Congress finds that the federally supported national historic and artistic resources of the United States have created a lasting national history and artistic heritage of significant national importance. It is the purpose of this part to establish the National Bicentennial Photography and Film Project to support photography and film projects of such merit which meet the purposes of this part.

The Endowment is authorized to provide, by grant or contract, financial assistance to the States to support qualified photography and film projects within their States, and by establishing the National Bicentennial Photography and Film Project.

Such assistance may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1977 and 1978.

Appropriations for photography and film projects are available until expended.

No financial assistance may be provided under this part unless an application is made at such time, in such manner and containing such information, as the Endowment determines is necessary for each of the fiscal years 1977 and 1978.

Such assistance shall also provide for the acquisition of photography and film string products.

The remainder shall be apportioned among the States on the basis of population.

Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (b), the remainder shall be apportioned among the States on the basis of population.

Sec. 523. (a) From funds appropriated and apportioned under this section, not to exceed one-fifth shall be apportioned among the States on the basis of population.

Sec. 524. From funds allotted to the Endowment pursuant to section 522 (b), the Endowment shall pay the costs of administration of the Endowment, and provide grants and loans to the States for the support of qualified photography and film projects.

The Endowment shall assure that representative photographs and films are produced with assistance furnished under this part, and that the permanent collection of the Library of Congress is made available to the public.

Upon receipt of funds appropriated under this section, the Endowment shall establish, to permit such State agency to support one or more projects within its State that meet the purposes of this part.

Such assistance shall also provide for the display (and related activities) of the photographs and films produced with assistance under this part.

Sec. 525. No appropriation shall be made under this part unless such application is made at such time, in such manner and containing or accompanied by such information, as the Endowment determines is necessary for such assistance to be provided.

Sec. 526. Any obligating office or agency shall give prior consideration to proposals which involve the display of photographs and films produced with assistance under this part.