

(b) Dissemination to States

Not later than 1 year after the development of best practices described in subsection (a), the Attorney General shall disseminate to States and other relevant entities such best practices.

(c) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of Congress that States and other relevant entities should use the best practices developed and disseminated in accordance with this section to evaluate and improve the communication and coordination between State corrections departments and child protection agencies to ensure the safety and support of children of incarcerated parents (including those in foster care and kinship care), and the support of parent-child relationships between incarcerated (and formerly incarcerated) parents and their children, as appropriate to the health and well-being of the children.

(Pub. L. 110-199, title II, §243, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 691.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 17553 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 60554. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-391, title V, § 504(d), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5233

Section, Pub. L. 110-199, title II, §244, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 692, related to study of effectiveness of depot naltrexone for heroin addiction.

Section was formerly classified to section 17554 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 60555. Authorization of appropriations for research

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General to carry out sections 60551, 60552, and 60553 of this title, \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

(Pub. L. 110-199, title II, §245, Apr. 9, 2008, 122 Stat. 692; Pub. L. 115-391, title V, §504(e), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5233.)

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-391 substituted “and 60553 of this title, \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023” for “60553, and 60554 of this title, \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010”.

CHAPTER 607—PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

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§ 60701. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter—

(1) the term “firearms offenses” means an offense under section 922 or 924 of title 18;

(2) the term “Program” means the Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program established under section 60702 of this title; and

(3) the term “transnational organized crime group” has the meaning given such term in section 2708(k)(6) of title 22.

(Pub. L. 115-185, §2, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1485.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

For short title of Pub. L. 115-185, which is classified to this chapter, as the “Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018”, see section 1 of Pub. L. 115-185, set out as a Short Title of 2018 Amendment note under section 10101 of this title.

§ 60702. Establishment

The Attorney General of the United States is authorized to establish and carry out a program, to be known as the “Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program” within the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice.

(Pub. L. 115-185, §3, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1485.)

§ 60703. Purpose**(a) Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program**

The purpose of the Program is to foster and improve existing partnerships between Federal, State, and local agencies, including the United States Attorney in each Federal judicial district, entities representing members of the community affected by increased violence, victims’ advocates, and researchers to create safer neighborhoods through sustained reductions in violent crimes by—

(1) developing and executing comprehensive strategic plans to reduce violent crimes, including the enforcement of gun laws, and prioritizing efforts focused on identified subsets of individuals or organizations responsible for increasing violence in a particular geographic area;

(2) developing evidence-based and data-driven intervention and prevention initiatives, including juvenile justice projects and activities which may include street-level outreach, conflict mediation, provision of treatment and social services, and the changing of community norms, in order to reduce violence; and

(3) collecting data on outcomes achieved through the Program, including the effect on the violent crime rate, incarceration rate, and recidivism rate of the jurisdiction.

(b) Additional purpose areas

In addition to the purpose described in subsection (a), the Attorney General may use funds authorized under this chapter for any of the following purposes—

(1) competitive and evidence-based programs to reduce gun crime and gang violence;

(2) the Edward Byrne criminal justice innovation program;¹

¹So in original. Probably should be “Edward Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program;”.

(3) community-based violence prevention initiatives; or

(4) gang and youth violence education, prevention and intervention, and related activities.

(Pub. L. 115–185, §4, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1485.)

§ 60704. Rules and regulations

(a) In general

The Attorney General shall issue guidance to create, carry out, and administer the Program in accordance with this section.

(b) Funds to be directed to local control

Amounts made available as grants under the Program shall be, to the greatest extent practicable, locally controlled to address problems that are identified locally.

(c) Task Forces

Thirty percent of the amounts made available as grants under the Program each fiscal year shall be granted to Gang Task Forces in regions experiencing a significant or increased presence of criminal or transnational organizations engaging in high levels of violent crime, firearms offenses, human trafficking, and drug trafficking.

(d) Priority

Amounts made available as grants under the Program shall be used to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of individuals who have an aggravating or leadership role in a criminal or transnational organization described in subsection (c).

(Pub. L. 115–185, §5, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1486.)

§ 60705. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General to carry out the Program \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2021.

(Pub. L. 115–185, §6, June 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 1486.)

CHAPTER 609—HOMICIDE VICTIMS' FAMILIES' RIGHTS

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§ 60901. Case file review

(a) In general

The head of an agency shall review the case file regarding a cold case murder upon written application by one designated person to determine if a full reinvestigation would result in either the identification of probative investigative leads or a likely perpetrator.

(b) Review

The review under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an analysis of what investigative steps or follow-up steps may have been missed in the initial investigation;

(2) an assessment of whether witnesses should be interviewed or reinterviewed;

(3) an examination of physical evidence to see if all appropriate forensic testing and analysis was performed in the first instance or if additional testing might produce information relevant to the investigation; and

(4) an update of the case file using the most current investigative standards as of the date of the review to the extent it would help develop probative leads.

(c) Certification in lieu of review

In any case in which a written application for review has been received under this chapter by the agency, review shall be unnecessary where the case does not satisfy the criteria for a cold case murder. In such a case, the head of the agency shall issue a written certification, with a copy provided to the designated person that made the application under subsection (a), stating that final review is not necessary because all probative investigative leads have been exhausted or that a likely perpetrator will not be identified.

(d) Reviewer

A review required under subsection (a) shall not be conducted by a person who previously investigated the murder at issue.

(e) Acknowledgment

The agency shall provide in writing to the applicant as soon as reasonably possible—

(1) confirmation of the agency's receipt of the application under subsection (a); and

(2) notice of the applicant's rights under this chapter.

(f) Prohibition on multiple concurrent reviews

Only one case review shall be undertaken at any one time with respect to the same cold case murder victim.

(g) Time limit

Not later than 6 months after the receipt of the written application submitted pursuant to subsection (a), the agency shall conclude its case file review and reach a conclusion about whether or not a full reinvestigation under section 60903 of this title is warranted.

(h) Extensions

(1) In general

The agency may extend the time limit under subsection (g) once for a period of time not to exceed 6 months if the agency makes a finding that the number of case files to be reviewed make it impracticable to comply with such limit without unreasonably taking resources from other law enforcement activities.

(2) Actions subsequent to waiver

For cases for which the time limit in subsection (g) is extended, the agency shall provide notice and an explanation of its reasoning to one designated person who filed the written application pursuant to this section.

(Pub. L. 117–164, §2, Aug. 3, 2022, 136 Stat. 1358.)