

(5) In paragraph (5) [restated as subsec. (e) of this section], by striking “An” and inserting “An eligible site or an”;

(6) By redesignating paragraph (6) [restated as subsec. (f) of this section] as paragraph (9);

(7) By inserting after paragraph (5) [restated as subsec. (e) of this section] the following new paragraphs:

“(6) WILLING SELLERS.—Acquisition of land or interests in land under this subsection shall be from willing sellers only.

“(7) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the activities carried out under this subsection, including a description of—

“(A) preservation activities carried out at the battlefields and associated sites identified in the battlefield report during the period between publication of the battlefield report and the report required under this paragraph;

“(B) changes in the condition of the battlefields and associated sites during that period; and

“(C) any other relevant developments relating to the battlefields and associated sites during that period.

“(8) PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING.—None of the funds provided pursuant to this section shall be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress.”; and

(8) In paragraph (9) [restated as subsec. (f) of this section] (as redesignated), by striking “2014” and inserting “2021”.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 308103(a) | 16 U.S.C. 469k-1(c)(1)(A), (C). | Pub. L. 111-11, title VII, subtitle D, §7301(c)(1)(A) through (C), (2) through (6), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1213. |
| 308103(b) | 16 U.S.C. 469k-1(c)(1)(B), (2). | |
| 308103(c) | 16 U.S.C. 469k-1(c)(1)(B), (3). | |
| 308103(d) through (f). | 16 U.S.C. 469k-1(c)(4) through (6). | |

In subsection (f), reference to fiscal years 2009 to 2011 is omitted as obsolete.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2025—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-234, §157(c)(1), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) defined “eligible site”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118-234, §157(c)(2), substituted “States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations” for “State and local governments”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118-234, §157(c)(3), substituted “State, Tribe, or local government” for “State or local government”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 118-234, §157(c)(4), substituted “under this section, including by States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations,” for “under this section”.

2019—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-94 substituted “\$18,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2028” for “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 and 2013”.

§ 308104. Battlefield interpretation modernization grant program

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a battlefield interpretation modernization grant program under which the Secretary may provide competitive grants to States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations for projects and programs that deploy technology to modernize battlefield interpretation and education.

(b) ELIGIBLE SITES.—The Secretary may make grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites eligible for assistance under the battlefield acquisition grant program established under section 308103(b).

(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project or program funded through a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) shall be not more than 50 percent of the total cost of the applicable project or program.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to provide grants under this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2028.

(Added Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title VII, §703(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3195.)

§ 308105. Battlefield restoration grant program

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a battlefield restoration grant program (referred to in this section as the “program”) under which the Secretary may provide grants to States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations for projects that restore day-of-battle conditions on—

(1) land preserved and protected under the battlefield acquisition grant program established under section 308103(b); or

(2) battlefield land that is—

(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local government, or nonprofit organization; and

(B) referred to in the Battlefield Reports.

(b) ELIGIBLE SITES.—The Secretary may make grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites—

(1) eligible for assistance under the battlefield acquisition grant program established under section 308103(b); or

(2) on battlefield land that is—

(A) owned by a State, Tribe, local government, or nonprofit organization; and

(B) referred to in battlefield reports.

(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a restoration project funded through a grant provided under the program shall be not more than 50 percent of the total cost of the project.

(d) RESTORATION STANDARDS.—All restoration work carried out through a grant awarded under the program shall be performed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties under part 68 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-

retary to provide grants under this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2028.

(Added Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title VII, §703(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3196; amended Pub. L. 118-234, title I, §157(d), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2879.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2025—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-234, §157(d)(1), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary shall establish a battlefield restoration grant program (referred to in this section as the “program”) under which the Secretary may provide grants to States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit organizations for projects that restore day-of-battle conditions on land preserved under the battlefield acquisition grant program established under section 308103(b).”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118-234, §157(d)(2), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary may make grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites eligible for assistance under the battlefield acquisition grant program established under section 308103(b).”

§ 308106. Updates and improvements to Battlefield Reports

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this section, and every 10 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that updates the Battlefield Reports to reflect—

- (1) preservation activities carried out at the battlefields in the period since the publication of the most recent Battlefield Reports update;
- (2) changes in the condition, including core and study areas, of the battlefields during that period; and
- (3) any other relevant developments relating to the battlefields during that period.

(Added Pub. L. 118-234, title I, §157(e), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2880.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in introductory provisions, is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 118-234, which was approved Jan. 4, 2025.

CHAPTER 3083—NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM

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§ 308301. Definition

In this chapter, the term “national network” means the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom established under section 308302 of this title.

(Pub. L. 113-287, §3, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3234.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Revised Section</i> | <i>Source (U.S. Code)</i> | <i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i> |
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| 308301 | no source. | |

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

PURPOSES OF PUB. L. 105-203

Pub. L. 105-203, §2(b), July 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 679, provided that: “The purposes of this Act [see 54 U.S.C. 308301 et seq.] are the following:

“(1) To recognize the importance of the Underground Railroad, the sacrifices made by those who used the Underground Railroad in search of freedom from tyranny and oppression, and the sacrifices made by the people who helped them.

“(2) To authorize the National Park Service to coordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of the Underground Railroad, its significance as a crucial element in the evolution of the national civil rights movement, and its relevance in fostering the spirit of racial harmony and national reconciliation.”

§ 308302. Program

(a) ESTABLISHMENT; RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall establish in the Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Under the national network, the Secretary shall—

(1) produce and disseminate appropriate educational materials, such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or electronic information;

(2) enter into appropriate cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding to provide technical assistance under subsection (c); and

(3) create and adopt an official, uniform symbol or device for the national network and issue regulations for its use.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The national network shall encompass the following elements:

(1) All System units and programs of the Service determined by the Secretary to pertain to the Underground Railroad.

(2) Other Federal, State, local, and privately owned properties pertaining to the Underground Railroad that have a verifiable connection to the Underground Railroad and that are included on, or determined by the Secretary to be eligible for inclusion on, the National Register of Historic Places.

(3) Other governmental and nongovernmental facilities and programs of an educational, research, or interpretive nature that are directly related to the Underground Railroad.

(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—To achieve the purposes of this chapter and to ensure effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal elements of the national network with System units and programs of the Service, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding with, and provide technical assistance—

(1) to the heads of other Federal agencies, States, localities, regional governmental bodies, and private entities; and

(2) in cooperation with the Secretary of State, to the governments of Canada, Mexico, and any appropriate country in the Caribbean.