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#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 14040 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

#### PART G—ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END ABUSE LATER IN LIFE

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##### CODIFICATION

This part was, in the original, subtitle H of title IV of Pub. L. 103-322, as added by Pub. L. 106-386, and was redesignated as part G of this subchapter for purposes of codification.

Pub. L. 113-4, title II, § 204(a), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 82, substituted “ENHANCED TRAINING AND SERVICES TO END ABUSE LATER IN LIFE” for “ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AGAINST OLDER OR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS” in heading.

#### § 12421. Enhanced training and services to end abuse in later life

##### (a) Definitions

In this section—

- (1) the term “exploitation” has the meaning given the term in section 1397j of title 42;
- (2) the term “later life”, relating to an individual, means the individual is 50 years of age or older; and
- (3) the term “neglect” means the failure of a caregiver or fiduciary to provide the goods or services that are necessary to maintain the health or safety of an individual in later life.

##### (b) Grant program

###### (1) Grants authorized

The Attorney General may make grants to eligible entities to carry out the activities described in paragraph (2).

###### (2) Mandatory and permissible activities

###### (A) Mandatory activities

An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section shall use the funds received under the grant to—

- (i) provide training programs to assist law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of States or units of local government, population specific organizations, victim service providers, victim advocates, and relevant officers in Federal, tribal, State, territorial, and local courts in recognizing and addressing instances of elder abuse;
- (ii) provide or enhance services for victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect;
- (iii) establish or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect; and

(iv) conduct cross-training for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, agencies of States or units of local government, attorneys, health care providers, population specific organizations, faith-based advocates, victim service providers, and courts to better serve victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect.

##### (B) Permissible activities

An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section may use the funds received under the grant to—

- (i) provide training programs to assist attorneys, health care providers, faith-based leaders, or other community-based organizations in recognizing and addressing instances of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect; or
- (ii) conduct outreach activities and awareness campaigns to ensure that victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, exploitation, and neglect receive appropriate assistance.

##### (C) Waiver

The Attorney General may waive 1 or more of the activities described in subparagraph (A) upon making a determination that the activity would duplicate services available in the community.

##### (D) Limitation

An eligible entity receiving a grant under this section may use not more than 10 percent of the total funds received under the grant for an activity described in subparagraph (B)(ii).

##### (3) Eligible entities

An entity shall be eligible to receive a grant under this section if—

- (A) the entity is—
  - (i) a State;
  - (ii) a unit of local government;
  - (iii) a tribal government or tribal organization;
  - (iv) a population specific organization with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age;
  - (v) a victim service provider with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; or
  - (vi) a State, tribal, or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; and
- (B) the entity demonstrates that it is part of a multidisciplinary partnership that includes, at a minimum—
  - (i) a law enforcement agency;
  - (ii) a prosecutor’s office;
  - (iii) a victim service provider; and
  - (iv) a nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals in later life;

##### (4) Underserved populations

In making grants under this section, the Attorney General shall give priority to proposals

providing services to culturally specific and underserved populations.

**(5) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 40801, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title II, § 1209(a), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1508; amended Pub. L. 113-4, title II, § 204(a), Mar. 7, 2013, 127 Stat. 82.)

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**AMENDMENTS**

2013—Pub. L. 113-4 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section defined terms for this part.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-4 not effective until the beginning of the fiscal year following Mar. 7, 2013, see section 4 of Pub. L. 113-4, set out as a note under section 2261 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

**PART H—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**

**§ 12431. Task force**

**(a) Establish**

The Attorney General, in consultation with national nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations whose primary expertise is in domestic violence, shall establish a task force to coordinate research on domestic violence and to report to Congress on any overlapping or duplication of efforts on domestic violence issues. The task force shall be comprised of representatives from all Federal agencies that fund such research.

**(b) Uses of funds**

Funds appropriated under this section shall be used to—

- (1) develop a coordinated strategy to strengthen research focused on domestic violence education, prevention, and intervention strategies;
- (2) track and report all Federal research and expenditures on domestic violence; and
- (3) identify gaps and duplication of efforts in domestic violence research and governmental expenditures on domestic violence issues.

**(c) Report**

The Task Force shall report to Congress annually on its work under subsection (b).

**(d) Definition**

For purposes of this section, the term “domestic violence” has the meaning given such term by section 10447<sup>1</sup> of this title.

**(e) Authorization of Appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2004.

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

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 40901, as added Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title IV, § 1407, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1517.)

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**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 10447 of this title, referred to in subsec. (d), was subsequently repealed and a new section 10447 enacted which does not define “domestic violence”. However, such term is defined in section 12291 of this title.

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 14042 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**PART I—PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND STALKING**

**§ 12441. Grants to protect the privacy and confidentiality of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking**

The Attorney General, through the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, may award grants under this part to States, Indian tribes, territories, or local agencies or nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations to ensure that personally identifying information of adult, youth, and child victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and dating violence shall not be released or disclosed to the detriment of such victimized persons.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 41101, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, § 107, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2983.)

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**CODIFICATION**

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**§ 12442. Purpose areas**

Grants made under this part may be used—

- (1) to develop or improve protocols, procedures, and policies for the purpose of preventing the release of personally identifying information of victims (such as developing alternative identifiers);
- (2) to defray the costs of modifying or improving existing databases, registries, and victim notification systems to ensure that personally identifying information of victims is protected from release, unauthorized information sharing and disclosure;
- (3) to develop confidential opt out systems that will enable victims of violence to make a single request to keep personally identifying information out of multiple databases, victim notification systems, and registries; or
- (4) to develop safe uses of technology (such as notice requirements regarding electronic surveillance by government entities), to protect against abuses of technology (such as electronic or GPS stalking), or providing training for law enforcement on high tech electronic crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, § 41102, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title I, § 107, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2983.)