

a new subchapter V enacted by Pub. L. 100-690, title VI, § 6091(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4328.

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (i), is Pub. L. 93-415, Sept. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1109, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 72 (§5601 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note under section 5601 of this title and Tables.

Section 3744(c)(3) of this title, referred to in subsec. (j), is a reference to section 3744(c)(3) of this title as in effect prior to the general amendment of section 3744 of this title by Pub. L. 98-473, and subsequent repeal by Pub. L. 100-690, title VI, § 6091(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4328.

#### AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-473, § 609G(1), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsecs. (j), (k). Pub. L. 98-473, § 609G(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (k) as (j) and struck out former subsec. (j) relating to State planning agency meeting representation requirement as competent to carry out functions, powers, and duties of State criminal justice council.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-473 effective Oct. 12, 1984, see section 609AA(a) of Pub. L. 98-473, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3711 of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Effective Aug. 1, 2000, all functions of Director of Bureau of Justice Assistance, other than those enumerated in section 3742(3) through (6) of this title, transferred to Assistant Attorney General for Office of Justice Programs, see section 1000(a)(1) [title I, §108(b)] of Pub. L. 106-113, set out as a note under section 3741 of this title.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION; CLOSURE OF OPERATIONS AND TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNCTIONS

The operations of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration were closed out by the Justice Department due to lack of appropriations, and the remaining programs and staff transferred to the Office of Justice Assistance, Research, and Statistics, effective Apr. 15, 1982, see Notice of Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance, Research, and Statistics, Apr. 19, 1982, 47 F.R. 16694.

### SUBCHAPTER XIV—MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL SECURITY

#### § 3797a. Program authorized

##### (a) In general

The Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (in this section referred to as the “Director”) is authorized to make grants to States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to provide improved security, including the placement and use of metal detectors and other deterrent measures, at schools and on school grounds.

##### (b) Uses of funds

Grants awarded under this section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through one or more of the following:

- (1) Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures.
- (2) Security assessments.
- (3) Security training of personnel and students.

(4) The development and operation of crisis intervention teams that may include coordination with law enforcement agencies and specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

(5) Coordination with local law enforcement.

(6) Any other measure that, in the determination of the Director, may provide a significant improvement in security.

##### (c) Preferential consideration

In awarding grants under this subchapter, the Director shall give preferential consideration, if feasible, to an application from a jurisdiction that has a demonstrated need for improved security, has a demonstrated need for financial assistance, and has evidenced the ability to make the improvements for which the grant amounts are sought.

##### (d) Matching funds

(1) The portion of the costs of a program provided by a grant under subsection (a) of this section may not exceed 50 percent.

(2) Any funds appropriated by Congress for the activities of any agency of an Indian tribal government or the Bureau of Indian Affairs performing law enforcement functions on any Indian lands may be used to provide the non-Federal share of a matching requirement funded under this subsection.

(3) The Director may provide, in the guidelines implementing this section, for the requirement of paragraph (1) to be waived or altered in the case of a recipient with a financial need for such a waiver or alteration.

##### (e) Equitable distribution

In awarding grants under this subchapter, the Director shall ensure, to the extent practicable, an equitable geographic distribution among the regions of the United States and among urban, suburban, and rural areas.

##### (f) Administrative costs

The Director may reserve not more than 2 percent from amounts appropriated to carry out this subchapter for administrative costs.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2701, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1501; amended Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1169(b), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3122; Pub. L. 109-271, §8(j), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 767; Pub. L. 114-255, div. B, title XIV, §14010, Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1297.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (b)(4) to (6). Pub. L. 114-255 added par. (4) and redesignated former pars. (4) and (5) as (5) and (6), respectively.

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-271, §8(j)(1), substituted “The Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’)” for “The Attorney General, acting through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.”

Pub. L. 109-162 inserted “, acting through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services,” after “The Attorney General”.

Subsecs. (b) to (f). Pub. L. 109-271, §8(j)(2), substituted “Director” for “Attorney General” wherever appearing.

**§ 3797b. Applications****(a) In general**

To request a grant under this subchapter, the chief executive of a State, unit of local government, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the Director at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Director may require. Each application shall—

- (1) include a detailed explanation of—
  - (A) the intended uses of funds provided under the grant; and
  - (B) how the activities funded under the grant will meet the purpose of this subchapter; and
- (2) be accompanied by an assurance that the application was prepared after consultation with individuals not limited to law enforcement officers (such as school violence researchers, child psychologists, social workers, teachers, principals, and other school personnel) to ensure that the improvements to be funded under the grant are—
  - (A) consistent with a comprehensive approach to preventing school violence; and
  - (B) individualized to the needs of each school at which those improvements are to be made.

**(b) Guidelines**

Not later than 90 days after October 28, 2000, the Director shall promulgate guidelines to implement this section (including the information that must be included and the requirements that the States, units of local government, and Indian tribes must meet) in submitting the applications required under this section.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2702, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1502; amended Pub. L. 109-271, §8(j)(2), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 767.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-271 substituted “Director” for “Attorney General” wherever appearing.

**§ 3797c. Annual report to Congress**

Not later than November 30th of each year, the Director shall submit a report to the Congress regarding the activities carried out under this subchapter. Each such report shall include, for the preceding fiscal year, the number of grants funded under this subchapter, the amount of funds provided under those grants, and the activities for which those funds were used.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2703, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1502; amended Pub. L. 109-271, §8(j)(2), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 767.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-271 substituted “Director” for “Attorney General”.

**§ 3797d. Definitions**

For purposes of this subchapter—

- (1) the term “school” means a public elementary or secondary school;

(2) the term “unit of local government” means a county, municipality, town, township, village, parish, borough, or other unit of general government below the State level; and

(3) the term “Indian tribe” has the same meaning as in section 5304(e) of title 25.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2704, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1502.)

**§ 3797e. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2705, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §1108(b), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1502; amended Pub. L. 109-162, title XI, §1169(a), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3122.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-162 substituted “2009” for “2003”.

## SUBCHAPTER XV—PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

**§ 3797j. Grant authorization**

The Attorney General shall award grants to States and units of local government in accordance with this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 90-351, title I, §2801, as added Pub. L. 106-561, §2(c)(1), Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2788; amended Pub. L. 107-273, div. B, title V, §5001(b)(1), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1813.)

## AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-273 inserted “and units of local government” after “States”.

**§ 3797k. Applications**

To request a grant under this subchapter, a State or unit of local government shall submit to the Attorney General—

- (1) a certification that the State or unit of local government has developed a plan for forensic science laboratories under a program described in section 3797m(a) of this title, and a specific description of the manner in which the grant will be used to carry out that plan;
- (2) a certification that any forensic science laboratory system, medical examiner’s office, or coroner’s office in the State, including any laboratory operated by a unit of local government within the State, that will receive any portion of the grant amount uses generally accepted laboratory practices and procedures, established by accrediting organizations or appropriate certifying bodies and, except with regard to any medical examiner’s office, or coroner’s office in the State, is accredited by an accrediting body that is a signatory to an internationally recognized arrangement and that offers accreditation to forensic science conformity assessment bodies using an accreditation standard that is recognized by that internationally recognized arrangement, or attests, in a manner that is legally binding and enforceable, to use a portion of the grant amount to prepare and apply for such accredi-