

34 U.S. Code § 12351 - Transitional housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking

(a) In general The Attorney General, acting in consultation with the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Health and Human Services, shall award grants under this section to [States](#), units of local government, [Indian tribes](#), and other organizations, including [domestic violence](#) and sexual assault [victim service providers, domestic violence](#) and [sexual assault](#) coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, population-specific organizations, or community-based and [culturally specific](#) organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning [domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault](#), or [stalking](#) (referred to in this section as the “recipient”) to carry out programs to provide assistance to minors, adults, and their dependents—

(1)

who are [homeless](#), or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of a situation of [domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault](#), or [stalking](#); and

(2)

for whom emergency shelter [services](#) or other crisis intervention [services](#) are unavailable or insufficient.

(b) Grants Grants awarded under this section may be used for programs that provide—

(1)

transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of newly developed or existing transitional housing. [\[1\]](#)

(2)

short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing for persons described in subsection (a); and

(3) support [services](#) designed to enable a minor, an adult, or a dependent of such minor or adult, who is fleeing a situation of [domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault](#), or [stalking](#) to—

(A)

locate and secure permanent housing;

(B)

secure employment, including obtaining employment counseling, occupational training, job retention counseling, and counseling concerning re-entry in to [\[2\]](#) the workforce; and

(C)

integrate into a community by providing that minor, adult, or dependent with [services](#), such as transportation, counseling, child care [services](#), case management, and other assistance. Participation in the support [services](#) shall be voluntary. Receipt of the benefits of the housing assistance described in paragraph (2) shall not be conditioned upon the participation of the [youth](#), adults, or their dependents in any or all of the support [services](#) offered them.

(c)Duration

(1)In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), a minor, an adult, or a dependent, who receives assistance under this section shall receive that assistance for not more than 24 months.

(2)WaiverThe recipient of a grant under this section may waive the restriction under paragraph (1) for not more than an additional 6 month period with respect to any minor, adult, or dependent, who—

(A)

has made a good-faith effort to acquire permanent housing; and

(B)

has been unable to acquire permanent housing.

(d)Application

(1)In general

Each eligible entity desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Attorney General may reasonably require.

(2)ContentsEach application submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

(A)

describe the activities for which assistance under this section is sought;

(B)

provide assurances that any supportive [services](#) offered to participants in programs developed under subsection (b)(3) are voluntary and that refusal to receive such [services](#) shall not be grounds for termination from the program or eviction from the victim's housing; and

(C)

provide such additional assurances as the Attorney General determines to be essential to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section.

(3)ApplicationNothing in this subsection shall be construed to require—

(A)

victims to participate in the criminal justice system in order to receive [services](#); or

(B)

[domestic violence](#) advocates to breach client confidentiality.

(e) Report to the Attorney General

(1) In general A recipient of a grant under this section shall annually prepare and submit to the Attorney General a report describing—

(A)

the number of minors, adults, and dependents assisted under this section; and

(B)

the types of housing assistance and support [services](#) provided under this section.

(2) Contents Each report prepared and submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include information regarding—

(A)

the purpose and amount of housing assistance provided to each minor, adult, or dependent, assisted under this section and the reason for that assistance;

(B)

the number of months each minor, adult, or dependent, received assistance under this section;

(C) the number of minors, adults, and dependents who—

(i)

were eligible to receive assistance under this section; and

(ii)

were not provided with assistance under this section solely due to a lack of available housing;

(D)

the type of support [services](#) provided to each minor, adult, or dependent, assisted under this section; and

(E)

the client population served and the number of individuals requesting [services](#) that the transitional housing program is unable to serve as a result of a lack of resources.

(f) Report to Congress

(1) Reporting requirement

The Attorney General, with the Director of the Violence Against Women Office, shall prepare and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary

of the Senate a report that contains a compilation of the information contained in the report submitted under subsection (e) of this section not later than 1 month after the end of each even-numbered fiscal year.

(2)Availability of reportIn order to coordinate efforts to assist the victims of [domestic violence](#), the Attorney General, in coordination with the Director of the Violence Against Women Office, shall transmit a copy of the report submitted under paragraph (1) to—

(A)

the Office of Community Planning and Development at the United [States](#) Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

(B)

the Office of Women’s Health at the United [States](#) Department of Health and Human Services.

(g)Authorization of appropriations

(1)In general

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$35,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

(2)Minimum amount

(A)In general

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), unless all [qualified applications](#) submitted by any [States](#), units of local government, [Indian tribes](#), or organizations within a [State](#) for a grant under this section have been funded, that [State](#), together with the grantees within the [State](#) (other than [Indian tribes](#)), shall be allocated in each fiscal year, not less than 0.75 percent of the total amount appropriated in the fiscal year for grants pursuant to this section.

(B)Exception

The United [States](#) Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands shall each be allocated not less than 0.5 percent of the total amount appropriated in the fiscal year for grants pursuant to this section.

(C)Underserved populations

(i)Indian tribes.—

(I)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 10452 of this title](#).

(II)Applicability of part.—

[3] The requirements of this section shall not apply to funds allocated for the program described in subclause (I).

(ii)

Priority shall be given to projects developed under subsection (b) that primarily serve [underserved populations](#).

(D) Qualified application defined In this paragraph, the term “[qualified application](#)” means an application that—

(i)

has been submitted by an eligible applicant;

(ii) does not propose any activities that may compromise victim safety, including—

(I)

background checks of victims; or

(II)

clinical evaluations to determine eligibility for [services](#);

(iii)

reflects an understanding of the dynamics of [domestic violence](#), [dating violence](#), [sexual assault](#), or [stalking](#); and

(iv)

does not propose prohibited activities, including mandatory [services](#) for victims.

([Pub. L. 103–322, title IV, § 40299](#), as added [Pub. L. 108–21, title VI, § 611](#), Apr. 30, 2003, [117 Stat. 693](#); amended [Pub. L. 109–162, § 3\(b\)\(4\)](#), title VI, § 602(a), title IX, § 906(e), formerly § 906(f), title XI, § 1135(e), Jan. 5, 2006, [119 Stat. 2971](#), 3038, 3081, 3109, renumbered § 906(e), [Pub. L. 109–271, § 7\(b\)\(2\)\(B\)](#), Aug. 12, 2006, [120 Stat. 764](#); [Pub. L. 109–271](#), §§ 2(d), 7(c)(1), 8(b), Aug. 12, 2006, [120 Stat. 752](#), 764–766; [Pub. L. 113–4, title VI, § 602\(2\)](#), Mar. 7, 2013, [127 Stat. 109](#); [Pub. L. 117–103, div. W, title VI, § 604](#), Mar. 15, 2022, [136 Stat. 886](#).)

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