- (1) have demonstrated or demonstrate ability in—
 - (A) locating missing children or locating and reuniting missing children with their legal custodians;
 - (B) providing other services to missing children or their families; or
 - (C) conducting research relating to missing children; and
- (2) with respect to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1), substantially utilize volunteer assistance.

The Administrator shall give first priority to applicants qualifying under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

(c) Non-Federal fund expenditures requisite for receipt of Federal assistance

In order to receive assistance under this subchapter for a fiscal year, applicants shall give assurance that they will expend, to the greatest extent practicable, for such fiscal year an amount of funds (without regard to any funds received under any Federal law) that is not less than the amount of funds they received in the preceding fiscal year from State, local, and private sources.

(Pub. L. 93–415, title IV, § 405, formerly § 406, as added Pub. L. 98–473, title II, § 660, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2128; renumbered § 405 and amended Pub. L. 100–690, title VII, §§ 7287, 7290(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4460, 4461; Pub. L. 101–204, title X, § 1004(3), Dec. 7, 1989, 103 Stat. 1828; Pub. L. 106-71, § 2(d), Oct. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1035; Pub. L. 113-38, § 2(c), Sept. 30, 2013, 127 Stat. 528.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 405 of Pub. L. 93–415 was classified to section 5774 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 100–690, title VII, $\S7286$, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4460.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113–38, $\S2(c)(1)$, inserted "schools, school leaders, teachers, State and local educational agencies, homeless shelters and service providers," after "children,".

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 113–38, $\S 2(c)(2)$, inserted "and schools" after "communities".

 $1999\mathrm{-Subsec.}$ (a). Pub. L. $106\mathrm{-}71$ inserted "the Center and with" before "public agencies" in introductory provisions.

1989—Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 101–204 substituted "clearinghouses" for "clearinghouse".

1988—Subsec. (a)(7) to (9). Pub. L. 100–690, $\S7287$, added pars. (7) to (9).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 effective Oct. 1, 1988, see section 7296(a) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

§ 5776. Criteria for grants

(a) Establishment of priorities and criteria; publication in Federal Register

In carrying out the programs authorized by this subchapter, the Administrator shall establish—

(1) annual research, demonstration, and service program priorities for making grants and contracts pursuant to section 5775 of this title; and

(2) criteria based on merit for making such grants and contracts.

Not less than 60 days before establishing such priorities and criteria, the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register for public comment a statement of such proposed priorities and criteria.

(b) Competitive selection process for grant or contract exceeding \$50,000

No grant or contract exceeding \$50,000 shall be made under this subchapter unless the grantee or contractor has been selected by a competitive process which includes public announcement of the availability of funds for such grant or contract, general criteria for the selection of recipients or contractors, and a description of the application process and application review process.

(c) Multiple grants or contracts to same grantee or contractor

Multiple grants or contracts to the same grantee or contractor within any 1 year to support activities having the same general purpose shall be deemed to be a single grant for the purpose of this subsection, but multiple grants or contracts to the same grantee or contractor to support clearly distinct activities shall be considered separate grants or contractors.¹

(Pub. L. 93–415, title IV, § 406, formerly § 407, as added Pub. L. 98–473, title II, § 660, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2129; renumbered § 406 and amended Pub. L. 100–690, title VII, §§ 7288, 7290, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4461.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 406 of Pub. L. 93–415 was renumbered section 405 and is classified to section 5775 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, §7290(b), which purported to make technical amendment to reference to section 5775 of this title to reflect renumbering of corresponding section of original act, could not be executed to text because of general amendment of section by Pub. L. 100-690, §7288, see below.

Pub. L. 100-690, §7288, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: "The Administrator, in consultation with the Advisory Board, shall establish annual research, demonstration, and service program priorities for making grants and contracts pursuant to section 5775 of this title and, not less than 60 days before establishing such priorities, shall publish in the Federal Register for public comment a statement of such proposed priorities."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 effective Oct. 1, 1988, see section 7296(a) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as a note under section 5601 of this title.

§ 5776a. Oversight and accountability

All grants awarded by the Department of Justice that are authorized under this subchapter shall be subject to the following:

(1) Audit requirement

For 2 of the fiscal years in the period of fiscal years 2014 through 2018, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice shall conduct audits of the recipient of grants under

¹ So in original. Probably should be "contracts."