

§ 3057a. Sense of Congress

It is the sense of the Congress that older individuals who are Indians, older individuals who are Alaskan Natives, and older individuals who are Native Hawaiians are a vital resource entitled to all benefits and services available and that such services and benefits should be provided in a manner that preserves and restores their respective dignity, self-respect, and cultural identities.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §602, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 959; amended Pub. L. 102-375, title IX, §904(a)(20), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1309.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057a, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §602, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1549; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §3(d), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1597; Pub. L. 98-459, title VI, §601, Oct. 9, 1984, 98 Stat. 1787, related to eligibility of an Indian tribe for assistance and definitions, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057c of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-375 substituted “older individuals who are Indians, older individuals who are Alaskan Natives, and older individuals who are Native Hawaiians” for “older Indians, older Alaskan Natives, and older Native Hawaiians”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1987, except not applicable with respect to any area plan submitted under section 3026(a) of this title or any State plan submitted under section 3027(a) of this title and approved for any fiscal year beginning before Nov. 29, 1987, see section 701(a), (b) of Pub. L. 100-175, set out as an Effective Date of 1987 Amendment note under section 3001 of this title.

PART A—INDIAN PROGRAM

§ 3057b. Findings

The Congress finds that the older individuals who are Indians of the United States—

- (1) are a rapidly increasing population;
- (2) suffer from high unemployment;
- (3) live in poverty at a rate estimated to be as high as 61 percent;
- (4) have a life expectancy between 3 and 4 years less than the general population;
- (5) lack sufficient nursing homes, other long-term care facilities, and other health care facilities;
- (6) lack sufficient Indian area agencies on aging;
- (7) frequently live in substandard and overcrowded housing;
- (8) receive less than adequate health care;
- (9) are served under this subchapter at a rate of less than 19 percent of the total national population of older individuals who are Indians living on Indian reservations; and
- (10) are served under subchapter III at a rate of less than 1 percent of the total participants under that subchapter.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §611, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 959; amended Pub. L. 102-375, title IX, §904(a)(21), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1309; Pub. L. 116-131, title VII, §701(10), Mar. 25, 2020, 134 Stat. 271.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057b, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §603, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1549; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §§3(d), 13(a), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1597, 1608, related to authority of Commissioner to make grants to pay all costs for delivery of supportive services and nutritional services for older Indians, prior to the general revision of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057d of this title.

A prior section 603 of Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, as added Pub. L. 91-69, §9, Sept. 17, 1969, 83 Stat. 112; amended Pub. L. 93-29, title VI, §602, May 3, 1973, 87 Stat. 55, related to authorization of appropriations and was classified to section 3044a of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-113, title VI, §604(a), Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 417.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-131 struck out “(a)” before “The Congress” in introductory provisions.

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-375, §904(a)(21)(A), inserted “individuals who are” after “older” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 102-375, §904(a)(21)(B), substituted “population of older individuals who are Indians” for “Indian elderly population”.

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TASK FORCE

Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §134(d), Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 941, provided that:

“(1) The Commissioner on Aging [now Assistant Secretary for Aging] shall establish a permanent inter-agency task force that is representative of departments and agencies of the Federal Government with an interest in older Indians and their welfare, and is designed to make recommendations with respect to facilitating the coordination of services and the improvement of services to older Indians.

“(2) The task force shall be chaired by the Associate Commissioner on [now Director of the Office for] American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Aging and shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner at 6-month intervals beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 29, 1987]. Such findings and recommendations shall be included in the annual report required by section 207(a) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 [42 U.S.C. 3018(a)] to be submitted by the Commissioner.”

SPECIAL REPORT ON SERVICES FOR OLDER INDIANS

Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §134(e), Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 942, directed Commissioner on Aging to enter into a contract with a public agency or nonprofit private organization to conduct a thorough study of availability and quality of services under the Older Americans Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq., to older Indians and, not later than Dec. 31, 1988, submit to Congress a report and recommendations based on the study.

§ 3057c. Eligibility**(a) Criteria**

A tribal organization of an Indian tribe is eligible for assistance under this part only if—

- (1) the tribal organization represents at least 50 individuals who are 60 years of age or older; and
- (2) the tribal organization demonstrates the ability to deliver supportive services, including nutritional services.

(b) Limitation

An Indian tribe represented by an organization specified in subsection (a) shall be eligible for only one grant under this part for any fiscal year. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude an Indian tribe represented by an organization specified in subsection (a) from receiving a grant under section 3057k-11 of this title.

(c) “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” defined

For the purposes of this part the terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” have the same meaning as in section 5304 of title 25.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §612, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 959; amended Pub. L. 106-501, title VI, §601, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2287.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057c, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §604, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1549; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §13(b), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1608; Pub. L. 98-459, title VI, §602, Oct. 9, 1984, 98 Stat. 1788, related to applications for assistance, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057e of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 106-501 added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

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§ 3057d. Grants authorized

The Assistant Secretary may make grants to eligible tribal organizations to pay all of the costs for delivery of supportive services and nutrition services for older individuals who are Indians.

(Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §613, as added Pub. L. 100-175, title I, §171, Nov. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 960; amended Pub. L. 102-375, title IX, §904(a)(22), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1309; Pub. L. 103-171, §3(a)(13), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1990.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3057d, Pub. L. 89-73, title VI, §605, as added Pub. L. 95-478, title I, §106, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1551; amended Pub. L. 97-115, §13(c), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1608, provided that in establishing administrative regulations the Commissioner consult with the Secretary of the Interior, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-175. See section 3057f of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-171 substituted “Assistant Secretary” for “Commissioner”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-375 inserted “individuals who are” after “older”.

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section 3027(a) of this title and approved for any fiscal year beginning before Nov. 29, 1987, see section 701(a), (b) of Pub. L. 100-175, set out as an Effective Date of 1987 Amendment note under section 3001 of this title.

§ 3057e. Applications**(a) Approval criteria; provisions and assurances**

No grant may be made under this part unless the eligible tribal organization submits an application to the Assistant Secretary which meets such criteria as the Assistant Secretary may by regulation prescribe. Each such application shall—

(1) provide that the eligible tribal organization will evaluate the need for supportive and nutrition services among older individuals who are Indians to be represented by the tribal organization;

(2) provide for the use of such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the program to be assisted;

(3) provide that the tribal organization will make such reports in such form and containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary may reasonably require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to assure the correctness of such reports;

(4) provide for periodic evaluation of activities and projects carried out under the application;

(5) establish objectives consistent with the purposes of this part toward which activities under the application will be directed, identify obstacles to the attainment of such objectives, and indicate the manner in which the tribal organization proposes to overcome such obstacles;

(6) provide for establishing and maintaining information and assistance services to assure that older individuals who are Indians to be served by the assistance made available under this part will have reasonably convenient access to such services;

(7) provide a preference for older individuals who are Indians for full or part-time staff positions wherever feasible;

(8) provide assurances that either directly or by way of grant or contract with appropriate entities nutrition services will be delivered to older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization substantially in compliance with the provisions of part C of subchapter III, except that in any case in which the need for nutritional services for older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization is already met from other sources, the tribal organization may use the funds otherwise required to be expended under this paragraph for supportive services;

(9) provide that any legal or ombudsman services made available to older individuals who are Indians represented by the tribal organization will be substantially in compliance with the provisions of subchapter III relating to the furnishing of similar services;

(10) provide satisfactory assurance that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for,