

Public Law 96-244  
96th Congress

An Act

May 19, 1980  
[H.R. 126]

To permit the Secretary of the Interior to accept privately donated funds and to expend such funds on property on the National Register of Historic Places.

Department of  
the Interior.  
Privately  
donated funds,  
acceptance and  
expenditure.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act to establish a program for the preservation of additional historic properties throughout the Nation, and for other purposes", approved October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 915; as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470a), is further amended by adding a new section 109 as follows:

16 USC 470h-1.

"SEC. 109. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of this Act, the Secretary may accept the donation of funds which may be expended by him for projects to acquire, restore, preserve, or recover data from any district, building, structure, site, or object which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places established pursuant to section 101 of this Act, so long as the project is owned by a State, any unit of local government, or any nonprofit entity.

16 USC 470a.

"(b) In expending said funds, the Secretary shall give due consideration to the following factors: the national significance of the project; its historical value to the community; the imminence of its destruction or loss; and the expressed intentions of the donor. Funds expended under this subsection shall be made available without regard to the matching requirements established by section 102 of this Act, but the recipient of such funds shall be permitted to utilize them to match any grants from the Historic Preservation Fund established by section 108 of this Act.

16 USC 470b.

16 USC 470h.  
Transfer of  
funds.

"(c) The Secretary is hereby authorized to transfer unobligated funds previously donated to the Secretary for the purposes of the National Park Service, with the consent of the donor, and any funds so transferred shall be used or expended in accordance with the provisions of this Act."

Appropriation  
authorization.  
16 USC 470t.

SEC. 2. The Act referred to in the preceding section is further amended in subsection 212(a) by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma, and inserting the following: "\$2,500,000 in fiscal year 1981, \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 1982, and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 1983."

Approved May 19, 1980.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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SENATE REPORT No. 96-625 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).  
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May 1, House concurred in certain Senate amendments and in others with amendments.

May 6, Senate concurred in House amendments.