

**§ 3032b. Older individuals' protection from violence projects**

**(a) Program authorized**

The Assistant Secretary shall make grants to States, area agencies on aging, nonprofit organizations, or tribal organizations to carry out the activities described in subsection (b) of this section.

**(b) Activities**

A State, an area agency on aging, a nonprofit organization, or a tribal organization that receives a grant under subsection (a) of this section shall use such grant to—

(1) support projects in local communities, involving diverse sectors of each community, to coordinate activities concerning intervention in and prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including family violence and sexual assault, against older individuals;

(2) develop and implement outreach programs directed toward assisting older individuals who are victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation (including family violence and sexual assault, against older individuals), including programs directed toward assisting the individuals in senior housing complexes, nursing homes, board and care facilities, and senior centers;

(3) expand access to family violence and sexual assault programs (including shelters, rape crisis centers, and support groups), including mental health services, safety planning and legal advocacy for older individuals and encourage the use of senior housing, hotels, or other suitable facilities or services when appropriate as emergency short-term shelters for older individuals who are the victims of elder abuse, including family violence and sexual assault; or

(4) promote research on legal, organizational, or training impediments to providing services to older individuals through shelters and other programs, such as impediments to provision of services in coordination with delivery of health care or services delivered under this chapter.

**(c) Preference**

In awarding grants under subsection (a) of this section, the Assistant Secretary shall give preference to a State, an area agency on aging, a nonprofit organization, or a tribal organization that has the ability to carry out the activities described in this section and subchapter XI of this chapter.

**(d) Coordination**

The Assistant Secretary shall encourage each State, area agency on aging, nonprofit organization, and tribal organization that receives a grant under subsection (a) of this section to coordinate activities provided under this section with activities provided by other area agencies on aging, tribal organizations, State adult protective service programs, private nonprofit organizations, and by other entities receiving funds under subchapter XI of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title IV, §413, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title IV, §401, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2259.)

**§ 3032c. Health care service demonstration projects in rural areas**

**(a) Authority**

The Assistant Secretary, after consultation with the State agency of the State involved, shall make grants to eligible public agencies and nonprofit private organizations to pay part or all of the cost of developing or operating model health care service projects (including related home health care services, adult day health care, mental health services, outreach, and transportation) through multipurpose senior centers that are located in rural areas and that provide nutrition services under section 3030e of this title, to meet the health care needs of medically underserved older individuals residing in such areas.

**(b) Eligibility**

To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a) of this section, a public agency or nonprofit private organization shall submit to the Assistant Secretary an application containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require, including—

(1) information describing the nature and extent of the applicant's—

(A) experience in providing medical services of the type to be provided in the project for which a grant is requested; and

(B) coordination and cooperation with—

(i) institutions of higher education having graduate programs with capability in public health, mental health, the medical sciences, psychology, pharmacology, nursing, social work, health education, nutrition, or gerontology, for the purpose of designing and developing such project; and

(ii) critical access hospitals (as defined in section 1395x(mm)(1) of this title and rural health clinics (as defined in section 1395x(aa)(2) of this title);

(2) assurances that the applicant will carry out the project for which a grant is requested, through a multipurpose senior center located—

(A)(i) in a rural area that has a population of less than 5,000; or

(ii) in a county that has fewer than seven individuals per square mile; and

(B) in a State in which—

(i) not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  of the population resides in rural areas; and

(ii) not less than 5 percent of the population resides in counties with fewer than seven individuals per square mile,

as defined by and determined in accordance with the most recent data available from the Bureau of the Census; and

(3) assurances that the applicant will submit to the Assistant Secretary such evaluations and reports as the Assistant Secretary may require.

**(c) Reports**

The Assistant Secretary shall prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes summaries of the evaluations and reports required under subsection (b) of this section.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title IV, §414, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title IV, §401, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2259; amended Pub. L. 109-365, title IV, §404, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2553.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-365, §404(1), inserted “mental health services,” after “adult day health care.”

Subsec. (b)(1)(B)(i). Pub. L. 109-365, §404(2), inserted “mental health,” after “public health.”

### § 3032d. Computer training

#### (a) Program authorized

The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, may award grants or contracts to entities to provide computer training and enhanced Internet access for older individuals.

#### (b) Priority

If the Assistant Secretary awards grants under subsection (a) of this section, the Assistant Secretary shall give priority to an entity that—

- (1) will provide services to older individuals living in rural areas;
- (2) has demonstrated expertise in providing computer training to older individuals; or
- (3) has demonstrated that it has a variety of training delivery methods, including facility-based, computer-based, and Internet-based training, that may facilitate a determination of the best method of training older individuals.

#### (c) Special consideration

In awarding grants under this section, the Assistant Secretary shall give special consideration to applicants that have entered into a partnership with one or more private entities providing such applicants with donated information technologies including software, hardware, or training.

#### (d) Use of funds

An entity that receives a grant or contract under subsection (a) of this section shall use funds received under such grant or contract to provide training for older individuals that—

- (1) relates to the use of computers and related equipment, in order to improve the self-employment and employment-related technology skills of older individuals, as well as their ability to use the Internet; and
- (2) is provided at senior centers, housing facilities for older individuals, elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title IV, §415, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title IV, §401, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2260.)

### § 3032e. Technical assistance and innovation to improve transportation for older individuals

#### (a) In general

The Secretary may award grants or contracts to nonprofit organizations to improve transportation services for older individuals.

#### (b) Use of funds

##### (1) In general

A nonprofit organization receiving a grant or contract under subsection (a) shall use the

funds received through such grant or contract to carry out a demonstration project, or to provide technical assistance to assist local transit providers, area agencies on aging, senior centers, and local senior support groups, to encourage and facilitate coordination of Federal, State, and local transportation services and resources for older individuals. The organization may use the funds to develop and carry out an innovative transportation demonstration project to create transportation services for older individuals.

#### (2) Specific activities

In carrying out a demonstration project or providing technical assistance under paragraph (1) the organization may carry out activities that include—

- (A) developing innovative approaches for improving access by older individuals to transportation services, including volunteer driver programs, economically sustainable transportation programs, and programs that allow older individuals to transfer their automobiles to a provider of transportation services in exchange for the services;
- (B) preparing information on transportation options and resources for older individuals and organizations serving such individuals, and disseminating the information by establishing and operating a toll-free telephone number;
- (C) developing models and best practices for providing comprehensive integrated transportation services for older individuals, including services administered by the Secretary of Transportation, by providing ongoing technical assistance to agencies providing services under subchapter III and by assisting in coordination of public and community transportation services; and
- (D) providing special services to link older individuals to transportation services not provided under subchapter III.

#### (c) Economically sustainable transportation

In this section, the term “economically sustainable transportation” means demand responsive transportation for older individuals—

- (1) that may be provided through volunteers; and
- (2) that the provider will provide without receiving Federal or other public financial assistance, after a period of not more than 5 years of providing the services under this section.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title IV, §416, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title IV, §401, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2261; amended Pub. L. 109-365, title IV, §405, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2554.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-365 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) relating to grants and contracts to provide technical assistance to improve transportation for seniors.