

ment of tribal court systems for the administration of justice in Indian country by providing technical and legal assistance services.

(4) To encourage collaborative efforts between national or regional membership organizations and associations whose membership consists of judicial system personnel within tribal justice systems; non-profit entities which provide legal assistance services for Indian tribes, members of Indian tribes, and/or tribal justice systems.

(5) To assist in the development of tribal judicial systems by supplementing prior congressional efforts such as the Indian Tribal Justice Act [25 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.] (Public Law 103-176).

(Pub. L. 106-559, § 3, Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2779.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 106-559, Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2778, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3651 of this title and Tables.

The Indian Tribal Justice Act, referred to in par. (5), is Pub. L. 103-176, Dec. 3, 1993, 107 Stat. 2004, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 38 (§3601 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3601 of this title and Tables.

#### § 3653. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter:

##### (1) Attorney General

The term “Attorney General” means the Attorney General of the United States.

##### (2) Director

The term “Director” means the Director of the Office of Tribal Justice.

##### (3) Indian lands

The term “Indian lands” shall include lands within the definition of “Indian country”, as defined in section 1151 of title 18; or “Indian reservations”, as defined in section 1452(d) of this title, or section 1903(10) of this title. For purposes of the preceding sentence, such section 1452(d) of this title shall be applied by treating the term “former Indian reservations in Oklahoma” as including only lands which are within the jurisdictional area of an Oklahoma Indian Tribe (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) and are recognized by such Secretary as eligible for trust land status under part 151 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on December 21, 2000).

##### (4) Indian tribe

The term “Indian tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group or community which administers justice or plans to administer justice under its inherent authority or the authority of the United States and which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indian tribes because of their status as Indians.

##### (5) Judicial personnel

The term “judicial personnel” means any judge, magistrate, court counselor, court

clerk, court administrator, bailiff, probation officer, officer of the court, dispute resolution facilitator, or other official, employee, or volunteer within the tribal judicial system.

##### (6) Non-profit entities

The term “non-profit entity” or “non-profit entities” has the meaning given that term in section 501(c)(3) of title 26.

##### (7) Office of Tribal Justice

The term “Office of Tribal Justice” means the Office of Tribal Justice in the United States Department of Justice.

##### (8) Tribal justice system

The term “tribal court”, “tribal court system”, or “tribal justice system” means the entire judicial branch, and employees thereof, of an Indian tribe, including, but not limited to, traditional methods and fora for dispute resolution, trial courts, appellate courts, including inter-tribal appellate courts, alternative dispute resolution systems, and circuit rider systems, established by inherent tribal authority whether or not they constitute a court of record.

(Pub. L. 106-559, § 4, Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2779; Pub. L. 111-211, title II, § 214(a)(1), July 29, 2010, 124 Stat. 2270.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

2010—Pars. (2) to (8). Pub. L. 111-211 added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) to (7) as (3) to (8), respectively.

#### SUBCHAPTER I—TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

##### § 3661. Tribal justice training and technical assistance grants

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Tribal Justice, shall award grants to national or regional membership organizations and associations whose membership consists of judicial system personnel within tribal justice systems which submit an application to the Attorney General in such form and manner as the Attorney General may prescribe to provide training and technical assistance for the development, enrichment, enhancement of tribal justice systems, or other purposes consistent with this chapter.

(Pub. L. 106-559, title I, § 101, Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2780.)

##### § 3662. Tribal civil legal assistance grants

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Office of Tribal Justice, shall award grants to non-profit entities, as defined under section 501(c)(3) of title 26, which provide legal assistance services for Indian tribes, members of Indian tribes, or tribal justice systems pursuant to Federal poverty guidelines that submit an application to the Attorney General in such form and manner as the Attorney General may prescribe