

Secretary determines that the support is required for the success of the project.

(6) Information regarding the source and amount of matching funding available to the applicant.

(7) Any other information the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the eligibility of the project for funding under this chapter.

(c) Project review and approval

(1) In general

Within 30 days after receiving a final project proposal, the Secretary shall provide a copy of the proposal to the Administrator. The Secretary shall review each final project proposal to determine if it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (d) of this section.

(2) Consultation; approval or disapproval

Not later than 6 months after receiving a final project proposal, and subject to the availability of funds, the Secretary, after consulting with the Administrator, shall—

(A) request written comments on the proposal from each country within which the project is to be conducted;

(B) after requesting those comments, approve or disapprove the proposal; and

(C) provide written notification of that approval or disapproval to the person who submitted the proposal, the Administrator, and each of those countries.

(d) Criteria for approval

The Secretary may approve a final project proposal under this section if the project will enhance programs for conservation of Asian elephants by assisting efforts to—

(1) implement conservation programs;

(2) address the conflicts between humans and elephants that arise from competition for the same habitat;

(3) enhance compliance with provisions of CITES and laws of the United States or a foreign country that prohibit or regulate the taking or trade of Asian elephants or regulate the use and management of Asian elephant habitat;

(4) develop sound scientific information on the condition of Asian elephant habitat, Asian elephant population numbers and trends, or the threats to such habitat, numbers, or trends; or

(5) promote cooperative projects on those topics with other foreign governments, affected local communities, nongovernmental organizations, or others in the private sector.

(e) Project sustainability

To the maximum extent practical, in determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give consideration to projects which will enhance sustainable integrated conservation development programs to ensure effective, long-term conservation of Asian elephants.

(f) Project reporting

Each person who receives assistance under this section for a project shall provide periodic reports, as the Secretary considers necessary, to

the Secretary and the Administrator. Each report shall include all information required by the Secretary, after consulting with the Administrator, for evaluating the progress and success of the project.

(g) Matching funds

In determining whether to approve project proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to those projects for which there exists some measure of matching funds.

(h) Limitation on use for captive breeding

Amounts provided as a grant under this chapter may not be used for captive breeding of Asian elephants other than for release in the wild.

(Pub. L. 105-96, §5, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2151.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 4265 of this title.

§ 4265. Asian Elephant Conservation Fund

(a) Establishment

There is established in the general fund of the Treasury a separate account to be known as the “Asian Elephant Conservation Fund”, which shall consist of amounts deposited into the Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Deposits into Fund

The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit into the Fund—

(1) all amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations under subsection (d) of this section; and

(2) other amounts appropriated to the Fund.

(c) Use

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may use amounts in the Fund without further appropriation to provide assistance under section 4264 of this title.

(2) Administration

Of amounts in the Fund available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may use not more than 3 percent to administer the Fund.

(d) Acceptance and use of donations

The Secretary may accept and use donations to provide assistance under section 4264 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 105-96, §6, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2153.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4246, 4263 of this title.

§ 4266. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 to carry out this chapter, which may remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 105-96, §7, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2153.)