

PART A—DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM

§ 1531. Establishment of drug-free communities support program

(a) Establishment

The Director shall establish a program to support communities in the development and implementation of comprehensive, long-term plans and programs to prevent and treat substance abuse among youth.

(b) Program

In carrying out the Program, the Director shall—

- (1) make and track grants to grant recipients;
- (2) provide for technical assistance and training, data collection, and dissemination of information on state-of-the-art practices that the Director determines to be effective in reducing substance abuse; and
- (3) provide for the general administration of the Program.

(c) Administration

Not later than 30 days after receiving recommendations from the Advisory Commission under section 1542(a)(1) of this title, the Director shall appoint an Administrator to carry out the Program.

(d) Contracting

The Director may employ any necessary staff and may enter into contracts or agreements with national drug control agencies, including interagency agreements to delegate authority for the execution of grants and for such other activities necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 100-690, title I, §1031, as added Pub. L. 105-20, §2(a)(2), June 27, 1997, 111 Stat. 226.)

§ 1532. Program authorization

(a) Grant eligibility

To be eligible to receive an initial grant or a renewal grant under this part, a coalition shall meet each of the following criteria:

(1) Application

The coalition shall submit an application to the Administrator in accordance with section 1533(a)(2) of this title.

(2) Major sector involvement

(A) In general

The coalition shall consist of 1 or more representatives of each of the following categories:

- (i) Youth.
- (ii) Parents.
- (iii) Businesses.
- (iv) The media.
- (v) Schools.
- (vi) Organizations serving youth.
- (vii) Law enforcement.
- (viii) Religious or fraternal organizations.
- (ix) Civic and volunteer groups.
- (x) Health care professionals.
- (xi) State, local, or tribal governmental agencies with expertise in the field of sub-

stance abuse (including, if applicable, the State authority with primary authority for substance abuse).

(xii) Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.

(B) Elected officials

If feasible, in addition to representatives from the categories listed in subparagraph (A), the coalition shall have an elected official (or a representative of an elected official) from—

- (i) the Federal Government; and
- (ii) the government of the appropriate State and political subdivision thereof or the governing body or an Indian tribe (as that term is defined in section 450b(e) of title 25).

(C) Representation

An individual who is a member of the coalition may serve on the coalition as a representative of not more than 1 category listed under subparagraph (A).

(3) Commitment

The coalition shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Administrator—

(A) that the representatives of the coalition have worked together on substance abuse reduction initiatives, which, at a minimum, includes initiatives that target drugs referenced in section 1523(9)(A) of this title, for a period of not less than 6 months, acting through entities such as task forces, subcommittees, or community boards; and

(B) substantial participation from volunteer leaders in the community involved (especially in cooperation with individuals involved with youth such as parents, teachers, coaches, youth workers, and members of the clergy).

(4) Mission and strategies

The coalition shall, with respect to the community involved—

(A) have as its principal mission the reduction of substance abuse, which, at a minimum, includes the use and abuse of drugs referenced in section 1523(9)(A) of this title, in a comprehensive and long-term manner, with a primary focus on youth in the community;

(B) describe and document the nature and extent of the substance abuse problem, which, at a minimum, includes the use and abuse of drugs referenced in section 1523(9)(A) of this title, in the community;

(C)(i) provide a description of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs and activities, which, at a minimum, includes programs and activities relating to the use and abuse of drugs referenced in section 1523(9)(A) of this title, in existence at the time of the grant application; and

(ii) identify substance abuse programs and service gaps, which, at a minimum, includes programs and gaps relating to the use and abuse of drugs referenced in section 1523(9)(A) of this title, in the community;

(D) develop a strategic plan to reduce substance abuse among youth, which, at a mini-