

Public Law 101-441  
101st Congress

An Act

To amend Public Law 99-647, establishing the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, to authorize the Commission to take immediate action in furtherance of its purposes and to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Commission.

Oct. 18, 1990  
[S. 830]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN.

Section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island", approved November 10, 1986 (Public Law 99-647, 16 U.S.C. 461 note) (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), is amended by inserting the following at the end thereof:

"(c)(1) In furtherance of the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to undertake a limited experimental program of financial assistance for the purpose of providing demonstration funds for projects within the corridor which exhibit national significance or provide a wide spectrum of historic, recreational, or environmental education opportunities to the general public in a manner consistent with the purposes of this Act.

Historic  
preservation.

"(2) Applications for funds under this section shall be made to the Secretary through the Commission. Each application shall include the recommendation of the Commission and its findings as to how the project proposed to be funded will further the purposes of this Act.

"(3) The Secretary is authorized to provide funds for the following purposes—

"(A) preservation and restoration of properties on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places;

"(B) design and development of interpretive exhibits to encourage public understanding of the resources of the Blackstone Valley; and

"(C) cultural programs and environmental education programs related to environmental awareness or historic preservation.

"(4) Funds made available pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed 50 percent of the total costs of the project to be funded. In making such funds available, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects which provide a greater leverage of Federal funds. Any payment made shall be subject to an agreement that conversion, use, or disposal of the project so assisted for purposes contrary to the purposes of this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a right of the United States of compensation of all funds made available to such project or the proportion of the increased value of the project attributable to such funds as determined at the time of such conversion, use, or disposal, whichever is greater."

**SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 USC 461 note.

Section 10 of the Act is amended by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 10.", striking "250,000 for the next five fiscal years" and inserting "350,000 for each year in which the Commission is in existence" and inserting at the end thereof the following:

"(b) **DEMONSTRATION FUNDS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of section 8(c), \$1,000,000 annually for fiscal years 1991, 1992, and 1993, to remain available until expended."

Approved October 18, 1990.

---

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 830:**

**HOUSE REPORTS:** No. 101-712 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

**SENATE REPORTS:** No. 101-63 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:**

Vol. 135 (1989): July 14, considered and passed Senate.

Vol. 136 (1990): Sept. 17, considered and passed House, amended.

Oct. 3, Senate concurred in House amendment.