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Chapter 5: Appropriations, Transfer of Funds

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5.1 **Appropriations.** The Department does not request direct appropriations under authority of the Act but relies on the Department of Agriculture to furnish such funds as may be required for planning. Funds requested and received under existing authorities required for reconnaissance studies are not considered as direct appropriations under authority of the Act.

5.2 **Planning.** Assistance may be furnished for two kinds of planning:

A. Work Plans. Bureaus make arrangements directly with the appropriate State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service for reimbursement at the field level of bureau expenses incurred in the preparation of work plans.

B. Basic Data. Funds required in the collection and analysis of basic data to be used for general planning purposes are transferred to the Department for allocation to the bureaus performing this service, in accordance with annual schedules agreed to by the bureaus and the Soil Conservation Service.

5.3 **Installation.** Installation of works of improvement on Interior lands is made by the bureaus under regular programs or by local organizations under rights-of-way agreements.

5.4 **Flood Prevention.** Funds may be provided to cover the cost of planning and will be provided to cover the cost of installing structural measures for flood prevention.

5.5 **Operation and Maintenance.** Prior to the installation of works of improvement on Interior lands, bureaus are responsible for arranging the sharing of costs for operation, maintenance and management in writing with the local organizations and the land or resource users. Each bureau is responsible for providing funds from its appropriations or by cooperative agreement with the users of Federal or Indian lands for its share of the cost of operating, maintaining, and managing the works of improvement in proportion to the estimated benefits accruing to the lands administered by the bureau.

5.6 **Cost Sharing.** Department policy of requiring the users of Interior land to share a portion of the cost of applying, installing and maintaining all types of eligible measures shall be followed in the same manner and to the same extent that cost sharing prevails under regular bureau programs.

5.7 **Arrangements for Transfer of Funds.** The Division of Fiscal Services coordinates and consolidates the annual estimates of the bureaus, for services performed by the bureaus under subparagraph 605 DM 5.2B; arranges with the Soil Conservation Service as to the amount of funds to be transferred for each bureau and watershed; and allocates these amounts to the bureaus.

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