TITLE 16 - CONSERVATION
CHAPTER 1A - HISTORIC SITES, BUILDINGS, OBJECTS, AND ANTIQUITIES
SUBCHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 469l–2. Preservation of historic sites or structures

(a) Authority to make grants

The Secretary of the Interior may make grants in accordance with this section for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings or structures associated with the Underground Railroad, and for related research and documentation to sites, programs, or facilities that have been included in the national network.

(b) Grant conditions

Any grant made under this section shall provide that—

(1) no change or alteration may be made in property for which the grant is used except with the agreement of the property owner and the Secretary;

(2) the Secretary shall have the right of access at reasonable times to the public portions of such property for interpretive and other purposes; and

(3) conversion, use, or disposal of such property for purposes contrary to the purposes of sections 469l to 469l–3 of this title, as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a right of the United States to compensation equal to all Federal funds made available to the grantee under sections 469l to 469l–3 of this title.

(c) Matching requirement

The Secretary may obligate funds made available for a grant under this section only if the grantee agrees to match, from funds derived from non-Federal sources, the amount of the grant with an amount that is equal to or greater than the grant. The Secretary may waive the requirement of the preceding sentence with respect to a grant if the Secretary determines that an extreme emergency exists or that such a waiver is in the public interest to assure the preservation of historically significant resources.


Amendments

2008—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110–229 struck out subsec. (d) which related to funding for purposes of this section for fiscal year 2001 and each subsequent fiscal year.

Effective Date of 2008 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 110–229 effective at the beginning of the fiscal year immediately following May 8, 2008, see section 361(b) of Pub. L. 110–229, set out as a note under section 469l–1 of this title.

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Pub. L. 106–291, title I, § 150(b), Oct. 11, 2000, 114 Stat. 956, provided that:

“(1) Findings.—Congress finds that—

“(A) the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (hereinafter ‘Freedom Center’) is a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio in 1995;

“(B) the objectives of the Freedom Center are to interpret the history of the Underground Railroad through development of a national cultural institution in Cincinnati, Ohio, that will house an interpretive center, including museum, educational, and research facilities, all dedicated to communicating to the public the importance of the quest for human freedom which provided the foundation for the historic and inspiring story of the Underground Railroad;

“(C) the city of Cincinnati has granted exclusive development rights for a prime riverfront location to the Freedom Center;
“(D) the Freedom Center will be a national center linked through state-of-the-art technology to Underground Railroad
sites and facilities throughout the United States and to a constituency that reaches across the United States, Canada,
Mexico, the Caribbean and beyond; and

“(E) the Freedom Center has reached an agreement with the National Park Service to pursue a range of historical
and educational cooperative activities related to the Underground Railroad, including but not limited to assisting the
National Park Service in the implementation of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act [16
U.S.C. 469l et seq.].

“(2) Purposes.—The purposes of this section are—

“(A) to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad;

“(B) to assist the Freedom Center in the development of its programs and facilities in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

“(C) to assist the National Park Service in the implementation of the National Underground Railroad Network to
Freedom Act (112 Stat. 679; 16 U.S.C. 469l and following).”