

**§ 3020e. Nutrition education**

The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to agencies and organizations that serve older individuals to assist such agencies and organizations to carry out integrated health promotion and disease prevention programs that—

- (1) are designed for older individuals; and
- (2) include—
  - (A) nutrition education;
  - (B) physical activity; and
  - (C) other activities to modify behavior and to improve health literacy, including providing information on optimal nutrient intake, through nutrition education and nutrition assessment and counseling, in accordance with section 3030g-21(2)(J) of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title II, §214, as added Pub. L. 102-375, title II, §209, Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1215; amended Pub. L. 103-171, §3(a)(13), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1990; Pub. L. 106-501, title VIII, §801(b)(5), Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2292; Pub. L. 109-365, title II, §208, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2537.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2006—Pub. L. 109-365 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Assistant Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture may provide technical assistance and appropriate material to agencies carrying out nutrition education programs in accordance with section 3030g-21(2)(J) of this title.”

2000—Pub. L. 106-501 substituted “3030g-21(2)(J)” for “3027(a)(13)(J)”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-171 substituted “Assistant Secretary” for “Commissioner”.

**§ 3020e-1. Pension counseling and information programs****(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Pension and other retirement benefits**

The term “pension and other retirement benefits” means private, civil service, and other public pensions and retirement benefits, including benefits provided under—

- (A) the Social Security program under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.);
- (B) the railroad retirement program under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231 et seq.);
- (C) the government retirement benefits programs under the Civil Service Retirement System set forth in chapter 83 of title 5, the Federal Employees Retirement System set forth in chapter 84 of title 5, or other Federal retirement systems; or
- (D) employee pension benefit plans as defined in section 1002(2) of title 29.

**(2) Pension counseling and information program**

The term “pension counseling and information program” means a program described in subsection (b) of this section.

**(b) Program authorized**

The Assistant Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to establish and carry out pen-

sion counseling and information programs that create or continue a sufficient number of pension assistance and counseling programs to provide outreach, information, counseling, referral, and other assistance regarding pension and other retirement benefits, and rights related to such benefits, to individuals in the United States.

**(c) Eligible entities**

The Assistant Secretary shall award grants under this section to—

- (1) State agencies or area agencies on aging; and
- (2) nonprofit organizations with a proven record of providing—
  - (A) services related to retirement of older individuals;
  - (B) services to Native Americans; or
  - (C) specific pension counseling.

**(d) Citizen advisory panel**

The Assistant Secretary shall establish a citizen advisory panel to advise the Assistant Secretary regarding which entities should receive grant awards under this section. Such panel shall include representatives of business, labor, national senior advocates, and national pension rights advocates. The Assistant Secretary shall consult such panel prior to awarding grants under this section.

**(e) Application**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall submit an application to the Assistant Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Assistant Secretary may require, including—

- (1) a plan to establish a pension counseling and information program that—
  - (A) establishes or continues a State or area pension counseling and information program;
  - (B) serves a specific geographic area;
  - (C) provides counseling (including direct counseling and assistance to individuals who need information regarding pension and other retirement benefits) and information that may assist individuals in obtaining, or establishing rights to, and filing claims or complaints regarding, pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (D) provides information on sources of pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (E) establishes a system to make referrals for legal services and other advocacy programs;
  - (F) establishes a system of referral to Federal, State, and local departments or agencies related to pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (G) provides a sufficient number of staff positions (including volunteer positions) to ensure information, counseling, referral, and assistance regarding pension and other retirement benefits;
  - (H) provides training programs for staff members, including volunteer staff members, of pension and other retirement benefits programs;
  - (I) makes recommendations to the Administration, the Department of Labor and