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§ 14661. Program authorized

The Attorney General is authorized to provide grant awards to States to enable States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons.


Short Title of 2000 Amendment
Pub. L. 106–468, § 1, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2027, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 14665 of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 14665 of this title] may be cited as ‘Kristen’s Act’.”

Short Title
Pub. L. 106–177, title II, § 201, Mar. 10, 2000, 114 Stat. 36, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as ‘Jennifer’s Law’.”

§ 14662. Eligibility

(a) Application
To be eligible to receive a grant award under this chapter, a State shall submit an application at such time and in such form as the Attorney General may reasonably require.

(b) Contents
Each such application shall include assurances that the State shall, to the greatest extent possible—

(1) report to the National Crime Information Center and when possible, to law enforcement authorities throughout the State regarding every deceased unidentified person, regardless of age, found in the State’s jurisdiction;

(2) enter a complete profile of such unidentified person in compliance with the guidelines established by the Department of Justice for the National Crime Information Center Missing and Unidentified Persons File, including dental records, DNA records, x-rays, and fingerprints, if available;

(3) enter the National Crime Information Center number or other appropriate number assigned to the unidentified person on the death certificate of each such unidentified person; and

(4) retain all such records pertaining to unidentified persons until a person is identified.


§ 14663. Uses of funds

A State that receives a grant award under this chapter may use such funds received to establish or expand programs developed to improve the reporting of unidentified persons in accordance with the assurances provided in the application submitted pursuant to section 14662 (b) of this title.
§ 14664. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this chapter $2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002.


§ 14665. Grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults

(a) In general

The Attorney General may make grants to public agencies or nonprofit private organizations, or combinations thereof, for programs—

(1) to assist law enforcement and families in locating missing adults;
(2) to maintain a national, interconnected database for the purpose of tracking missing adults who are determined by law enforcement to be endangered due to age, diminished mental capacity, or the circumstances of disappearance, when foul play is suspected or circumstances are unknown;
(3) to maintain statistical information of adults reported as missing;
(4) to provide informational resources and referrals to families of missing adults;
(5) to assist in public notification and victim advocacy related to missing adults; and
(6) to establish and maintain a national clearinghouse for missing adults.

(b) Regulations

The Attorney General may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

(Pub. L. 106–468, § 2, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2027.)

References in Text

This Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 106–468, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2027, known as Kristen’s Act, which enacted this section and provisions set out as notes under this section and section 14661 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

Codification

Section was enacted as part of Kristen’s Act, and not as part of Jennifer’s Law which comprises this chapter.

Authorization of Appropriations

Pub. L. 106–468, § 3, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2028, provided that: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act [enacting this section and provisions set out as a note under section 14661 of this title] $1,000,000 each year for fiscal years 2001 through 2004.”