

**§ 3796gg-5. Costs for criminal charges and protection orders**

**(a) In general**

A State, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government, shall not be entitled to funds under this subchapter unless the State, Indian tribal government, or unit of local government—

(1) certifies that its laws, policies, and practices do not require, in connection with the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking offense, or in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal or service of a protection order, or a petition for a protection order, to protect a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, that the victim bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the offender, or the costs associated with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal or service of a warrant, protection order, petition for a protection order, or witness subpoena, whether issued inside or outside the State, tribal, or local jurisdiction; or

(2) gives the Attorney General assurances that its laws, policies and practices will be in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (1) within the later of—

(A) the period ending on the date on which the next session of the State legislature ends; or

(B) 2 years after October 28, 2000.

**(b) Redistribution**

Funds withheld from a State, unit of local government, or Indian tribal government under subsection (a) of this section shall be distributed to other States, units of local government, and Indian tribal government, respectively, pro rata.

**(c) Definition**

In this section, the term “protection order” has the meaning given the term in section 2266 of title 18.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2011, formerly §2006, as added Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §40121(a)(3), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1915; amended Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1101(b)(1), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1492; renumbered §2011, Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title IV, §402(2), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1789; Pub. L. 108-405, title III, §310(b), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2276; Pub. L. 113-4, title I, §101(5), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 69.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113-4 inserted “modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal” after “registration,” in two places and “, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking” after “felony domestic violence” and substituted “victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking” for “victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault”.

2000—Pub. L. 106-386, §1101(b)(1)(A), in section catchline, substituted “Costs” for “Filing costs” and inserted “and protection orders” after “charges”.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 106-386, §1101(b)(1)(B)(i), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “certifies that its laws, policies, and practices do not require, in connection with the prosecution of any

misdemeanor or felony domestic violence offense, that the abused bear the costs associated with the filing of criminal charges against the domestic violence offender, or the costs associated with the issuance or service of a warrant, protection order, or witness subpoena; or”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 106-386, §1101(b)(1)(B)(ii), substituted “2 years after October 28, 2000” for “2 years”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-386, §1101(b)(1)(C), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-4 not effective until the beginning of the fiscal year following Mar. 7, 2013, see section 4 of Pub. L. 113-4, set out as a note under section 2261 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

**§ 3796gg-6. Legal assistance for victims**

**(a) In general**

The purpose of this section is to enable the Attorney General to award grants to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimal or no cost to the victims. Criminal legal assistance provided for under this section shall be limited to criminal matters relating to or arising out of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

**(b) Definitions and grant conditions**

In this section, the definitions and grant conditions provided in section 13925 of this title shall apply.

**(c) Legal assistance for victims grants**

The Attorney General may award grants under this subsection to private nonprofit entities, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, territorial organizations, and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity such as law schools, and which shall be used—

(1) to implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts and projects between domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault victim service providers and legal assistance providers to provide legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault;

(2) to implement, expand, and establish efforts and projects to provide legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault by organizations with a demonstrated history of providing direct legal or advocacy services on behalf of these victims; and

(3) to implement, expand, and establish efforts and projects to provide competent, supervised pro bono legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, except that not more than 10 percent of the funds awarded under this section may be used for the purpose described in this paragraph.

**(d) Eligibility**

To be eligible for a grant under subsection (c) of this section, applicants shall certify in writing that—

(1) any person providing legal assistance through a program funded under subsection (c) of this section—”<sup>1</sup>

(A) has demonstrated expertise in providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in the targeted population; or

(B)(i) is partnered with an entity or person that has demonstrated expertise described in subparagraph (A); and

(ii) has completed, or will complete, training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault and related legal issues, including training on evidence-based risk factors for domestic and dating violence homicide;

(2) any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a tribal, State, territorial, or local domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking victim service provider or coalition, as well as appropriate tribal, State, territorial, and local law enforcement officials;

(3) any person or organization providing legal assistance through a program funded under subsection (c) of this section has informed and will continue to inform State, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault programs and coalitions, as well as appropriate State and local law enforcement officials of their work; and

(4) the grantee’s organizational policies do not require mediation or counseling involving offenders and victims physically together, in cases where sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or child sexual abuse is an issue.

**(e) Evaluation**

The Attorney General may evaluate the grants funded under this section through contracts or other arrangements with entities expert on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault, and on evaluation research.

**(f) Authorization of appropriations**

**(1) In general**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$57,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

**(2) Allocation of funds**

**(A) Tribal programs**

Of the amount made available under this subsection in each fiscal year, not less than 3 percent shall be used for grants for programs that assist adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault on lands within the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

**(B) Tribal government program**

**(i) In general**

Not less than 7 percent of the total amount available under this section for

each fiscal year shall be available for grants under the program authorized by section 3796gg-10 of this title.

**(ii) Applicability of subchapter**

The requirements of this section shall not apply to funds allocated for the program described in clause (i).

**(C) Victims of sexual assault**

Of the amount made available under this subsection in each fiscal year, not less than 25 percent shall be used for direct services, training, and technical assistance to support projects focused solely or primarily on providing legal assistance to victims of sexual assault.

**(3) Nonsupplantation**

Amounts made available under this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local funds expended to further the purpose of this section.

(Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title II, §1201, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1504; Pub. L. 108-405, title II, §205, Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2271; Pub. L. 109-162, title I, §103, title IX, §906(f), formerly §906(g), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2978, 3082, renumbered §906(f), Pub. L. 109-271, §7(b)(2)(B), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 764; Pub. L. 109-271, §7(d)(1), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 765; Pub. L. 113-4, title I, §103, Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 73.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 and also as part of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, and not as part of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-4, §103(1), substituted “relating to or arising out of” for “arising as a consequence of” and inserted “or arising out of” after “criminal matters relating to”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-4, §103(2), inserted “and grant conditions” after “Definitions” in heading and after “definitions” in text.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 113-4, §103(3)(A), which directed the substitution of “victim service providers” for “victims services organizations”, was executed by making the substitution for “victim services organizations” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 113-4, §103(3)(B), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: “to provide training, technical assistance, and data collection to improve the capacity of grantees and other entities to offer legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.”

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 113-4, §103(4)(A), substituted “this section—” for “this section has completed or will complete training in connection with domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault and related legal issues;” and added subpars. (A) and (B).

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 113-4, §103(4)(B), substituted “stalking victim service provider” for “stalking organization”.

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 113-4, §103(5), substituted “this section \$57,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.” for “this section \$65,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.”

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-162, §103(1), inserted “civil and criminal” after “availability of”, “adult and youth” after “effective aid to”, and “Criminal legal assistance provided for under this section shall be limited

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The closing quotation marks probably should not appear.

to criminal matters relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.” at end.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-162, §103(2), reenacted subsec. heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text defined for purposes of this section the terms “dating violence”, “domestic violence”, “legal assistance”, and “sexual assault”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-162, §103(3), inserted “and tribal organizations, territorial organizations” after “Indian tribal governments” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 109-162, §103(4), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “any training program conducted in satisfaction of the requirement of paragraph (1) has been or will be developed with input from and in collaboration with a State, local, or tribal domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault program or coalition, as well as appropriate State and local law enforcement officials;”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-162, §103(5), which directed amendment identical to that made by Pub. L. 108-405, §205(5), was not executed. See 2004 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 109-162, §103(6)(A), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1). Former text read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.”

Subsec. (f)(2)(A). Pub. L. 109-271, §7(d)(1)(A)(i), substituted “3 percent” for “10 percent”.

Pub. L. 109-162, §103(6)(B), substituted “10 percent” for “5 percent” and inserted “adult and youth” after “that assist”.

Subsec. (f)(2)(B), (C). Pub. L. 109-271, §7(d)(1)(A)(ii), (iii), added subpar. (B) and redesignated former subpar. (B) as (C).

Subsec. (f)(4). Pub. L. 109-271, §7(d)(1)(B), struck out par. (4) which read as follows: “Not less than 10 percent of the total amount available under this section for each fiscal year shall be available for grants under the program authorized in section 3796gg-10 of this title. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to funds allocated for such program.”

Pub. L. 109-162, §906(f), formerly §906(g), as renumbered by Pub. L. 109-271, §7(b)(2)(B), added par. (4).

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(1), inserted “dating violence,” after “domestic violence.”

Subsec. (b)(1) to (4). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(2), added par. (1), redesignated former pars. (1) to (3) as (2) to (4), respectively, and inserted “dating violence,” after “domestic violence,” in par. (3).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(3)(A), inserted “, dating violence,” after “between domestic violence” and “dating violence,” after “victims of domestic violence.”

Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(3)(B), (C), inserted “dating violence,” after “domestic violence.”

Subsec. (d)(1) to (3). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(4)(A)–(C), inserted “, dating violence,” after “domestic violence”.

Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(4)(D), inserted “dating violence,” after “domestic violence.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(5), inserted “dating violence,” after “domestic violence.”

Subsec. (f)(2)(A). Pub. L. 108-405, §205(6), inserted “dating violence,” after “domestic violence.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-4 not effective until the beginning of the fiscal year following Mar. 7, 2013, see section 4 of Pub. L. 113-4, set out as a note under section 2261 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-162 not effective until the beginning of fiscal year 2007, see section 4 of Pub. L. 109-162, set out as a note under section 3793 of this title.

## § 3796gg-7. Education, training, and enhanced services to end violence against and abuse of women with disabilities

### (a) In general

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, may award grants to eligible entities—

(1) to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against individuals with disabilities (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)); and

(2) to enhance direct services to such individuals.

### (b) Use of funds

Grants awarded under this section shall be used—

(1) to provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction (including using evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide) and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against disabled individuals;

(2) to conduct outreach activities to ensure that disabled individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault receive appropriate assistance;

(3) to conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and nonprofit, non-governmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention and the nature of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault for disabled individuals;

(4) to provide technical assistance to assist with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure equal access to the services, programs, and activities of victim service providers for disabled individuals;

(5) to provide training and technical assistance on the requirements of shelters and victim service providers under Federal anti-discrimination laws, including—

(A) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.]; and

(B) section 794 of title 29;

(6) to modify facilities, purchase equipment, and provide personnel so that shelters and victim service organizations can accommodate the needs of disabled individuals;

(7) to provide advocacy and intervention services for disabled individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault; or

(8) to develop model programs providing advocacy and intervention services within organizations serving disabled individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

### (c) Eligible entities

#### (1) In general

An entity shall be eligible to receive a grant under this section if the entity is—

(A) a State;