

This fund shall be available without fiscal year limitation for expenses necessary for furnishing, in accordance with chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41, and regulations promulgated thereunder, supplies and equipment services in support of Bureau programs, including but not limited to, the purchase or construction of storage facilities, equipment yards, and related improvements and the purchase, lease, or rent of motor vehicles, aircraft, heavy equipment, and fire control and other resource management equipment within the limitations set forth in appropriations made to the Secretary for the Bureau.

**(b) Initial funding; subsequent transfers**

The initial capital of the fund shall consist of appropriations made for that purpose together with the fair and reasonable value at the fund's inception of the inventories, equipment, receivables, and other assets, less the liabilities, transferred to the fund. The Secretary is authorized to make such subsequent transfers to the fund as he deems appropriate in connection with the functions to be carried on through the fund.

**(c) Payments credited to fund; amount; advancement or reimbursement**

The fund shall be credited with payments from appropriations, and funds of the Bureau, other agencies of the Department of the Interior, other Federal agencies, and other sources, as authorized by law, at rates approximately equal to the cost of furnishing the facilities, supplies, equipment, and services (including depreciation and accrued annual leave). Such payments may be made in advance in connection with firm orders, or by way of reimbursement.

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed \$3,000,000 as initial capital of the working capital fund.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §306, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2766.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

In subsec. (a), "chapters 1 to 11 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41" substituted for "the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377, as amended)" on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, §5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, which Act enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

**§ 1736a. Revolving fund derived from disposal of salvage timber**

There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a special fund to be derived on and after October 5, 1992, from the Federal share of moneys received from the disposal of salvage timber prepared for sale from the lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior. The money in this fund shall be immediately available to the Bureau of Land Management without further

appropriation, for the purposes of planning and preparing salvage timber for disposal, the administration of salvage timber sales, and subsequent site preparation and reforestation.

(Pub. L. 102-381, title I, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1376.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993, and not as part of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 which comprises this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS**

Title I of Pub. L. 102-381, 106 Stat. 1376, provided in part that: "Nothing in this provision [enacting this section] shall alter the formulas currently in existence by law for the distribution of receipts for the applicable lands and timber resources."

**§ 1737. Implementation provisions**

**(a) Investigations, studies, and experiments**

The Secretary may conduct investigations, studies, and experiments, on his own initiative or in cooperation with others, involving the management, protection, development, acquisition, and conveying of the public lands.

**(b) Contracts and cooperative agreements**

Subject to the provisions of applicable law, the Secretary may enter into contracts and cooperative agreements involving the management, protection, development, and sale of public lands.

**(c) Contributions and donations of money, services, and property**

The Secretary may accept contributions or donations of money, services, and property, real, personal, or mixed, for the management, protection, development, acquisition, and conveying of the public lands, including the acquisition of rights-of-way for such purposes. He may accept contributions for cadastral surveying performed on federally controlled or intermingled lands. Moneys received hereunder shall be credited to a separate account in the Treasury and are hereby authorized to be appropriated and made available until expended, as the Secretary may direct, for payment of expenses incident to the function toward the administration of which the contributions were made and for refunds to depositors of amounts contributed by them in specific instances where contributions are in excess of their share of the cost.

**(d) Recruitment of volunteers**

The Secretary may recruit, without regard to the civil service classification laws, rules, or regulations, the services of individuals contributed without compensation as volunteers for aiding in or facilitating the activities administered by the Secretary through the Bureau of Land Management.

**(e) Restrictions on activities of volunteers**

In accepting such services of individuals as volunteers, the Secretary—

(1) shall not permit the use of volunteers in hazardous duty or law enforcement work, or in policymaking processes or to displace any employee; and

(2) may provide for services or costs incidental to the utilization of volunteers, including transportation, supplies, lodging, subsistence, recruiting, training, and supervision.

**(f) Federal employment status of volunteers**

Volunteers shall not be deemed employees of the United States except for the purposes of—

- (1) the tort claims provisions of title 28;
- (2) subchapter 1<sup>1</sup> of chapter 81 of title 5; and
- (3) claims relating to damage to, or loss of, personal property of a volunteer incident to volunteer service, in which case the provisions of section 3721 of title 31 shall apply.

**(g) Authorization of appropriations**

Effective with fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1984, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection (d), but not more than \$250,000 may be appropriated for any one fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §307, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2766; Pub. L. 98-540, §2, Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2718; Pub. L. 101-286, title II, §204(c), May 9, 1990, 104 Stat. 175.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 101-286 amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (f) read as follows: “Volunteers shall not be deemed employees of the United States except for the purposes of the tort claims provisions of title 28 and subchapter 1 of chapter 81 of title 5, relating to compensation for work injuries.”

1984—Subsecs. (d) to (g). Pub. L. 98-540 added subsecs. (d) to (g).

**§ 1738. Contracts for surveys and resource protection; renewals; funding requirements**

(a) The Secretary is authorized to enter into contracts for the use of aircraft, and for supplies and services, prior to the passage of an appropriation therefor, for airborne cadastral survey and resource protection operations of the Bureau. He may renew such contracts annually, not more than twice, without additional competition. Such contracts shall obligate funds for the fiscal years in which the costs are incurred.

(b) Each such contract shall provide that the obligation of the United States for the ensuing fiscal years is contingent upon the passage of an applicable appropriation, and that no payment shall be made under the contract for the ensuing fiscal years until such appropriation becomes available for expenditure.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §308, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2767.)

**§ 1739. Advisory councils**

**(a) Establishment; membership; operation**

The Secretary shall establish advisory councils of not less than ten and not more than fifteen members appointed by him from among

persons who are representative of the various major citizens' interests concerning the problems relating to land use planning or the management of the public lands located within the area for which an advisory council is established. At least one member of each council shall be an elected official of general purpose government serving the people of such area. To the extent practicable there shall be no overlap or duplication of such councils. Appointments shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the Secretary. The establishment and operation of an advisory council established under this section shall conform to the requirements of chapter 10 of title 5.

**(b) Meetings**

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, each advisory council established by the Secretary under this section shall meet at least once a year with such meetings being called by the Secretary.

**(c) Travel and per diem payments**

Members of advisory councils shall serve without pay, except travel and per diem will be paid each member for meetings called by the Secretary.

**(d) Functions**

An advisory council may furnish advice to the Secretary with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area for which the advisory council is established and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Secretary.

**(e) Public participation; procedures applicable**

In exercising his authorities under this Act, the Secretary, by regulation, shall establish procedures, including public hearings where appropriate, to give the Federal, State, and local governments and the public adequate notice and an opportunity to comment upon the formulation of standards and criteria for, and to participate in, the preparation and execution of plans and programs for, and the management of, the public lands.

(Pub. L. 94-579, title III, §309, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2767; Pub. L. 95-514, §13, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1808; Pub. L. 117-286, §4(a)(285), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4337.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (e), is Pub. L. 94-579, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, known as the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “chapter 10 of title 5.” for “the Federal Advisory Committee Act (86 Stat. 770).”

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-514 substituted in first sentence “shall establish” for “is authorized to establish”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COUNCILS

Advisory councils established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be subchapter “I”.