

# 34 U.S. Code § 12421 - Enhanced training and services to end abuse in later life

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## § 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](#).)

