

this title shall, at a minimum, include the following:

(A) A State or county's resource management agency or a covered Native entity, a representative of which shall serve as the chairperson of the coral reef stewardship partnership.

(B) A coral reef research center designated under section 6411(b) of this title.

(C) A nongovernmental organization.

(D) Such other members as the partnership considers appropriate, such as interested stakeholder groups.

## **(2) Additional members**

### **(A) In general**

Subject to subparagraph (B), a coral reef stewardship partnership described in paragraph (1) may also include representatives of one or more Federal agencies.

### **(B) Requests; approval**

A representative of a Federal agency described in subparagraph (A) may become a member of a coral reef stewardship partnership described in paragraph (1) if—

(i) the representative submits a request to become a member to the chairperson of the partnership referred to in paragraph (1)(A); and

(ii) the chairperson consents to the request.

## **(e) Nonapplicability of Federal Advisory Committee Act**

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)<sup>1</sup> shall not apply to coral reef stewardship partnerships under this section.

(Pub. L. 106-562, title II, §206, as added Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title C, §10001(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3937.)

### **Editorial Notes**

#### **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (e), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, which was set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and was substantially repealed and restated in chapter 10 (§1001 et seq.) of Title 5 by Pub. L. 117-286, §§3(a), 7, Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4197, 4361. For disposition of sections of the Act into chapter 10 of Title 5, see Disposition Table preceding section 101 of Title 5.

#### **PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 6405, Pub. L. 106-562, title II, §206, Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2804, related to emergency assistance, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title C, §10001(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3931.

## **§ 6406. Block grants**

### **(a) In general**

In each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2023 and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall provide block grants of financial assistance of not less than \$500,000 to each covered State to support management and restoration activities and further the implementation of coral reef action plans in effect under

section 6404 of this title by covered States and non-Federal coral reef stewardship partnerships in accordance with this section. The Administrator shall review each covered State's application for block grant funding to ensure that applications are consistent with applicable action plans and the National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy.

### **(b) Responsibilities of the Administrator**

The Administrator is responsible for—

(1) providing guidance on the proper documentation of expenditures authorized under this chapter;

(2) issuing annual solicitations to covered States for awards under this section; and

(3) determining the appropriate allocation of additional amounts among covered States in accordance with this section.

### **(c) Responsibilities of covered States**

Each covered State is responsible for documenting and reporting—

(1) such State's use of Federal funds received under this chapter; and

(2) such expenditures of non-Federal funds made in furtherance of coral reef management and restoration as the Administrator determines appropriate.

### **(d) Cooperative agreements**

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator may seek to enter into a cooperative agreement with a covered State to fund coral reef conservation and restoration activities in waters managed under the jurisdiction of such covered State that are consistent with the National Coral Reef Resilience Strategy and any applicable action plan under section 6404 of this title.

### **(e) All Islands Committee**

The Administrator may enter into a cooperative agreement with the All Islands Committee of the Task Force to provide support for its activities.

(Pub. L. 106-562, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title C, §10001(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3938.)

### **Editorial Notes**

#### **REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (b)(1) and (c)(1), was in the original “this Act” which was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 106-562, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

#### **PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 6406, Pub. L. 106-562, title II, §207, Dec. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 2804, related to national program to conserve coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 117-263, div. J, title C, §10001(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3931.

## **§ 6407. Coral Reef Stewardship Fund**

### **(a) Agreement**

The Administrator shall seek to enter into an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (in this section referred to as the “Foundation”), authorizing the Foundation to receive, hold, and administer funds received under this section.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.