

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2416

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants and contracts to establish community response teams and a technical assistance center to address the development and support of community response teams.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 23 (legislative day, AUGUST 18), 1994

Mr. BRADLEY (for himself, Mr. WOFFORD, and Mr. WELLSTONE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants and contracts to establish community response teams and a technical assistance center to address the development and support of community response teams.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Domestic Violence
5 Community Response Team Act of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to—

1 (1) establish and strengthen the partnership be-
2 tween law enforcement and community groups in
3 order to assist victims of domestic violence;

4 (2) provide early intervention and follow up
5 services in order to prevent future incidents of do-
6 mestic violence; and

7 (3) establish a central technical assistance cen-
8 ter for the collection and provision of programmatic
9 information and technical assistance.

10 **SEC. 3. GRANTS AUTHORIZED FOR COMMUNITY RESPONSE**

11 **TEAMS.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
14 retary”), is authorized to award grants to encourage eligi-
15 ble entities to develop community response teams to com-
16 bat domestic violence. Grants shall be awarded in a man-
17 ner that ensures geographic and demographic diversity.

18 (b) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—The Secretary shall not
19 award a grant under this section in an amount which ex-
20 ceeds \$500,000.

21 (c) **DURATION.**—The Secretary shall award grants
22 under this section for a period not to exceed 3 years.

23 (d) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—

24 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this section,
25 the term “eligible entity” means a nonprofit, com-

1 munity-based organization whose primary purpose
2 involves domestic violence prevention. The organiza-
3 tion must have a proven track record of expertise in
4 providing services to victims of domestic violence and
5 collaborating with existing service providers and sup-
6 port agencies in the community.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible
8 entity shall—

9 (A) act in partnership with local law en-
10 forcement agencies to carry out the purposes of
11 this Act; and

12 (B) understand, be able to respond ade-
13 quately to, and if possible reflect the racial, eth-
14 nic, and lingual diversity of the community.

15 (e) ROLE OF COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAMS.—Com-
16 munity response teams established pursuant to this sec-
17 tion shall—

18 (1) provide community advocates to work (in
19 conjunction with local police) with victims imme-
20 diately after incidents of domestic violence;

21 (2) educate victims about the legal process with
22 respect to restraining orders and civil and criminal
23 charges;

1 (3) discuss immediate safety arrangements and
2 child care needs, and educate victims about re-
3 sources provided by local agencies;

4 (4) provide for follow-up services and counseling
5 with local support agencies; and

6 (5) educate victims regarding abuse tactics, in-
7 cluding increased incidence of violence that occurs
8 after repeated episodes of violence.

9 (f) APPLICATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Applications for grants pur-
11 suant to this section shall be submitted to the Sec-
12 retary at such time, in such manner, and accom-
13 panied by such information as the Secretary may
14 reasonably require.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted
16 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

17 (A) include a complete description of the
18 eligible entity’s plan for operating a community-
19 based partnership between law enforcement of-
20 ficials and community organizations;

21 (B) demonstrate effective community lead-
22 ership, commitment to community action, and
23 commitment to working with affected popu-
24 lations;

1 (C) provide for periodic project evaluation
2 through written report and analysis in order to
3 assist in applying successful programs to other
4 communities; and

5 (D) demonstrate an understanding of the
6 population to be served (racial, ethnic, and so-
7 cioeconomic characteristics which influence
8 women's roles and affect treatment).

9 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to
11 award a contract to an eligible entity to serve as a tech-
12 nical assistance center under this Act. The technical as-
13 sistance center shall—

14 (1) serve as a national information, training,
15 and material development source for the develop-
16 ment and support of community response teams na-
17 tionwide; and

18 (2) provide technical support and input to com-
19 munity programs, including helping local groups
20 start their own programs and providing training for
21 community volunteer staff persons.

22 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of this section,
23 the term “eligible entity” means a nonprofit organization
24 with a primary focus on domestic violence prevention and
25 a proven track record of expertise in providing technical

1 assistance, information, training, and resource develop-
2 ment on some aspect of domestic violence service provision
3 or prevention. An eligible entity shall be selected by the
4 Secretary under this section based on competence, experi-
5 ence, and a proven ability to conduct national-level organi-
6 zation and program development. The eligible entity shall
7 provide the Secretary with evidence of support from com-
8 munity-based domestic violence organizations for the des-
9 ignation of the eligible entity as the technical assistance
10 center.

11 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000
13 for fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998 to carry out the
14 provisions of this Act of which \$300,000 shall be available
15 for a grant under section 4. Not to exceed 5 percent of
16 any grant made under this Act may be used by the grantee
17 for administrative purposes.

○