

assisting individuals 50 years of age or over.

(3) Underserved populations

In making grants under this section, the Attorney General shall give priority to proposals providing services to culturally specific and underserved populations.

(4) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

(Pub. L. 103–322, title IV, § 40801, as added Pub. L. 106–386, div. B, title II, § 1209(a), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1508; amended Pub. L. 113–4, title II, § 204(a), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 82; Pub. L. 117–103, div. W, title II, § 204(2), Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 857.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 14041 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(B), (C)(i), (ii), inserted introductory provisions, struck out subsec. (a) which defined “exploitation”, “later life”, and “neglect”, struck out subsec. (b) designation and heading and text of par. (1) of former subsec. (b) which authorized the Attorney General to make grants to eligible entities, and redesignated pars. (2) to (5) of former subsec. (b) as pars. (1) to (4).

Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(A), substituted “Training” for “Enhanced training” in section catchline.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iii)(I), struck out “, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect” after “life” wherever appearing.

Par. (1)(A)(i). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iii)(II)(aa), substituted “victim advocates, or” for “victim advocates, and” and “abuse in later life” for “elder abuse”.

Par. (1)(A)(iv). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iii)(II)(bb), substituted “leaders, victim advocates, victim service providers, courts, and first responders to better serve older victims” for “advocates, victim service providers, and courts to better serve victims of abuse in later life”.

Par. (1)(B)(i). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iii)(III)(aa), substituted “community-based organizations, or other professionals who may identify or respond to abuse in later life” for “or other community-based organizations in recognizing and addressing instances of abuse in later life”.

Par. (1)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iii)(III)(bb), which directed amendment of cl. (ii) by striking “elder abuse and”, could not be executed because the words “elder abuse and” did not appear in text.

Par. (2)(A)(iv). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iv)(I)(aa), struck out “with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age” after “organization”.

Par. (2)(A)(v). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iv)(I)(bb), struck out “with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking” after “provider”.

Par. (2)(B)(iv). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(iv)(II), substituted “50 years of age or over.” for “in later life;”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 117–103, § 204(2)(C)(v), substituted “\$10,000,000” for “\$9,000,000” and “2023 through 2027” for “2014 through 2018”.

2013—Pub. L. 113–4 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section defined terms for this part.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2022 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 117–103 not effective until Oct. 1 of the first fiscal year beginning after Mar. 15, 2022, see section 4(a) of div. W of Pub. L. 117–103, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6851 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113–4 not effective until the beginning of the fiscal year following Mar. 7, 2013, see section 4 of Pub. L. 113–4, set out as a note under section 2261 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

PART H—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

§ 12431. Task force

(a) Establish

The Attorney General, in consultation with national nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations whose primary expertise is in domestic violence, shall establish a task force to coordinate research on domestic violence and to report to Congress on any overlapping or duplication of efforts on domestic violence issues. The task force shall be comprised of representatives from all Federal agencies that fund such research.

(b) Uses of funds

Funds appropriated under this section shall be used to—

(1) develop a coordinated strategy to strengthen research focused on domestic violence education, prevention, and intervention strategies;

(2) track and report all Federal research and expenditures on domestic violence; and

(3) identify gaps and duplication of efforts in domestic violence research and governmental expenditures on domestic violence issues.

(c) Report

The Task Force shall report to Congress annually on its work under subsection (b).

(d) Definition

For purposes of this section, the term “domestic violence” has the meaning given such term by section 10447¹ of this title.

(e) Authorization of Appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2004.

(Pub. L. 103–322, title IV, § 40901, as added Pub. L. 106–386, div. B, title IV, § 1407, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1517.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 10447 of this title, referred to in subsec. (d), was subsequently repealed and a new section 10447 enacted which does not define “domestic violence”. However, such term is defined in section 12291 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 14042 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

¹ See References in Text note below.

PART I—PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND STALKING

§ 12441. Grants to protect the privacy and confidentiality of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

The Attorney General, through the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, may award grants under this part to States, Indian tribes, territories, or local agencies or nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations to ensure that personally identifying information of adult, youth, and child victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and dating violence shall not be released or disclosed to the detriment of such victimized persons.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §41101, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §107, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2983.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 14043b of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 12442. Purpose areas

Grants made under this part may be used—

(1) to develop or improve protocols, procedures, and policies for the purpose of preventing the release of personally identifying information of victims (such as developing alternative identifiers);

(2) to defray the costs of modifying or improving existing databases, registries, and victim notification systems to ensure that personally identifying information of victims is protected from release, unauthorized information sharing and disclosure;

(3) to develop confidential opt out systems that will enable victims of violence to make a single request to keep personally identifying information out of multiple databases, victim notification systems, and registries; or

(4) to develop safe uses of technology (such as notice requirements regarding electronic surveillance by government entities), to protect against abuses of technology (such as electronic or GPS stalking), or providing training for law enforcement on high tech electronic crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §41102, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §107, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2983.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 14043b-1 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 12443. Eligible entities

Entities eligible for grants under this part include—

(1) jurisdictions or agencies within jurisdictions having authority or responsibility for developing or maintaining public databases, registries or victim notification systems;

(2) nonprofit nongovernmental victim advocacy organizations having expertise regarding confidentiality, privacy, and information technology and how these issues are likely to impact the safety of victims;

(3) States or State agencies;

(4) local governments or agencies;

(5) Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations;

(6) territorial governments, agencies, or organizations; or

(7) nonprofit nongovernmental victim advocacy organizations, including statewide domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §41103, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §107, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2983.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 14043b-2 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 12444. Grant conditions

Applicants described in paragraph (1) and paragraphs (3) through (6) shall demonstrate that they have entered into a significant partnership with a State, tribal, territorial, or local victim service or advocacy organization or condition in order to develop safe, confidential, and effective protocols, procedures, policies, and systems for protecting personally identifying information of victims.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §41104, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §107, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2984.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Paragraph (1) and paragraphs (3) through (6), referred to in text, probably mean paragraphs (1) and (3) through (6) of section 12443 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 14043b-3 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

PART J—SERVICES, EDUCATION, PROTECTION AND JUSTICE FOR YOUNG VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

§ 12451. Creating hope through outreach, options, services, and education for children and youth (“CHOOSE Children & Youth”)

(a) Grants authorized

The Attorney General, working in collaboration with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Education, shall award grants to enhance the safety of youth and children who are victims of, or exposed to, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking and prevent future violence.

(b) Program purposes

Funds provided under this section may be used for the following program purpose areas:

(1) Services to advocate for and respond to youth

To develop, expand, and strengthen victim-centered interventions and services that tar-