

rates, for a period of up to five years from March 26, 1984.

**(b) Reimbursement**

The Foundation may reimburse the Secretary for any administrative service provided under subsection (a). The Secretary shall deposit any reimbursement received under this subsection into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and chargeable for the cost of providing such services.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to continue to provide facilities, and necessary support services for such facilities, to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation after March 26, 1989, on a space available, reimbursable cost basis.

(Pub. L. 98-244, §5, Mar. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 109; Pub. L. 100-240, §3, Jan. 11, 1988, 101 Stat. 1786; Pub. L. 100-653, title IX, §903, Nov. 14, 1988, 102 Stat. 3834.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-653 inserted provision at end authorizing Secretary of the Interior to continue to provide facilities and necessary support services to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation after Mar. 26, 1989, on space available, reimbursable cost basis.

Pub. L. 100-240 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and struck out “, and may accept reimbursement therefor, to be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and chargeable for the cost of providing such services” after “March 26, 1984”, and added subsec. (b).

**§ 3705. Volunteer status**

The Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Commerce may accept, without regard to the civil service classification laws, rules, or regulations, the services of the Foundation, the Board, and the officers and employees of the Board, without compensation from the Department of the Interior or the Department of Commerce, as volunteers in the performance of the functions authorized herein, in the manner provided for under section 742f(c) of this title.

(Pub. L. 98-244, §6, Mar. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 109; Pub. L. 106-408, title II, §203(c)(2), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1779.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-408 substituted “Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Commerce” for “Secretary” and inserted “or the Department of Commerce” after “Department of the Interior”.

**§ 3706. Audits, report requirements, and petition of Attorney General for equitable relief**

**(a) Audits**

For purposes of section 10101 of title 36, the Foundation shall be treated as a Corporation in part B of subtitle II of title 36.

**(b) Report**

The Foundation shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, transmit to the

Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report of its proceedings and activities during such year, including a full and complete statement of its receipts, expenditures, and investments; and a description of all acquisition and disposal of real property that is subject to section 3703(e) of this title. The report shall include a detailed statement of the recipient, amount, and purpose of each grant made by the Foundation in the fiscal year.

**(c) Relief with respect to certain Foundation acts or failure to act**

If the Foundation—

(1) engages in, or threatens to engage in, any act, practice, or policy that is inconsistent with its purposes set forth in section 3701(b) of this title; or

(2) refuses, fails, or neglects to discharge its obligations under this chapter, or threatens to do so;

the Attorney General of the United States may petition in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for such equitable relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

(Pub. L. 98-244, §7, Mar. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 110; Pub. L. 100-240, §2(b)(2), Jan. 11, 1988, 101 Stat. 1786; Pub. L. 106-408, title II, §205, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1780.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), “section 10101 of title 36” substituted for “the Act entitled ‘An Act for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law’, approved August 30, 1964 (Public Law 88-504, 36 U.S.C. 1101-1103)” and “a corporation in part B of subtitle II of title 36” substituted for “a private corporation established under Federal law” on authority of Pub. L. 105-225, §5(b), Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1499, the first section of which enacted Title 36, Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-408 substituted “the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate” for “Congress” and inserted at end “The report shall include a detailed statement of the recipient, amount, and purpose of each grant made by the Foundation in the fiscal year.”

1988—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-240 inserted “; and a description of all acquisition and disposal of real property that is subject to section 3703(e) of this title” before period at end.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions of law requiring submittal to Congress of any annual, semiannual, or other regular periodic report listed in House Document No. 103-7 (in which a report required under subsec. (b) of this section is listed on page 203), see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out

as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

**§ 3707. United States release from liability**

The United States shall not be liable for any debts, defaults, acts, or omissions of the Foundation nor shall the full faith and credit of the United States extend to any obligation of the Foundation.

(Pub. L. 98-244, § 8, Mar. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 110.)

**§ 3708. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter**

The Congress expressly reserves the right to repeal or amend this chapter at any time.

(Pub. L. 98-244, § 9, Mar. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 110.)

**§ 3709. Authorization of appropriations**

**(a) Authorization of appropriations**

**(1) In general**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030—

(A) \$15,000,000 to the Secretary of the Interior;

(B) \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture; and

(C) \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Commerce.

**(2) Requirement of advance payment**

The amount made available for a fiscal year under paragraph (1) shall be provided to the Foundation in an advance payment of the entire amount on October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, of the fiscal year.

**(3) Use of appropriated funds**

Subject to paragraph (4), amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall be provided to the Foundation for use for matching, on a 1-to-1 basis, contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the Foundation, or to a recipient of a grant provided by the Foundation, by private persons and State and local government agencies.

**(4) Prohibition on use for administrative expenses**

No Federal funds made available under paragraph (1) shall be used by the Foundation for administrative expenses of the Foundation, including for salaries, travel and transportation expenses, and other overhead expenses.

**(b) Additional authorization**

**(1) Amounts from Federal agencies**

**(A) In general**

In addition to the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), Federal departments, agencies, or instrumentalities are authorized to provide funds to the Foundation through Federal financial assistance grants, cooperative agreements, participating agreements, and similar instruments used for providing partnership funds, subject to the condition that the amounts are used for purposes that further the conservation and management of fish, wildlife,

plants, and other natural resources in accordance with this Act.

**(B) Funding agreements**

Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities may enter into a Federal funding agreement with the Foundation for a period of not more than 10 years.

**(C) Advances**

Federal departments, agencies, or instrumentalities may, and should when possible, advance amounts described in subparagraph (A) to the Foundation in a lump sum without regard to when the expenses for which the amounts are used are incurred.

**(D) Management fees**

The Foundation may assess and collect fees for the management of amounts received under this paragraph.

**(2) Use of amounts accepted from Federal agencies**

Federal funds provided to the Foundation under paragraph (1) may be used by the Foundation for matching, in whole or in part, contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the Foundation by private persons, State and local government agencies, and other entities.

**(3) Administration of amounts**

**(A) In general**

In entering into contracts, agreements, or other partnerships pursuant to this Act, a Federal department, agency, or instrumentality shall have discretion to waive any competitive process applicable to the department, agency, or instrumentality for entering into contracts, agreements, or partnerships with the Foundation if the purpose of the waiver is—

(i) to address an environmental emergency resulting from a natural or other disaster; or

(ii) as determined by the head of the applicable Federal department, agency, or instrumentality, to reduce administrative expenses and expedite the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources.

**(B) Reports**

The Foundation shall include in the annual report submitted under section 3706(b) of this title a description of any use of the authority under subparagraph (A) by a Federal department, agency, or instrumentality in that fiscal year.

**(c) Prohibition on use of grant amounts for litigation and lobbying expenses**

Amounts provided as a grant by the Foundation shall not be used for—

(1) any expense related to litigation; or

(2) any activity the purpose of which is to influence legislation pending before Congress.

**(d) Use of gifts, devises, or bequests of money or other property**

Any gifts, devises, or bequests of amounts or other property, or any other amounts or other