

2006—Pub. L. 109-271 substituted “Director” for “Attorney General” wherever appearing.

§ 10553. Annual report to Congress; grant accountability

(a) Annual report

Not later than November 30th of each year, the COPS Director and the BJA Director shall each submit a report to the Congress regarding the activities carried out under this subchapter. Each such report shall include, for the preceding fiscal year, the number of grants funded under this subchapter, the amount of funds provided under those grants, and the activities for which those funds were used.

(b) Grant accountability

Section 10706 of this title (relating to grant accountability) shall apply to grants awarded by the COPS Director and the BJA Director under this subchapter. For purposes of the preceding sentence, any references in section 10706 of this title to the Attorney General shall be considered references to the COPS Director or the BJA Director, as appropriate, and any references in that section to subchapter XXXVIII shall be considered references to this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2703, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1502; amended Pub. L. 109-271, §8(j)(2), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 767; Pub. L. 115-141, div. S, title V, §502(3), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1130.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 3797c of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-141, §502(3)(A), inserted “; grant accountability” after “Congress” in section catchline.

Pub. L. 115-141, §502(3)(B)–(D), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “COPS Director and the BJA Director shall each” for “Director shall”, and added subsec. (b).

2006—Pub. L. 109-271 substituted “Director” for “Attorney General”.

§ 10554. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) the term “school” means an elementary or secondary school, including a Bureau-funded school (as defined in section 2021 of title 25);

(2) the term “unit of local government” means a county, municipality, town, township, village, parish, borough, or other unit of general government below the State level;

(3) the term “Indian tribe” has the same meaning as in section 5304(e) of title 25;

(4) the term “evidence-based” means a program, practice, technology, or equipment that—

(A) demonstrates a statistically significant effect on relevant outcomes based on—

(i) strong evidence from not less than 1 well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;

(ii) moderate evidence from not less than 1 well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or

(iii) promising evidence from not less than 1 well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias;

(B) demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such program, practice, technology, or equipment is likely to improve relevant outcomes, and includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of the program, practice, technology, or equipment; or

(C) in the case of technology or equipment, demonstrates that use of the technology or equipment is—

(i) consistent with best practices for school security, including—

(I) applicable standards for school security established by a Federal or State government agency; and

(II) findings and recommendations of public commissions and task forces established to make recommendations or set standards for school security; and

(ii) compliant with all applicable codes, including building and life safety codes; and

(5) the term “tribal organization” has the same meaning given the term in section 5304(l) of title 25.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2704, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1502; amended Pub. L. 115-141, div. S, title V, §502(4), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1131.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Par. (1). Pub. L. 115-141, §502(4)(A), substituted “an” for “a public” and inserted “, including a Bureau-funded school (as defined in section 2021 of title 25)” after “secondary school”.

Pars. (4), (5). Pub. L. 115-141, §502(4)(B)–(D), added pars. (4) and (5).

§ 10555. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated—

(1) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2018, of which—

(A) \$50,000,000 shall be made available to the BJA Director to carry out this subchapter; and

(B) \$25,000,000 shall be made available to the COPS Director to carry out this subchapter; and

(2) \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2028, of which, for each fiscal year—

(A) \$67,000,000 shall be made available to the BJA Director to carry out this subchapter; and

(B) \$33,000,000 shall be made available to the COPS Director to carry out this subchapter.

(b) Offset

Any funds appropriated for the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative of the National Insti-

tute of Justice in fiscal year 2018 shall instead be used for the purposes in subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2705, as added Pub. L. 115-141, div. S, title V, §502(5), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1131.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2705 of title I of Pub. L. 90-351, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1502; amended Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1169(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3122, was classified to section 3797e of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to repeal by section 502(5) of title V of div. S of Pub. L. 115-141.

§ 10556. Rules of construction

(a) No funds to provide firearms or training

No amounts provided as a grant under this subchapter may be used for the provision to any person of a firearm or training in the use of a firearm.

(b) No effect on other laws

Nothing in this subchapter may be construed to preclude or contradict any other provision of law authorizing the provision of firearms or training in the use of firearms.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2706, as added Pub. L. 115-141, div. S, title V, §502(6), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1132.)

SUBCHAPTER XXVII—PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

§ 10561. Grant authorization

The Attorney General shall award grants to States and units of local government in accordance with this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2801, as added Pub. L. 106-561, §2(c)(1), Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2788; amended Pub. L. 107-273, div. B, title V, §5001(b)(1), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1813.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 3797j of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-273 inserted “and units of local government” after “States”.

§ 10562. Applications

To request a grant under this subchapter, a State or unit of local government shall submit to the Attorney General—

- (1) a certification that the State or unit of local government has developed a plan for forensic science laboratories under a program described in section 10564(a) of this title, and a specific description of the manner in which the grant will be used to carry out that plan;
- (2) a certification that any forensic science laboratory system, medical examiner’s office, or coroner’s office in the State, including any

laboratory operated by a unit of local government within the State, that will receive any portion of the grant amount uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures, established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies and, except with regard to any medical examiner’s office, or coroner’s office in the State, is accredited by an accrediting body that is a signatory to an internationally recognized arrangement and that offers accreditation to forensic science conformity assessment bodies using an accreditation standard that is recognized by that internationally recognized arrangement, or attests, in a manner that is legally binding and enforceable, to use a portion of the grant amount to prepare and apply for such accreditation not more than 2 years after the date on which a grant is awarded under section 10561 of this title;

(3) a specific description of any new facility to be constructed as part of the program for a State or local plan described in paragraph (1), and the estimated costs of that facility, and a certification that the amount of the grant used for the costs of the facility will not exceed the limitations set forth in section 10564(c) of this title; and

(4) a certification that a government entity exists and an appropriate process is in place to conduct independent external investigations into allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially affecting the integrity of the forensic results committed by employees or contractors of any forensic laboratory system, medical examiner’s office, coroner’s office, law enforcement storage facility, or medical facility in the State that will receive a portion of the grant amount.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2802, as added Pub. L. 106-561, §2(c)(1), Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2788; amended Pub. L. 107-273, div. B, title V, §5001(b)(2), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1813; Pub. L. 108-405, title III, §311(b), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2277; Pub. L. 114-324, §9(a)(1), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1954.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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AMENDMENTS

2016—Par. (2). Pub. L. 114-324 inserted “and, except with regard to any medical examiner’s office, or coroner’s office in the State, is accredited by an accrediting body that is a signatory to an internationally recognized arrangement and that offers accreditation to forensic science conformity assessment bodies using an accreditation standard that is recognized by that internationally recognized arrangement, or attests, in a manner that is legally binding and enforceable, to use a portion of the grant amount to prepare and apply for such accreditation not more than 2 years after the date on which a grant is awarded under section 3797j of this title” after “bodies”.

2004—Par. (4). Pub. L. 108-405 added par. (4).

2002—Pub. L. 107-273, §5001(b)(2)(A), inserted “or unit of local government” after “State” in introductory provisions.