

**§ 3032c. Health care service demonstration projects in rural areas**

**(a) Authority**

The Assistant Secretary, after consultation with the State agency of the State involved, shall make grants to eligible public agencies and nonprofit private organizations to pay part or all of the cost of developing or operating model health care service projects (including related home health care services, adult day health care, mental health services, outreach, and transportation) through multipurpose senior centers that are located in rural areas and that provide nutrition services under section 3030e of this title, to meet the health care needs of medically underserved older individuals residing in such areas.

**(b) Eligibility**

To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), a public agency or nonprofit private organization shall submit to the Assistant Secretary an application containing such information and assurances as the Secretary may require, including—

(1) information describing the nature and extent of the applicant's—

(A) experience in providing medical services of the type to be provided in the project for which a grant is requested; and

(B) coordination and cooperation with—

(i) institutions of higher education having graduate programs with capability in public health, mental health, the medical sciences, psychology, pharmacology, nursing, social work, health education, nutrition, or gerontology, for the purpose of designing and developing such project; and

(ii) critical access hospitals (as defined in section 1395x(mm)(1) of this title and rural health clinics (as defined in section 1395x(aa)(2) of this title);

(2) assurances that the applicant will carry out the project for which a grant is requested, through a multipurpose senior center located—

(A)(i) in a rural area that has a population of less than 5,000; or

(ii) in a county that has fewer than seven individuals per square mile; and

(B) in a State in which—

(i) not less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  of the population resides in rural areas; and

(ii) not less than 5 percent of the population resides in counties with fewer than seven individuals per square mile,

as defined by and determined in accordance with the most recent data available from the Bureau of the Census; and

(3) assurances that the applicant will submit to the Assistant Secretary such evaluations and reports as the Assistant Secretary may require.

**(c) Reports**

The Assistant Secretary shall prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes summaries of the evaluations and reports required under subsection (b).

(Pub. L. 89-73, title IV, §414, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title IV, §401, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2259;

amended Pub. L. 109-365, title IV, §404, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2553.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-365, §404(1), inserted “mental health services,” after “adult day health care.”

Subsec. (b)(1)(B)(i). Pub. L. 109-365, §404(2), inserted “mental health,” after “public health.”

**§ 3032d. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-144, § 5(d), Apr. 19, 2016, 130 Stat. 342**

Section, Pub. L. 89-73, title IV, §415, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title IV, §401, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2260, related to grants or contracts for computer training and enhanced Internet access for older individuals.

**§ 3032e. Technical assistance and innovation to improve transportation for older individuals**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary may award grants or contracts to nonprofit organizations to improve transportation services for older individuals.

**(b) Use of funds**

**(1) In general**

A nonprofit organization receiving a grant or contract under subsection (a) shall use the funds received through such grant or contract to carry out a demonstration project, or to provide technical assistance to assist local transit providers, area agencies on aging, senior centers, and local senior support groups, to encourage and facilitate coordination of Federal, State, and local transportation services and resources for older individuals. The organization may use the funds to develop and carry out an innovative transportation demonstration project to create transportation services for older individuals.

**(2) Specific activities**

In carrying out a demonstration project or providing technical assistance under paragraph (1) the organization may carry out activities that include—

(A) developing innovative approaches for improving access by older individuals to transportation services, including volunteer driver programs, economically sustainable transportation programs, and programs that allow older individuals to transfer their automobiles to a provider of transportation services in exchange for the services;

(B) preparing information on transportation options and resources for older individuals and organizations serving such individuals, and disseminating the information by establishing and operating a toll-free telephone number;

(C) developing models and best practices for providing comprehensive integrated transportation services for older individuals, including services administered by the Secretary of Transportation, by providing ongoing technical assistance to agencies providing services under subchapter III and by assisting in coordination of public and community transportation services; and

(D) providing special services to link older individuals to transportation services not provided under subchapter III.

**(c) Economically sustainable transportation**

In this section, the term “economically sustainable transportation” means demand responsive transportation for older individuals—

- (1) that may be provided through volunteers; and
- (2) that the provider will provide without receiving Federal or other public financial assistance, after a period of not more than 5 years of providing the services under this section.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title IV, §416, as added Pub. L. 106-501, title IV, §401, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2261; amended Pub. L. 109-365, title IV, §405, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2554.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-365 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) relating to grants and contracts to provide technical assistance to improve transportation for seniors.

**§ 3032f. Demonstration, support, and research projects for multigenerational and civic engagement activities****(a) Grants and contracts**

The Assistant Secretary shall award grants and enter into contracts with eligible organizations to carry out projects to—

- (1) provide opportunities for older individuals to participate in multigenerational activities and civic engagement activities designed to meet critical community needs, and use the full range of time, skills, and experience of older individuals, including demonstration and support projects that—
  - (A) provide support for older relative caregivers (as defined in section 3030s of this title) raising children (such as kinship navigator programs); or
  - (B) involve volunteers who are older individuals who provide support and information to families who have a child with a disability or chronic illness, or other families in need of such family support; and
- (2) coordinate multigenerational activities and civic engagement activities, promote volunteerism, and facilitate development of and participation in multigenerational activities and civic engagement activities.

**(b) Use of funds**

An eligible organization shall use funds made available under a grant awarded, or a contract entered into, under this section to—

- (1) carry out a project described in subsection (a); and
- (2) evaluate the project in accordance with subsection (f).

**(c) Preference**

In awarding grants and entering into contracts to carry out a project described in subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall give preference to—

- (1) eligible organizations with a demonstrated record of carrying out multigenerational activities or civic engagement activities;
- (2) eligible organizations proposing multigenerational activity projects that will serve

older individuals and communities with the greatest need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, older individuals residing in rural areas, and low-income minority communities);

(3) eligible organizations proposing civic engagement projects that will serve communities with the greatest need; and

(4) eligible organizations with the capacity to develop meaningful roles and assignments that use the time, skills, and experience of older individuals to serve public and nonprofit organizations.

**(d) Application**

To be eligible to receive a grant or enter into a contract under subsection (a), an organization shall submit an application to the Assistant Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Assistant Secretary may reasonably require.

**(e) Eligible organizations**

Organizations eligible to receive a grant or enter into a contract under subsection (a)—

- (1) to carry out activities described in subsection (a)(1), shall be organizations that provide opportunities for older individuals to participate in activities described in subsection (a)(1); and
- (2) to carry out activities described in subsection (a)(2), shall be organizations with the capacity to conduct the coordination, promotion, and facilitation described in subsection (a)(2), through the use of multigenerational coordinators.

**(f) Local evaluation and report****(1) Evaluation**

Each organization receiving a grant or a contract under subsection (a) to carry out a project described in subsection (a) shall evaluate the multigenerational activities or civic engagement activities carried out under the project to determine—

- (A) the effectiveness of the activities involved;
- (B) the impact of such activities on the community being served and the organization providing the activities; and
- (C) the impact of such activities on older individuals involved in such project.

**(2) Report**

The organization shall submit a report to the Assistant Secretary containing the evaluation not later than 6 months after the expiration of the period for which the grant or contract is in effect.

**(g) Report to Congress**

Not later than 6 months after the Assistant Secretary receives the reports described in subsection (f)(2), the Assistant Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate a report that assesses the evaluations and includes, at a minimum—

- (1) the names or descriptive titles of the projects funded under subsection (a);
- (2) a description of the nature and operation of the projects;