

2021—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(A), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “personnel costs of employees who directly administer this chapter on a full-time basis;”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(C), substituted “paragraph (1)” for “paragraphs (1) and (2)”.

Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(A), (B), redesignated par. (3) as (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “personnel costs of employees who directly administer this chapter on a part-time basis for at least 20 hours each week, not to exceed the portion of those costs incurred with respect to the work hours of the employee during which the employee directly administers this chapter, as those hours are certified by the supervisor of the employee;”.

Subsec. (a)(3), (4). Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(B), redesignated pars. (4) and (5) as (3) and (4), respectively. Former par. (3) redesignated (2).

Subsec. (a)(4)(B). Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(D), substituted “employee authorized under paragraph (1)” for “full-time equivalent employee authorized under paragraphs (1) and (2)”.

Subsec. (a)(5) to (8). Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(B), redesignated pars. (6) to (9) as (5) to (8), respectively. Former par. (5) redesignated (4).

Subsec. (a)(8)(A). Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(E), struck out “on a full-time basis” after “administer this chapter”.

Subsec. (a)(9) to (12). Pub. L. 117-58, §28001(b)(2)(B), (F), redesignated pars. (10) to (12) as (9) to (11), respectively, and in par. (10), inserted “or part-time” after “full-time” and “, subject to the condition that the percentage of the relocation expenses paid with funds made available pursuant to this chapter may not exceed the percentage of the work hours of the employee that are spent administering this chapter” after “incurred”. Former par. (9) redesignated (8).

2000—Pub. L. 106-408 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “Out of the deductions set aside for administering and executing this chapter and the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to employ such assistants, clerks, and other persons in the city of Washington and elsewhere, to be taken from the eligible lists of the Civil Service; to rent or construct buildings outside of the city of Washington; to purchase such supplies, materials, equipment, office fixtures, and apparatus; and to incur such travel and other expenses, including purchase, maintenance, and hire of passenger-carrying motor vehicles, as he may deem necessary for carrying out the purposes of this chapter.”

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.

§ 669h-1. Firearm and bow hunter education and safety program grants

(a) In general

(1) Grants

Of the revenues covered into the fund, \$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002, and \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be apportioned among the States in the manner specified in section 669c(c) of this title by the Secretary of the Interior and used to make grants to the States to be used for—

(A) in the case of a State that has not used all of the funds apportioned to the State under section 669c(c) of this title for the fis-

cal year in the manner described in section 669g(b) of this title—

(i) the enhancement of hunter education programs, hunter and sporting firearm safety programs, and hunter development programs;

(ii) the enhancement of interstate coordination and development of hunter education and shooting range programs;

(iii) the enhancement of bow hunter and archery education, safety, and development programs;

(iv) the enhancement of construction or development of firearm shooting ranges and archery ranges, and the updating of safety features of firearm shooting ranges and archery ranges; and

(v) the enhancement of hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment; and

(B) in the case of a State that has used all of the funds apportioned to the State under section 669c(c) of this title for the fiscal year in the manner described in section 669g(b) of this title, any use authorized by this chapter (including hunter safety programs and the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges).

(2) Limitation on use

Under paragraph (1), a State shall not be required to use more than the amount described in section 669g(b) of this title for hunter safety programs and the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges.

(3) Allocation of additional amounts

Of the amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal year under section 669c(b) of this title, the State may elect to allocate not more than 10 percent, to be combined with the amount apportioned to the State under paragraph (1) for that fiscal year, for acquiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public target range.

(b) Cost sharing

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out using a grant under this section shall not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activity.

(2) Public target range construction or expansion

The Federal share of the cost of acquiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public target range in a State on Federal or non-Federal land pursuant to this section or section 669g(b) of this title shall not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the activity.

(c) Period of availability; reapportionment

(1) Period of availability

(A) In general

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), amounts made available and apportioned for grants under this section shall remain available only for the fiscal year for which the amounts are apportioned.

(B) Exception

Amounts provided for acquiring land for, constructing, or expanding a public target range shall remain available for expenditure and obligation during the 5-fiscal-year period beginning on October 1 of the first fiscal year for which the amounts are made available.

(2) Reapportionment

At the end of the period of availability under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Interior shall apportion amounts made available that have not been used to make grants under this section among the States described in subsection (a)(1)(B) for use by those States in accordance with this chapter.

(Sept. 2, 1937, ch. 899, §10, as added Pub. L. 106-408, title I, §112(2), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1766; amended Pub. L. 116-17, §4(c), May 10, 2019, 133 Stat. 867; Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title V, §501(f), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3193.)

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 10 of act Sept. 2, 1937, was renumbered section 12 and is classified to section 669i of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(1)(A)(v). Pub. L. 116-94 added cl. (v).
Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 116-17, §4(c)(1), added par. (3).
Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-17, §4(c)(2), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out with a grant under this section shall not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activity.”

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 116-17, §4(c)(3), designated existing provisions as subpar. (A), inserted heading, substituted “Except as provided in subparagraph (B), amounts made” for “Amounts made”, and added subpar. (B).

§ 669h-2. Multistate conservation grant program**(a) In general****(1) Amount for grants****(A) In general**

Not more than \$3,000,000 of the revenues covered into the fund for a fiscal year shall be available to the Secretary of the Interior for making multistate conservation project grants in accordance with this section.

(B) Availability for hunter and recreational shooter grants

Not more than \$5,000,000 of the revenues covered into the fund from any tax imposed under section 4161(b) of title 26 for a fiscal year shall be available to the Secretary exclusively for making hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment grants that promote a national hunting and shooting sport recruitment program, including related communication and outreach activities.

(2) Period of availability; apportionment**(A) Period of availability**

Amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall remain available for making grants

only for the first fiscal year for which the amount is made available and the following fiscal year.

(B) Apportionment

At the end of the period of availability under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of the Interior shall apportion any amounts that remain available among the States in the manner specified in section 669c(b) of this title for use by the States in the same manner as funds apportioned under section 669c(b) of this title.

(b) Selection of projects**(1) States or entities to be benefited**

A project shall not be eligible for a grant under this section unless the project will benefit—

(A) at least 26 States;

(B) a majority of the States in a region of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; or

(C) a regional association of State fish and game departments.

(2) Use of submitted priority list of projects

The Secretary of the Interior may make grants under this section only for projects identified on a priority list of wildlife restoration projects described in paragraph (3).

(3) Priority list of projects

A priority list referred to in paragraph (2) is a priority list of wildlife restoration projects that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies—

(A) prepares through a committee comprised of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees), in consultation with—

(i) nongovernmental organizations that represent conservation organizations;

(ii) sportsmen organizations; and

(iii) industries that support or promote hunting, trapping, recreational shooting, bow hunting, or archery;

(B) approves by vote of a majority of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees); and

(C) not later than October 1 of each fiscal year, submits to the Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs.

(4) Publication

The Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs shall publish in the Federal Register each priority list submitted under paragraph (3)(C).

(c) Eligible grantees**(1) In general**

The Secretary of the Interior may make a grant under this section only to—

(A) a State or group of States;

(B) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or a State or group of States, for the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation; and

(C) subject to paragraph (2), a nongovernmental organization.