

graph (1) may be used by the Foundation for administrative expenses of the Foundation, including for salaries, travel and transportation expenses, and other overhead expenses.

(B) Exception

The Secretary may allow the use of Federal funds made available under paragraph (1) to pay for salaries during the 18-month period beginning on December 18, 2020.

(b) Additional authorization

(1) In general

In addition to the amounts made available under subsection (a), the Foundation may accept Federal funds from a Federal agency under any other Federal law for use by the Foundation to further the assessment, prevention, reduction, and removal of marine debris in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(2) Use of funds accepted from Federal agencies

Federal funds provided to the Foundation under paragraph (1) shall 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 and State and local government agencies.

(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 consistent with Federal-wide cost principles; or
- (2) any activity the purpose of which is to influence legislation pending before Congress consistent with Federal-wide cost principles.

(Pub. L. 116–224, title I, §118, Dec. 18, 2020, 134 Stat. 1080.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1) and (b)(1), was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of Pub. L. 116–224, Dec. 18, 2020, 134 Stat. 1074, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

§ 4219. Termination of authority

The authority of the Foundation under this part shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the establishment of the Foundation, unless the Foundation is reauthorized by an Act of Congress.

(Pub. L. 116–224, title I, §119, Dec. 18, 2020, 134 Stat. 1080.)

PART B—GENIUS PRIZE FOR SAVE OUR SEAS INNOVATIONS

§ 4231. Definitions

In this part:

(1) Prize competition

The term “prize competition” means the competition for the award of the Genius Prize

for Save Our Seas Innovations established under section 4232 of this title.

(2) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(Pub. L. 116–224, title I, §121, Dec. 18, 2020, 134 Stat. 1081.)

§ 4232. Genius Prize for Save Our Seas Innovations

(a) In general

(1) In general

Not later than 1 year after December 18, 2020, the Secretary shall establish under section 3719 of title 15 a prize competition—

- (A) to encourage technological innovation with the potential to reduce plastic waste, and associated and potential pollution, and thereby prevent marine debris; and
- (B) to award 1 or more prizes biennially for projects that advance human understanding and innovation in removing and preventing plastic waste, in one of the categories described in paragraph (2).

(2) Categories for projects

The categories for projects are:

- (A) Advancements in materials used in packaging and other products that, if such products enter the coastal or ocean environment, will fully degrade without harming the environment, wildlife, or human health.
- (B) Innovations in production and packaging design that reduce the use of raw materials, increase recycled content, encourage reusability and recyclability, and promote a circular economy.
- (C) Improvements in marine debris detection, monitoring, and cleanup technologies and processes.
- (D) Improvements or improved strategies to increase solid waste collection, processing, sorting, recycling, or reuse.
- (E) New designs or strategies to reduce overall packaging needs and promote reuse.

(b) Designation

The prize competition established under subsection (a) shall be known as the “Genius Prize for Save Our Seas Innovations”.

(c) Prioritization

In selecting awards for the prize competition, priority shall be given to projects that—

- (1) have a strategy, submitted with the application or proposal, to move the new technology, process, design, material, or other product supported by the prize to market-scale deployment;
- (2) support the concept of a circular economy; and
- (3) promote development of materials that—
 - (A) can fully degrade in the ocean without harming the environment, wildlife, or human health; and
 - (B) are to be used in fishing gear or other maritime products that have an increased likelihood of entering the coastal or ocean environment as unintentional waste.

(Pub. L. 116–224, title I, §122, Dec. 18, 2020, 134 Stat. 1081.)