

## 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)<sup>1</sup> 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 interagency 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.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. No subsec. (b) has been enacted.

“(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 be eligible for only one grant under this part for any fiscal year. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude an Indian tribe represented by an organization specified in subsection (a) of this section from receiving a grant under section 3057k-11 of this title.

## (c) “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” defined

For the purposes of this part the terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” have the same meaning as in section 450b of title 25.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §612, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 959; amended Pub. L. 106-501, title VI, §601, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2287.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057c, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §604, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1549; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §13(b), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1608; Pub. L. 98-459, title VI, §602, Oct. 9, 1984, 98 Stat. 1788, related to applications for assistance, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057e of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 106-501 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

## § 3057d. Grants authorized

The Assistant Secretary may make grants to eligible tribal organizations to pay all of the costs for delivery of supportive services and nutrition services for older individuals who are Indians.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §613, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 960;

amended Pub. L. 102-375, title IX, §904(a)(22), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1309; Pub. L. 103-171, §3(a)(13), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1990.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057d, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §605, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1551; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §13(c), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1608, provided that in establishing administrative regulations the Commissioner consult with the Secretary of the Interior, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057f of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

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

1992—Pub. L. 102-375 inserted “individuals who are” after “older”.

### § 3057e. Applications

#### (a) Approval criteria; provisions and assurances

No grant may be made under this part unless the eligible tribal organization submits an application to the Assistant Secretary which meets such criteria as the Assistant Secretary may by regulation prescribe. Each such application shall—

(1) provide that the eligible tribal organization will evaluate the need for supportive and nutrition services among older individuals who are Indians to be represented by the tribal organization;

(2) provide for the use of such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the program to be assisted;

(3) provide that the tribal organization will make such reports in such form and containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary may reasonably require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to assure the correctness of such reports;

(4) provide for periodic evaluation of activities and projects carried out under the application;

(5) establish objectives consistent with the purposes of this part toward which activities under the application will be directed, identify obstacles to the attainment of such objectives, and indicate the manner in which the tribal organization proposes to overcome such obstacles;

(6) provide for establishing and maintaining information and assistance services to assure that older individuals who are Indians to be served by the assistance made available under this part will have reasonably convenient access to such services;

(7) provide a preference for older individuals who are Indians for full or part-time staff positions wherever feasible;

(8) provide assurances that either directly or by way of grant or contract with appropriate entities nutrition services will be delivered to older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization substantially in compliance with the provisions of part C of subchapter III of this chapter, except that in any case in which the need for nutritional services for older individuals who are Indians

represented by the tribal organization is already met from other sources, the tribal organization may use the funds otherwise required to be expended under this paragraph for supportive services;

(9) provide that any legal or ombudsman services made available to older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization will be substantially in compliance with the provisions of subchapter III of this chapter relating to the furnishing of similar services;

(10) provide satisfactory assurance that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under this part to the tribal organization, including any funds paid by the tribal organization to a recipient of a grant or contract; and

(11) contain assurances that the tribal organization will coordinate services provided under this part with services provided under subchapter III of this chapter in the same geographical area.

#### (b) Population statistics development

For the purpose of any application submitted under this part, the tribal organization may develop its own population statistics, with approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in order to establish eligibility.

#### (c) Approval by Assistant Secretary

(1) The Assistant Secretary shall approve any application which complies with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The Assistant Secretary shall provide waivers and exemptions of the reporting requirements of subsection (a)(3) of this section for applicants that serve Indian populations in geographically isolated areas, or applicants that serve small Indian populations, where the small scale of the project, the nature of the applicant, or other factors make the reporting requirements unreasonable under the circumstances. The Assistant Secretary shall consult with such applicants in establishing appropriate waivers and exemptions.

(3) The Assistant Secretary shall approve any application that complies with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, except that in determining whether an application complies with the requirements of subsection (a)(8) of this section, the Assistant Secretary shall provide maximum flexibility to an applicant that seeks to take into account subsistence needs, local customs, and other characteristics that are appropriate to the unique cultural, regional, and geographic needs of the Indian populations to be served.

(4) In determining whether an application complies with the requirements of subsection (a)(12)<sup>1</sup> of this section, the Assistant Secretary shall require only that an applicant provide an appropriate narrative description of the geographic area to be served and an assurance that procedures will be adopted to ensure against du-

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.