

§ 5608. Administrative provisions

(a) In general

In order to carry out the provisions of this chapter, the Foundation may—

(1) appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, except that in no case shall employees other than the Executive Director be compensated at a rate to exceed the maximum rate for employees in grade GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5;

(2) procure or fund the Center to procure temporary and intermittent services of experts and consultants as are necessary to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, but at rates not to exceed the rate specified at the time of such service for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5;

(3) prescribe such regulations as the Foundation considers necessary governing the manner in which its functions shall be carried out;

(4) accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts, both real and personal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Foundation;

(5) accept and utilize the services of voluntary and noncompensated personnel and reimburse such personnel for travel expenses, including per diem, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5;

(6) enter into contracts, grants, or other arrangements or modifications thereof, to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and such contracts or modifications thereof may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees, be entered into without performance or other bonds, and without regard to section 5 of title 41; and

(7) make other necessary expenditures.

(b) The Institute

The authorities set forth above shall, with the exception of paragraph (4), apply to the Institute established pursuant to section 5607a of this title.

(Pub. L. 102-259, §12, formerly §10, Mar. 19, 1992, 106 Stat. 83; renumbered §12, Pub. L. 105-156, §6(a), Feb. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 9; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(h) [title V, §517(b)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-480, 2681-512.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

§ 5609. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Trust Fund

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Trust Fund \$40,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund established under section 5607a of this title—

- (1) \$4,250,000 for fiscal year 1998, of which—
 - (A) \$3,000,000 shall be for capitalization; and
 - (B) \$1,250,000 shall be for operation costs; and

(2) \$1,250,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2002 for operation costs.

(Pub. L. 102-259, §13, formerly §11, Mar. 19, 1992, 106 Stat. 84; renumbered §13 and amended Pub. L. 105-156, §6(a), 8, Feb. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 9, 12.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-156, §8, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Trust Fund” for “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund”, and added subsec. (b).

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 5606, 5607a of this title.

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§ 5701. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to establish the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Program to encourage and support research, study, and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind.

(Pub. L. 102-281, title IV, §422, May 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 142.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 400 of title IV of Pub. L. 102-281 provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as a note under section 5112 of Title 31, Money and Finance] may be cited as the ‘Frank Annunzio Act’.”

Section 421 of Pub. L. 102-281 provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle B (§§421-429) of title IV of Pub. L. 102-281, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Christopher Columbus Fellowship Act’.”

§ 5702. Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation

(a) Establishment and purposes

There is established, as an independent establishment of the executive branch, the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation (here-