

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Vancouver National Historic Reserve

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Vancouver National Historic Reserve	400	0	-400	0	-400
Total Requirements \$(000)	400	0	-400	0	-400

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 104-333, Section 502, Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

OVERVIEW

To provide NPS planning, operational and other assistance to the **Vancouver National Historic Reserve**.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

***Vancouver National Historic Reserve
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$400,000

In November 1996, Congress passed legislation creating the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. The law directs that, no later than three years after the date of enactment, the National Park Service shall submit a general management plan for the administration of the reserve to the Secretaries of the Interior and the Army. The plan is to be developed by a partnership comprised of the National Park Service, the State of Washington Historic Preservation Office, the United States Army, and the city of Vancouver, Washington.

Funding will be used by the city of Vancouver to provide orientation and interpretive services to visitors to the historic reserve at the General O.O. Howard House through a contract with the National Park Service, and help provide education outreach programs to schools and other groups. It will also help provide annual maintenance for the General

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O.O. Howard House Visitor Center. In addition, the city will establish a contractual agreement with the Pearson Field Historical Society for interpretation and education program support at the new Pearson Air Museum, constructed on National Park Service lands under a cooperative agreement with the city of Vancouver. The city would also contract with a nonprofit entity for administrative services, including staff positions for a reserve historian, development officer, and a project assistant.

FY 2000 BUDGET REQUEST

	2000 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
▪ Vancouver National Historic Reserve	0	-400

▪ ***Vancouver National Historic Reserve (-\$400,000)***: The NPS is requesting the elimination of funding for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve in FY 2000 to allow increased support for higher priority NPS programs. In addition, guidance from the Administration directed that the NPS begin the phase out of statutory aid funding for non-Federal organizations that were established with Federal assistance, but should now be capable of self-sufficiency.