

PART A—DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM

**§ 1531. Establishment of drug-free communities support program**

**(a) Establishment**

The Director shall establish a program to support communities in the development and implementation of comprehensive, long-term plans and programs to prevent and treat substance use and misuse among youth.

**(b) Program**

In carrying out the Program, the Director shall—

- (1) make and track grants to grant recipients;
- (2) provide for technical assistance and training, data collection, and dissemination of information on state-of-the-art practices that the Director determines to be effective in reducing substance use and misuse; and
- (3) provide for the general administration of the Program.

**(c) Administration**

Not later than 30 days after receiving recommendations from the Advisory Commission under section 1542(a)(1)<sup>1</sup> of this title, the Director shall appoint an Administrator to carry out the Program.

**(d) Contracting**

The Director may employ any necessary staff and may enter into contracts or agreements with national drug control agencies, including interagency agreements to delegate authority for the execution of grants and for such other activities necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 100-690, title I, §1031, as added Pub. L. 105-20, §2(a)(2), June 27, 1997, 111 Stat. 226; amended Pub. L. 115-271, title VIII, §8203(b)(4)(A), Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 4111; Pub. L. 116-74, §2(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II), Nov. 27, 2019, 133 Stat. 1157.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1542(a)(1) of this title, referred to in subsec. (c), was repealed by Pub. L. 115-271, title VIII, §8203(b)(5), Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 4112.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsecs. (a), (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-74, §2(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 115-271, §8203(b)(4)(A). See 2018 Amendment note below.

2018—Subsecs. (a), (b)(2). Pub. L. 115-271, §8203(b)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 116-74, §2(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II), substituted “substance use and misuse” for “substance abuse”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-74 effective as if included in the enactment of subtitle K of title VIII of Pub. L. 115-271, see section 2(c)(2) of Pub. L. 116-74, set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

**§ 1532. Program authorization**

**(a) Grant eligibility**

To be eligible to receive an initial grant or a renewal grant under this part, a coalition shall meet each of the following criteria:

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

**(1) Application**

The coalition shall submit an application to the Administrator in accordance with section 1533(a)(2) of this title.

**(2) Major sector involvement**

**(A) In general**

The coalition shall consist of 1 or more representatives of each of the following categories:

- (i) Youth.
- (ii) Parents.
- (iii) Businesses.
- (iv) The media.
- (v) Schools.
- (vi) Organizations serving youth.
- (vii) Law enforcement.
- (viii) Religious or fraternal organizations.
- (ix) Civic and volunteer groups.
- (x) Health care professionals.
- (xi) State, local, or tribal governmental agencies with expertise in the field of substance use and misuse (including, if applicable, the State authority with primary authority for substance use and misuse).
- (xii) Other organizations involved in reducing substance use and misuse.

**(B) Elected officials**

If feasible, in addition to representatives from the categories listed in subparagraph (A), the coalition shall have an elected official (or a representative of an elected official) from—

- (i) the Federal Government; and
- (ii) the government of the appropriate State and political subdivision thereof or the governing body or an Indian tribe (as that term is defined in section 5304(e) of title 25).

**(C) Representation**

An individual who is a member of the coalition may serve on the coalition as a representative of not more than 1 category listed under subparagraph (A).

**(3) Commitment**

The coalition shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Administrator—

- (A) that the representatives of the coalition have worked together on substance use and misuse reduction initiatives, which, at a minimum, includes initiatives that target drugs referenced in section 1523(9)(A) of this title, for a period of not less than 6 months, acting through entities such as task forces, subcommittees, or community boards; and
- (B) substantial participation from volunteer leaders in the community involved (especially in cooperation with individuals involved with youth such as parents, teachers, coaches, youth workers, and members of the clergy).

**(4) Mission and strategies**

The coalition shall, with respect to the community involved—

- (A) have as its principal mission the reduction of substance use and misuse, which, at a minimum, includes the use and abuse of