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**(a) Definitions**In this section—

**(1)**

the term “[exploitation](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-908427190-287053561&term_occur=1&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421)” has the meaning given the term in [section 1397j of title 42](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/1397j);

**(2)**

the term “[later life](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=1&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421)”, relating to an individual, means the individual is 50 years of age or older; and

**(3)**

the term “[neglect](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1831141690-287053563&term_occur=1&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421)” 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](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=2&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421).

**(b) Grant program**

**(1) Grants authorized**

The [Attorney General](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-133271130-2074155643&term_occur=162&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) 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](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-392077900-1337662684&term_occur=9&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) receiving a grant under this section shall use the funds received under the grant to—

**(i)**

provide training programs to assist [law enforcement](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1671380674-1259336344&term_occur=28&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) agencies, prosecutors, agencies of States or units of local government, [population specific organizations](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1873283890-1259336320&term_occur=2&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), 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](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1379209310-1259336255&term_occur=66&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) for victims of abuse in [later life](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=3&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, [exploitation](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-908427190-287053561&term_occur=2&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), and neglect;

**(iii)**

establish or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to [victims](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-816693624-867837760&term_occur=154&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) of abuse in [later life](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=4&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, [exploitation](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-908427190-287053561&term_occur=3&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), and neglect; and

**(iv)**

conduct cross-training for [law enforcement](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1671380674-1259336344&term_occur=29&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) agencies, prosecutors, agencies of States or units of local government, attorneys, health care providers, [population specific organizations](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1873283890-1259336320&term_occur=3&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), faith-based advocates, victim service providers, and courts to better serve victims of abuse in [later life](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=5&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, [exploitation](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-908427190-287053561&term_occur=4&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), and neglect.

**(B) Permissible activities**An [eligible entity](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-392077900-1337662684&term_occur=10&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) 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](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1991540508-1287549741&term_occur=3&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) in recognizing and addressing instances of abuse in [later life](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=6&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, [exploitation](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-908427190-287053561&term_occur=5&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), and neglect; or

**(ii)**

conduct outreach activities and awareness campaigns to ensure that [victims](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-816693624-867837760&term_occur=155&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) of abuse in [later life](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=7&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, [exploitation](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-908427190-287053561&term_occur=6&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), and neglect receive appropriate assistance.

**(C) Waiver**

The [Attorney General](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-133271130-2074155643&term_occur=163&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) may waive 1 or more of the activities described in subparagraph (A) upon making a determination that the activity would duplicate [services](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1379209310-1259336255&term_occur=67&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) available in the community.

**(D) Limitation**

An [eligible entity](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-392077900-1337662684&term_occur=11&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) 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](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-80204913-1259336289&term_occur=67&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421);

**(ii)**

a [unit of local government](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1223133267-1259336259&term_occur=3&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421);

**(iii)**

a [tribal government](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1448929713-1259336284&term_occur=7&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) or [tribal organization](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1777858031-1259336282&term_occur=3&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421);

**(iv)**

a [population specific organization](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1873283890-1259336320&term_occur=4&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age;

**(v)**

a [victim service provider](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-245841300-1259336256&term_occur=6&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; or

**(vi)**

a [State](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-80204913-1259336289&term_occur=68&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421), tribal, or [territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalition](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-782737684-1259336286&term_occur=2&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421); and

**(B)** the entity demonstrates that it is part of a multidisciplinary partnership that includes, at a minimum—

**(i)**

a [law enforcement](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1671380674-1259336344&term_occur=30&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) agency;

**(ii)**

a prosecutor’s office;

**(iii)**

a [victim service provider](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-245841300-1259336256&term_occur=7&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421); and

**(iv)**

a nonprofit program or government agency with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals in [later life](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-230321136-287053562&term_occur=8&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421);

**(4) Underserved populations**

In making grants under this section, the [Attorney General](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-133271130-2074155643&term_occur=164&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) shall give priority to proposals providing [services](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1379209310-1259336255&term_occur=68&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) to [culturally specific](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-848532771-1287549739&term_occur=3&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421) and [underserved populations](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=34-USC-1008625459-1259336281&term_occur=7&term_src=title:34:subtitle:I:chapter:121:subchapter:III:part:G:section:12421).

**(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](https://www.congress.gov/public-laws/103rd-congress#322), § 40801, as added [Pub. L. 106–386, div. B, title II](https://www.law.cornell.edu/rio/citation/Pub._L._106-386), § 1209(a), Oct. 28, 2000, [114 Stat. 1508](https://www.law.cornell.edu/rio/citation/114_Stat._1508); amended [Pub. L. 113–4, title II](https://www.law.cornell.edu/rio/citation/Pub._L._113-4), § 204(a), Mar. 7, 2013, [127 Stat. 82](https://www.law.cornell.edu/rio/citation/127_Stat._82).)