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§ 10603d. Crime victims legal assistance grants

(a) In general

The Director may make grants as provided in section 10603(c)(1)(A) of this title to State, tribal, and local prosecutors' offices, law enforcement agencies, courts, jails, and correctional institutions, and to qualified public and private entities, to develop, establish, and maintain programs for the enforcement of crime victims' rights as provided in law.

(b) Prohibition

Grant amounts under this section may not be used to bring a cause of action for damages.

(c) False Claims Act

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts collected pursuant to sections 3729 through 3731 of title 31 (commonly known as the "False Claims Act") may be used for grants under this section, subject to appropriation.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1404D, as added Pub. L. 108-405, title I, §103(a), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2264.)

§ 10603e. Crime victims notification grants

(a) In general

The Director may make grants as provided in section 10603(c)(1)(A) of this title to State, tribal, and local prosecutors' offices, law enforcement agencies, courts, jails, and correctional institutions, and to qualified public or private entities, to develop and implement state-of-the-art systems for notifying victims of crime of important dates and developments relating to the criminal proceedings at issue in a timely and efficient manner, provided that the jurisdiction has laws substantially equivalent to the provisions of chapter 237 of title 18.

(b) Integration of systems

Systems developed and implemented under this section may be integrated with existing case management systems operated by the recipient of the grant.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

In addition to funds made available under section 10601(d) of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

- (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2005; and
- (2) \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

(d) False Claims Act

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts collected pursuant to sections 3729 through 3731 of title 31 (commonly known as the "False Claims Act") may be used for grants under this section, subject to appropriation.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1404E, as added Pub. L. 108-405, title I, §103(c), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2265.)

§ 10603f. Sexual assault survivors' notification grants

(a) In general

The Attorney General may make grants as provided in section 10603(c)(1)(A) of this title to

States to develop and disseminate to entities described in subsection (c)(1) of this section written notice of applicable rights and policies for sexual assault survivors.

(b) Notification of rights

Each recipient of a grant awarded under subsection (a) shall make its best effort to ensure that each entity described in subsection (c)(1) provides individuals who identify as a survivor of a sexual assault, and who consent to receiving such information, with written notice of applicable rights and policies regarding—

- (1) the right not to be charged fees for or otherwise prevented from pursuing a sexual assault evidence collection kit;
- (2) the right to have a sexual assault medical forensic examination regardless of whether the survivor reports to or cooperates with law enforcement;
- (3) the availability of a sexual assault advocate;
- (4) the availability of protective orders and policies related to their enforcement;
- (5) policies regarding the storage, preservation, and disposal of sexual assault evidence collection kits;
- (6) the process, if any, to request preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits or the probative evidence from such kits; and
- (7) the availability of victim compensation and restitution.

(c) Dissemination of written notice

Each recipient of a grant awarded under subsection (a) shall—

- (1) provide the written notice described in subsection (b) to medical centers, hospitals, forensic examiners, sexual assault service providers, State and local law enforcement agencies, and any other State agency or department reasonably likely to serve sexual assault survivors; and
- (2) make the written notice described in subsection (b) publicly available on the Internet website of the attorney general of the State.

(d) Provision to promote compliance

The Attorney General may provide such technical assistance and guidance as necessary to help recipients meet the requirements of this section.

(e) Integration of systems

Any system developed and implemented under this section may be integrated with an existing case management system operated by the recipient of the grant if the system meets the requirements listed in this section.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1404F, as added Pub. L. 114-236, §3, Oct. 7, 2016, 130 Stat. 967.)

§ 10604. Administrative provisions

(a) Authority of Director to establish rules and regulations

The Director may establish such rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures as are necessary to carry out any function of the Director under this chapter.

(b) Recordkeeping

Each recipient of sums under this chapter shall keep such records as the Director shall

prescribe, including records that fully disclose the amount and disposition by such recipient of such sums, the total cost of the undertaking for which such sums are used, and that portion of the cost of the undertaking supplied by other sources, and such other records as will facilitate an effective audit.

(c) Access of Director to books and records for purpose of audit and examination

The Director shall have access, for purpose of audit and examination, to any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient of sums under this chapter that, in the opinion of the Director, may be related to the expenditure of funds received under this chapter.

(d) Revealing research or statistical information; prohibition; immunity from legal proceedings; permission; admission of information as evidence

Except as otherwise provided by Federal law, no officer or employee of the Federal Government, and no recipient of sums under this chapter, shall use or reveal any research or statistical information furnished under this chapter by any person and identifiable to any specific private person for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with this chapter. Such information, and any copy of such information, shall be immune from legal process and shall not, without the consent of the person furnishing such information, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit, or other judicial, legislative, or administrative proceeding.

(e) Discrimination prohibited

No person shall on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, or sex be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in connection with, any undertaking funded in whole or in part with sums made available under this chapter.

(f) Failure to comply with provisions; notice and hearing; power of Director

If, after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing on the record, the Director finds that a State has failed to comply substantially with any provision of this chapter or a rule, regulation, guideline, or procedure issued under this chapter, or an application submitted in accordance with this chapter or the provisions of any other applicable law, the Director shall—

- (1) terminate payments to such State;
- (2) suspend payments to such State until the Director is satisfied that such noncompliance has ended; or
- (3) take such other action as the Director deems appropriate.

(g) Report

The Director shall, on December 31, 1990, and on June 30 every two years thereafter, report to the President and to the Congress on the revenue derived from each source described in section 10601 of this title and on the effectiveness of the activities supported under this chapter. The Director may include in such report recommendations for legislation to improve this chapter.

(h) Maintenance of effort

Each entity receiving sums made available under this chapter for administrative purposes shall certify that such sums will not be used to supplant State or local funds, but will be used to increase the amount of such funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds, be made available for these purposes.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1407, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2176; Pub. L. 99-646, §48, Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3605; Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7123(b)(10)-(14), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4421, 4422; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXIII, §§230206, 230207, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2080; Pub. L. 104-294, title VI, §604(b)(9), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3507.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (h), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this chapter", meaning chapter XIV of title II of Pub. L. 98-473, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 104-294 amended directory language of Pub. L. 103-322, §230207. See 1994 Amendment note below.

1994—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 103-322, §230207, as amended by Pub. L. 104-294, substituted "and on June 30 every two years thereafter" for "and on December 31 every 2 years thereafter".

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 103-322, §230206, added subsec. (h). 1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-690, §7123(b)(10), substituted "Director" for "Attorney General" in two places and "under this chapter" for "under this chapter and may delegate to any officer or employee of the Department of Justice any such function as the Attorney General deems appropriate".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-690, §7123(b)(11), substituted "Director" for "Attorney General".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-690, §7123(b)(12), which directed substitution of "Director" for "Attorney General or any duly authorized representative of the Attorney General", was executed by making substitution in two places.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100-690, §7123(b)(13), substituted "Director" for "Attorney General" two places in introductory provisions and in pars. (2) and (3).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 100-690, §7123(b)(14), substituted "Director" for "Attorney General" in two places and "on December 31, 1990, and on December 31 every 2 years thereafter" for "no later than December 31, 1987".

1986—Subsecs. (g), (h). Pub. L. 99-646 redesignated subsec. (h) as (g) and substituted "1402", which was translated as "section 10601 of this title" for "1302", which had been editorially translated as "section 10601 of this title", thereby requiring no change in text.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-294 effective Sept. 13, 1994, see section 604(d) of Pub. L. 104-294, set out as a note under section 13 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 not applicable with respect to a State compensation program that was an eligible State crime victim compensation program on Nov. 18, 1988, until Oct. 1, 1991, see section 7129 of Pub. L. 100-690, as amended, set out as a note under section 10601 of this title.

REPORTS ON AMOUNTS RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED FROM FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF TRADE SECRETS PROVISIONS

Pub. L. 104-294, title I, §101(c), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3491, provided that: "Not later than 2 years and 4 years

after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 11, 1996], the Attorney General shall report to Congress on the amounts received and distributed from fines for offenses under this chapter [probably means chapter 90 of title 18, added by section 101(a) of Pub. L. 104-294] deposited in the Crime Victims Fund established by section 1402 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601).”

§ 10605. Establishment of Office for Victims of Crime

(a) Office established within Department of Justice

There is established within the Department of Justice an Office for Victims of Crime (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the “Office”).

(b) Appointment of Director; authority; restrictions

The Office shall be headed by a Director (referred to in this chapter as the “Director”), who shall be appointed by the President. The Director shall report to the Attorney General through the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs and shall have final authority for all grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts awarded by the Office. The Director shall not engage in any employment other than that of serving as the Director, nor shall the Director hold any office in, or act in any capacity for, any organization, agency, or institution with which the Office makes any contract or other agreement under this chapter.¹

(c) Duties of Director

The Director shall have the following duties:

(1) Administering funds made available by section 10601 of this title.

(2) Providing funds to eligible States pursuant to sections 10602 and 10603 of this title.

(3) Establishing programs in accordance with section 10603(c) of this title on terms and conditions determined by the Director to be consistent with that subsection.

(4) Cooperating with and providing technical assistance to States, units of local government, and other public and private organizations or international agencies involved in activities related to crime victims.

(5) Such other functions as the Attorney General may delegate.

(Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1411, as added Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7123(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4420; amended Pub. L. 112-166, §2(h)(5), Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1285.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, the last place it appears in subsec. (b), was in the original “this part”, which has been translated as reading in the original “this chapter” meaning chapter XIV of title II of Pub. L. 98-473 to reflect the probable intent of Congress because chapter XIV of title II of Pub. L. 98-473 which comprises this chapter, does not contain parts.

AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-166 struck out “, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” before period at end of first sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-166 effective 60 days after Aug. 10, 2012, and applicable to appointments made on

and after that effective date, including any nomination pending in the Senate on that date, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 112-166, set out as a note under section 113 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section not applicable with respect to a State compensation program that was an eligible State crime victim compensation program on Nov. 18, 1988, until Oct. 1, 1991, see section 7129 of Pub. L. 100-690, as amended, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 10601 of this title.

§ 10606. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-405, title I, § 102(c), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2264

Section, Pub. L. 101-647, title V, §502, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4820, related to rights of crime victims. See section 3771 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

§ 10607. Services to victims

(a) Designation of responsible officials

The head of each department and agency of the United States engaged in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime shall designate by names and office titles the persons who will be responsible for identifying the victims of crime and performing the services described in subsection (c) at each stage of a criminal case.

(b) Identification of victims

At the earliest opportunity after the detection of a crime at which it may be done without interfering with an investigation, a responsible official shall—

(1) identify the victim or victims of a crime;

(2) inform the victims of their right to receive, on request, the services described in subsection (c); and

(3) inform each victim of the name, title, and business address and telephone number of the responsible official to whom the victim should address a request for each of the services described in subsection (c).

(c) Description of services

(1) A responsible official shall—

(A) inform a victim of the place where the victim may receive emergency medical and social services;

(B) inform a victim of any restitution or other relief to which the victim may be entitled under this or any other law and¹ manner in which such relief may be obtained;

(C) inform a victim of public and private programs that are available to provide counseling, treatment, and other support to the victim; and

(D) assist a victim in contacting the persons who are responsible for providing the services and relief described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C).

(2) A responsible official shall arrange for a victim to receive reasonable protection from a suspected offender and persons acting in concert with or at the behest of the suspected offender.

(3) During the investigation and prosecution of a crime, a responsible official shall provide a victim the earliest possible notice of—

¹ See References in Text note below.

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by “the”.