

(b) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—Each report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

- (1) An accounting of the final costs to the Department of each covered conference occurring during the fiscal quarter preceding the date on which the report is submitted, including the costs related to—
 - (A) transportation and parking;
 - (B) per diem payments;
 - (C) lodging;
 - (D) rental of halls, auditoriums, or other spaces;
 - (E) rental of equipment;
 - (F) refreshments;
 - (G) entertainment;
 - (H) contractors; and
 - (I) brochures or other printed media.
- (2) The total estimated costs to the Department for covered conferences occurring during the fiscal quarter in which the report is submitted.

(c) **COVERED CONFERENCE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “covered conference” means a conference, meeting, or other similar forum that is sponsored or co-sponsored by the Department and is—

- (1) attended by 50 or more individuals, including one or more employees of the Department; or
- (2) estimated to cost the Department at least \$20,000.

(Added Pub. L. 112-154, title VII, § 707(a), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat.1206.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 112-154, title VII, § 707(c), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1207, provided that: “Section 517 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on October 1, 2012, and shall apply with respect to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 and each quarter thereafter.”

SUBCHAPTER II—SPECIFIED FUNCTIONS

§ 521. Assistance to certain rehabilitation activities

(a) The Secretary may assist any organization named in or approved under section 5902 of this title in providing recreational activities which would further the rehabilitation of disabled veterans. Such assistance may be provided only if—

- (1) the activities are available to disabled veterans on a national basis; and
- (2) a significant percentage of the individuals participating in the activities are eligible for rehabilitative services under chapter 17 of this title.

(b) The Secretary may accept from any appropriate source contributions of funds and of other assistance to support the Secretary's provision of assistance for such activities.

(c)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may authorize the use, for purposes approved by the Secretary in connection with the activity involved, of the seal and other official symbols of the Department and the name “Department of Veterans Affairs” by—

- (A) any organization which provides an activity described in subsection (a) with assistance from the Secretary; and

(B) any individual or entity from which the Secretary accepts a significant contribution under subsection (b) or an offer of such a contribution.

(2) The use of such seal or name of any official symbol of the Department in an advertisement may be authorized by the Secretary under this subsection only if—

- (A) the Secretary has approved the advertisement; and
- (B) the advertisement contains a clear statement that no product, project, or commercial line of endeavor referred to in the advertisement is endorsed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 390.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 521 was renumbered section 1521 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 216 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a).

§ 521A. Adaptive sports programs for disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces

(a) **ADAPTIVE SPORTS PROGRAM.**—(1) The Secretary may carry out a program under which the Secretary may make grants to eligible entities for planning, developing, managing, and implementing programs to provide adaptive sports opportunities for disabled veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces.

(2) For purposes of this section, an eligible entity is an entity with significant experience in managing a large-scale adaptive sports program.

(b) **OVERSIGHT BY SECRETARY.**—As a condition of receiving a grant under this section, an eligible entity shall permit the Secretary to conduct such oversight of the use of grant funds as the Secretary determines is appropriate. An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall be responsible for the use of grant funds provided under this section.

(c) **APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.**—(1) Before the Secretary may award a grant to an eligible entity under this section, the eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary an application that describes the activities to be carried out with the grant, including information on specific measurable goals and objectives to be achieved using grant funds.

(2) The application shall include—

(A) a detailed description of—

(i) all partnerships referred to in paragraph (3) at the national and local levels that will be participating in such activities and the amount of grant funds that the eligible entity proposes to make available for each of such partnerships;

(ii) the anticipated personnel, travel, and administrative costs that will be paid for by the eligible entity using grant funds;

(iii) the financial controls implemented by the eligible entity, including methods to track expenditures of grant funds;

(iv) the performance metrics to be used by the eligible entity to evaluate the effective-