

Public Law 97-245  
97th Congress

An Act

Relating to the preservation of the historic Congressional Cemetery in the District of Columbia for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States.

Aug. 26, 1982  
[H.R. 6033]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Congress finds and declares that—

Historic  
Congressional  
Cemetery,  
Wash., D.C.  
Preservation.  
2 USC 51 note.

(1) sections of the Congressional Cemetery in the District of Columbia are of national historic significance, including those areas in which John Philip Sousa, Matthew Brady, J. Edgar Hoover, several former Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and many other persons of historical importance and interest are buried; and

(2) the physical condition of these areas and related portions of the cemetery has deteriorated to the extent that restoration is necessary to protect and preserve the historical values of these areas.

SEC. 2. In order to assist in the restoration and preservation of the historic values of the Congressional Cemetery, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to make grants to the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, District of Columbia, to be used for a program of restoration and preservation (but not routine maintenance) of the cemetery to be carried out under terms and conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol. The Association shall maintain adequate records and accounts of all financial transactions and operations carried out under such program, and such records shall be available at all times for audit and investigation by the Architect or the Comptroller General of the United States. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to vest title to the Congressional Cemetery in the United States.

Grants.  
2 USC 51 note.

Record  
maintenance.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 for grants to be made under section 2 of this Act, such sums to remain available until expended.

Appropriation  
authorization.  
2 USC 51 note.

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**SEC. 4. No authority under this Act to make payments shall be effective except to the extent and in such amounts as provided in advance in appropriations Acts.**

Approved August 26, 1982.

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