use of existing nonprofit organizations

Whenever one or more existing nonprofit organizations can provide, in the judgment of the the [1] Secretary, appropriate recruitment and placement services to fulfill the requirements of this section, the Secretary may implement this section through such existing organizations. Participating nonprofit organizations shall contribute to the expenses of providing and supporting the resource assistants, through private sources of funding, at a level equal to 25 percent of the total costs of each participant in the Resource Assistant program who has been recruited and placed through that organization. Any such participating nonprofit conservation service organization shall be required, by the respective land managing agency, to submit an annual report evaluating the scope, size, and quality of the program, including the value of work contributed by the Resource Assistants, to the mission of the agency.

(Pub. L. 91–378, title II, §206, as added Pub. L. 103–82, title I, §105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 852; amended Pub. L. 109–154, §2(g)(3), Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2893; Pub. L. 116–9, title IX, §9003(d)(1), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 833.)

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2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–9 substituted ''The Secretary may provide individual placements of resource assistants to carry out research or resource protection activities on behalf of the Secretary.'' for ''The Secretary is authorized to provide individual placements of resource assistants with any Federal land managing agency under the jurisdiction of the Secretary to carry out research or resource protection activities on behalf of the agency.''

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109–154, §2(g)(3)(A), substituted ''Secretary is'' for ''Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are each'', ''the Secretary to carry out'' for ''such Secretary to carry out'', ''Secretary may'' for ''Secretaries may'', and ''Secretary shall'' for ''Secretaries shall''.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109–154, §2(g)(3)(B), substituted ''the Secretary, appropriate'' for ''Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, appropriate''.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103–82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

§ 1725a. Direct hire authority

(1) During fiscal year 2012 and thereafter, the Secretary (as defined in section 1722 of this title) may appoint, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5, other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such title, a qualified candidate described in paragraph (2) directly to a position for which the candidate meets Office of Personnel Management qualification standards.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies with respect to a former resource assistant (as defined in section 1722 of this title) who—

(A) completed a rigorous undergraduate or graduate summer internship with the Secretary (as so defined), such as the National Park Service Business Plan Internship;

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[1] So in original.