

SUBPART 3—RURAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
CHILD ABUSE ENFORCEMENT

**§ 13971. Rural domestic violence, dating violence,
sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse en-
forcement assistance**

(a) Purposes

The purposes of this section are—

(1) to identify, assess, and appropriately re-
spond to child, youth, and adult victims of do-
mestic violence, sexual assault, dating vio-
lence, and stalking in rural communities, by
encouraging collaboration among—

- (A) domestic violence, dating violence,
sexual assault, and stalking victim service
providers;
- (B) law enforcement agencies;
- (C) prosecutors;
- (D) courts;
- (E) other criminal justice service provid-
ers;
- (F) human and community service provid-
ers;
- (G) educational institutions; and
- (H) health care providers;

(2) to establish and expand nonprofit, non-
governmental, State, tribal, territorial, and
local government victim services in rural
communities to child, youth, and adult vic-
tims; and

(3) to increase the safety and well-being of
women and children in rural communities,
by—

- (A) dealing directly and immediately with
domestic violence, sexual assault, dating
violence, and stalking occurring in rural
communities; and
- (B) creating and implementing strategies
to increase awareness and prevent domestic
violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and
stalking.

(b) Grants authorized

The Attorney General, acting through the Di-
rector of the Office on Violence Against Women
(referred to in this section as the “Director”),
may award grants to States, Indian tribes, local
governments, and nonprofit, public or private
entities, including tribal nonprofit organiza-
tions, to carry out programs serving rural areas
or rural communities that address domestic vio-
lence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalk-
ing by—

- (1) implementing, expanding, and establish-
ing cooperative efforts and projects among law
enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim ad-
vocacy groups, and other related parties to in-
vestigate and prosecute incidents of domestic
violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
stalking;
- (2) providing treatment, counseling, advoca-
cy, and other long- and short-term assist-
ance to adult and minor victims of domestic
violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and
stalking in rural communities, including as-
sistance in immigration matters; and
- (3) working in cooperation with the commu-
nity to develop education and prevention
strategies directed toward such issues.

(c) Use of funds

Funds appropriated pursuant to this section
shall be used only for specific programs and ac-

tivities expressly described in subsection (a) of
this section.

(d) Allotments and priorities

(1) Allotment for Indian tribes

(A) In general

Not less than 10 percent of the total
amount available under this section for each
fiscal year shall be available for grants
under the program authorized by section
3796gg-10 of this title.

(B) Applicability of part ¹

The requirements of this section shall not
apply to funds allocated for the program de-
scribed in subparagraph (A).

(2) Allotment for sexual assault

(A) In general

Not less than 25 percent of the total
amount appropriated in a fiscal year under
this section shall fund services that mean-
ingfully address sexual assault in rural com-
munities, however at such time as the
amounts appropriated reach the amount of
\$45,000,000, the percentage allocated shall
rise to 30 percent of the total amount approp-
riated, at such time as the amounts approp-
riated reach the amount of \$50,000,000, the
percentage allocated shall rise to 35 percent
of the total amount appropriated, and at
such time as the amounts appropriated
reach the amount of \$55,000,000, the per-
centage allocated shall rise to 40 percent of the
amounts appropriated.

(B) Multiple purpose applications

Nothing in this section shall prohibit any
applicant from applying for funding to ad-
dress sexual assault, domestic violence,
stalking, or dating violence in the same ap-
plication.

(3) Allotment for technical assistance

Of the amounts appropriated for each fiscal
year to carry out this section, not more than
8 percent may be used by the Director for
technical assistance costs. Of the amounts ap-
propriated in this subsection, no less than 25
percent of such amounts shall be available to
a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization or
organizations whose focus and expertise is in
addressing sexual assault to provide technical
assistance to sexual assault grantees.

(4) Underserved populations

In awarding grants under this section, the
Director shall give priority to the needs of un-
derserved populations.

(5) Allocation of funds for rural States

Not less than 75 percent of the total amount
made available for each fiscal year to carry
out this section shall be allocated to eligible
entities located in rural States.

(e) Authorization of appropriations

(1) In general

There are authorized to be appropriated
\$55,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2007
through 2011 to carry out this section.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “section”.

(2) Additional funding

In addition to funds received through a grant under subsection (b) of this section, a law enforcement agency may use funds received through a grant under part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd et seq.) to accomplish the objectives of this section.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §40295, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1940; Pub. L. 106-386, div. B, title I, §§1105, 1109(d), title V, §1512(c), Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1497, 1503, 1533; Pub. L. 109-162, title II, §203, title IX, §906(d), Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 2998, 3081; Pub. L. 109-271, §7(b)(1), (2)(A), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 764.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, referred to in subsec. (e)(2), is Pub. L. 90-351, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 197, as amended. Part Q of title I of the Act is classified generally to subchapter XII-E (§3796dd et seq.) of chapter 46 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3711 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-162, §203, amended section generally, substituting provisions relating to rural domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse enforcement assistance for provisions relating to rural domestic violence and child abuse enforcement assistance.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 109-162, §906(d), which directed the amendment of subsec. (c) by striking par. (3) and inserting a new par. (3) which read “Not less than 10 percent of the total amount available under this section for each fiscal year shall be available for grants under the program authorized in section 3796gg-10 of this title. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to funds allocated for such program.”, was repealed by Pub. L. 109-271, §7(b)(2)(A).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 109-271, §7(b)(1), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “Not less than 10 percent of the total amount made available for each fiscal year to carry out this section shall be allocated for grants to Indian tribes or tribal organizations.”

2000—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 106-386, §1109(d)(1), inserted “and dating violence (as defined in section 3796gg-2 of this title)” after “domestic violence”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 106-386, §1512(c), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “to provide treatment and counseling to victims of domestic violence and dating violence (as defined in section 3796gg-2 of this title) and child abuse; and”.

Pub. L. 106-386, §1109(d)(2), inserted “and dating violence (as defined in section 3796gg-2 of this title)” after “domestic violence”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 106-386, §1105(1), added par. (1) and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

“(A) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;

“(B) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 1997; and

“(C) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1998.”

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 106-386, §1105(2), added par. (3).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-162 not effective until the beginning of fiscal year 2007, see section 4 of Pub. L. 109-162, set out as a note under section 3793 of this title.

SUBPART 3A—RESEARCH ON EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

CODIFICATION

This subpart was, in the original, chapter 11 of subtitle B of title IV of Pub. L. 103-322, and has been des-

ignated as subpart 3a of this part for purposes of codification. Another chapter 11 of subtitle B of title IV of Pub. L. 103-322 was designated subpart 4 of this part.

§ 13973. Research on effective interventions in the health care setting**(a) Purpose**

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, shall award grants and contracts to fund research on effective interventions in the health care setting that prevent domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault across the lifespan and that prevent the health effects of such violence and improve the safety and health of individuals who are currently being victimized.

(b) Use of funds

Research conducted with amounts received under a grant or contract under this section shall include the following:

(1) With respect to the authority of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—

(A) research on the effects of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and childhood exposure to domestic, dating, or sexual violence, on health behaviors, health conditions, and the health status of individuals, families, and populations;

(B) research and testing of best messages and strategies to mobilize public and health care provider action concerning the prevention of domestic, dating, or sexual violence; and

(C) measure the comparative effectiveness and outcomes of efforts under this Act to reduce violence and increase women’s safety.

(2) With respect to the authority of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—

(A) research on the impact on the health care system, health care utilization, health care costs, and health status of domestic violence, dating violence, and childhood exposure to domestic and dating violence, sexual violence and stalking and childhood exposure; and

(B) research on effective interventions within primary care and emergency health care settings and with health care settings that include clinical partnerships within community domestic violence providers for adults and children exposed to domestic or dating violence.

(c) Use of data

Research funded under this section shall be utilized by eligible entities under section 280g-4¹ of this title.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.

(Pub. L. 103-322, title IV, §40297, as added Pub. L. 109-162, title V, §505, Jan. 5, 2006, 119 Stat. 3029.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(C), is Pub. L. 103-322, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1796, known as the Vio-

¹ See References in Text note below.