

§ 4265. Acceptance and use of donations

The Secretary may accept and use donations to provide assistance under section 4264 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 105-96, §6, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2153; Pub. L. 107-141, §5(a)(2), Feb. 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 14.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-141 substituted “Acceptance and use of donations” for “Asian Elephant Conservation Fund” as section catchline, struck out subsecs. (a) to (c), which related to establishment, deposits into, and use of the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund, redesignated subsec. (d) as entire section and struck out subsec. heading.

§ 4265a. Advisory group

(a) 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 Asian elephants.

(b) Public participation

(1) Meetings

The Advisory Group¹ shall—

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

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

(2) Notice

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

(3) Minutes

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

(c) Exemption from chapter 10 of title 5

Chapter 10 of title 5 shall not apply to the advisory group.

(Pub. L. 105-96, §7, as added Pub. L. 107-141, §4, Feb. 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 13; amended Pub. L. 117-286, §4(a)(121), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4319.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7 of Pub. L. 105-96 was renumbered section 8 and is classified to section 4266 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “chapter 10 of title 5” for “Federal Advisory Committee Act” in heading and “Chapter 10 of title 5” for “The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)” in text.

¹ So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.

§ 4266. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2029 to carry out this chapter, which may remain available until expended.

(b) Administrative expenses

Of amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this chapter, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or \$100,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 105-96, §8, formerly §7, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2153; renumbered §8 and amended Pub. L. 107-141, §§2-4, Feb. 12, 2002, 116 Stat. 13; Pub. L. 110-133, §2(b), (c), Dec. 6, 2007, 121 Stat. 1362; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, §7001(c)(1)(B), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 784; Pub. L. 118-159, div. E, title LIII, §5304(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2445.)

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-159 substituted “2025 through 2029” for “2019 through 2023”.

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-9 substituted “2019 through 2023” for “2007 through 2012”.

2007—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-133, §2(c), substituted “2007 through 2012” for “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-133, §2(b), substituted “\$100,000” for “\$80,000”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-141, §3, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “There is authorized” for “There are authorized”, and added subsec. (b).

Pub. L. 107-141, §2, substituted “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007” for “1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002”.

CHAPTER 63—FEDERAL CAVE RESOURCES PROTECTION

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§ 4301. Findings, purposes, and policy

(a) Findings

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) significant caves on Federal lands are an invaluable and irreplaceable part of the Nation’s natural heritage; and

(2) in some instances, these significant caves are threatened due to improper use, increased recreational demand, urban spread, and a lack of specific statutory protection.

(b) Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are—

(1) to secure, protect, and preserve significant caves on Federal lands for the perpetual use, enjoyment, and benefit of all people; and

(2) to foster increased cooperation and exchange of information between governmental