

(3) Eligible individual**(A) In general**

The term “eligible individual” means an individual who is age 55 or older and who has a low income (including any such individual whose income is not more than 125 percent of the poverty line), excluding any income that is unemployment compensation, a benefit received under title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), a payment made to or on behalf of veterans or former members of the Armed Forces under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or 25 percent of a benefit received under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), subject to subsection (b).

(B) Participation**(i) Exclusion**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the term “eligible individual” does not include an individual who has participated in projects under this subchapter for a period of 48 months in the aggregate (whether or not consecutive) after July 1, 2007, unless the period was increased as described in clause (ii).

(ii) Increased periods of participation

The Secretary shall authorize a grantee for a project to increase the period of participation described in clause (i), pursuant to a request submitted by the grantee, for individuals who—

- (I) have a severe disability;
- (II) are frail or are age 75 or older;
- (III) meet the eligibility requirements related to age for, but do not receive, benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.);
- (IV) live in an area with persistent unemployment and are individuals with severely limited employment prospects; or
- (V) have limited English proficiency or low literacy skills.

(4) Income

In this section, the term “income” means income received during the 12-month period (or, at the option of the grantee involved, the annualized income for the 6-month period) ending on the date an eligible individual submits an application to participate in a project carried out under this subchapter by such grantee.

(5) Pacific Island and Asian Americans

The term “Pacific Island and Asian Americans” means Americans having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(6) Program

The term “program” means the older American community service employment program established under this subchapter.

(7) Supportive services

The term “supportive services” means services, such as transportation, child care, de-

pendent care, housing, and needs-related payments, that are necessary to enable an individual to participate in activities authorized under this subchapter, consistent with the provisions of this subchapter.

(8) Unemployed

The term “unemployed”, used with respect to a person or individual, means an individual who is without a job and who wants and is available for work, including an individual who may have occasional employment that does not result in a constant source of income.

(b) Rule

Pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary, an eligible individual shall have priority for the community service employment and other authorized activities provided under this subchapter if the individual—

- (1) is 65 years of age or older; or
- (2)(A) has a disability;
- (B) has limited English proficiency or low literacy skills;
- (C) resides in a rural area;
- (D) is a veteran;
- (E) has low employment prospects;
- (F) has failed to find employment after utilizing services provided under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.); or
- (G) is homeless or at risk for homelessness.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title V, §518, as added Pub. L. 109-365, title V, §501, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2588.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(A), (B)(ii)(III), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Titles II and XVI of the Act are classified generally to subchapters II (§401 et seq.) and XVI (§1381 et seq.), respectively, of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of this title and Tables.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, referred to in (b)(2)(F), is Pub. L. 105-220, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 936. Title I of the Act is classified principally to chapter 30 (§2801 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9201 of Title 20, Education, and Tables.

SUBCHAPTER X—GRANTS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

§ 3057. Statement of purpose

It is the purpose of this subchapter to promote the delivery of supportive services, including nutrition services to American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians that are comparable to services provided under subchapter III of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §601, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 959.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §601, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1548; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §3(d), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1597, related to statement of purpose for grants to Indian tribes, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175.

A prior section 601 of Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, as added Pub. L. 91-69, §9, Sept. 17, 1969, 83 Stat. 111; amended

Pub. L. 93-29, title VI, §601, May 3, 1973, 87 Stat. 55, related to grants and contracts for volunteer service projects and was classified to section 3044 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-113, title VI, §604(a), Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 417.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter effective Oct. 1, 1987, except not applicable with respect to any area plan submitted under section 3026(a) of this title or any State plan submitted under section 3027(a) of this title and approved for any fiscal year beginning before Nov. 29, 1987, see section 701(a), (b) of Pub. L. 100-175, set out as an Effective Date of 1987 Amendment note under section 3001 of this title.

§ 3057a. Sense of Congress

It is the sense of the Congress that older individuals who are Indians, older individuals who are Alaskan Natives, and older individuals who are Native Hawaiians are a vital resource entitled to all benefits and services available and that such services and benefits should be provided in a manner that preserves and restores their respective dignity, self-respect, and cultural identities.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §602, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 959; amended Pub. L. 102-375, title IX, §904(a)(20), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1309.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057a, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §602, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1549; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §3(d), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1597; Pub. L. 98-459, title VI, §601, Oct. 9, 1984, 98 Stat. 1787, related to eligibility of an Indian tribe for assistance and definitions, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057c of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-375 substituted “older individuals who are Indians, older individuals who are Alaskan Natives, and older individuals who are Native Hawaiians” for “older Indians, older Alaskan Natives, and older Native Hawaiians”.

PART A—INDIAN PROGRAM

§ 3057b. Findings

(a)¹ The Congress finds that the older individuals who are Indians of the United States—

- (1) are a rapidly increasing population;
- (2) suffer from high unemployment;
- (3) live in poverty at a rate estimated to be as high as 61 percent;
- (4) have a life expectancy between 3 and 4 years less than the general population;
- (5) lack sufficient nursing homes, other long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities;
- (6) lack sufficient Indian area agencies on aging;
- (7) frequently live in substandard and overcrowded housing;
- (8) receive less than adequate health care;
- (9) are served under this subchapter at a rate of less than 19 percent of the total national population of older individuals who are Indians living on Indian reservations; and

(10) are served under subchapter III of this chapter at a rate of less than 1 percent of the total participants under that subchapter.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §611, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 959; amended Pub. L. 102-375, title IX, §904(a)(21), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1309.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057b, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §603, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1549; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §§3(d), 13(a), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1597, 1608, related to authority of Commissioner to make grants to pay all costs for delivery of supportive services and nutritional services for older Indians, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057d of this title.

A prior section 603 of Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, as added Pub. L. 91-69, §9, Sept. 17, 1969, 83 Stat. 112; amended Pub. L. 93-29, title VI, §602, May 3, 1973, 87 Stat. 55, related to authorization of appropriations and was classified to section 3044a of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-113, title VI, §604(a), Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 417.

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-375, §904(a)(21)(A), inserted “individuals who are” after “older” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 102-375, §904(a)(21)(B), substituted “population of older individuals who are Indians” for “Indian elderly population”.

TASK FORCE

Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §134(d), Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 941, provided that:

“(1) The Commissioner on Aging [now Assistant Secretary for Aging] shall establish a permanent inter-agency task force that is representative of departments and agencies of the Federal Government with an interest in older Indians and their welfare, and is designed to make recommendations with respect to facilitating the coordination of services and the improvement of services to older Indians.

“(2) The task force shall be chaired by the Associate Commissioner on [now Director of the Office for] American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Aging and shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner at 6-month intervals beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 29, 1987]. Such findings and recommendations shall be included in the annual report required by section 207(a) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 [42 U.S.C. 3018(a)] to be submitted by the Commissioner.”

SPECIAL REPORT ON SERVICES FOR OLDER INDIANS

Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §134(e), Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 942, directed Commissioner on Aging to enter into a contract with a public agency or nonprofit private organization to conduct a thorough study of availability and quality of services under the Older Americans Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq., to older Indians and, not later than Dec. 31, 1988, submit to Congress a report and recommendations based on the study.

§ 3057c. Eligibility

(a) Criteria

A tribal organization of an Indian tribe is eligible for assistance under this part only if—

- (1) the tribal organization represents at least 50 individuals who are 60 years of age or older; and
- (2) the tribal organization demonstrates the ability to deliver supportive services, including nutritional services.

(b) Limitation

An Indian tribe represented by an organization specified in subsection (a) of this section shall

¹ So in original. No subsec. (b) has been enacted.