34 U.S. Code § 20122 - Education, training, and enhanced services to end violence against and abuse of individuals with disabilities and Deaf people

(a)In general The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, may award grants to eligible entities—

(1)

to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and abuse by caregivers against individuals with disabilities (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) and Deaf people; and

(2)

to enhance direct services to such individuals.

(b)Use of funds Grants awarded under this section shall be used—

(1)

to provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction (including using evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide) and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;

(2)

to conduct outreach activities to ensure that individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault receive appropriate assistance;

(3)

to conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement and other first responders, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention and the nature of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;

(4)

to provide technical assistance to assist with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure equal access to the services, programs, and activities of victim service providers for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;

(5)to provide training and technical assistance on the requirements of shelters and victim service providers under Federal antidiscrimination laws, including—

(A)

the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.]; and

(B)

section 794 of title 29;

(6)

to modify facilities, purchase equipment, and provide personnel so that shelters and victim service organizations can accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;

(7)

to provide advocacy and intervention services for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault; or

(8)

to develop model programs to enhance the capacity of organizations serving individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(c)Eligible entities

(1)In general An entity shall be eligible to receive a grant under this section if the entity is—

(A)

a State;

(B)

a unit of local government;

(C)

an Indian tribal government or tribal organization; or

(D)

a victim service provider, such as a State or tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalition or a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization serving individuals with disabilities and Deaf people.

(2)Limitation

A grant awarded for the purpose described in subsection (b)(8) shall only be awarded to an eligible agency (as defined in section 796f–5 [1] of title 29).

(d)Underserved populations

In awarding grants under this section, the Director shall ensure that the needs of underserved populations are being addressed.

(e)Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated $15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027 to carry out this section.

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