

Senate Bill 1015

Sponsored by Senator SOLLMAN

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells the DOJ to create a grant program to give moneys to certain entities. The Act directs the entities to use the moneys to reduce community violence. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.7).

Requires the Department of Justice to develop and implement a grant program to award moneys to eligible entities to reduce community violence in communities experiencing disproportionately high rates of community violence.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to community violence; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "community violence" means intentional, interpersonal violence committed in public with a firearm by someone who is not the victim's family member or intimate partner.

(2) The Department of Justice shall develop and implement a program to award grants to eligible entities for the purpose of reducing community violence in communities experiencing disproportionately high rates of community violence.

(3) The following types of entities are eligible to apply for a grant:

(a) Community-based organizations.

(b) Federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon.

(c) Other organizations for which the primary mission is to increase community safety, except for law enforcement entities.

(4) Grants awarded under this section may be used only for the purposes of developing, implementing or expanding evidence-informed community violence reduction, prevention and intervention services, including covering costs related to administration, capital projects, capacity building, training, professional development, human resources, sustainability, emergency housing, direct violence intervention services and stipends or incentives for individuals who are participating in a community violence intervention service.

(5)(a) The department shall prescribe the form and process by which an eligible entity may apply for and be awarded grants under the program.

(b) To be considered to receive a grant award, an eligible entity described in subsection (3) of this section must submit an application to the department. The application must include, but is not limited to:

(A) A description of how the applicant proposes to use the grant to implement community violence prevention services.

(B) A description of how the applicant proposes to use the grant to serve a community

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1 experiencing disproportionately high rates of community violence.

2 (C) Evidence demonstrating that the proposed community violence prevention services
3 are likely to reduce the incidence of community violence without confining individuals in
4 correctional facilities.

5 (c) The department shall prioritize awarding grants to entities for which the applications
6 demonstrate the greatest likelihood of reducing community violence in a community experi-
7 encing disproportionately high rates of community violence.

8 (6)(a) The department shall establish an oversight board to advise on the development
9 of the form and process for applications and to support the department in administering the
10 grant program. Membership on the oversight board must include, but is not limited to,
11 survivors of community violence, individuals who have been impacted by community vi-
12 olence, experts in the prevention of community violence and researchers of community vi-
13 olence.

14 (b) The oversight board shall evaluate information reported by grant recipients to assess
15 the efficacy of the grant program and, if appropriate, recommend improvements for future
16 grant cycles.

17 (7)(a) The department shall require recipients of grants under this section to report an-
18 nually to the oversight board on the progress of the community violence prevention services
19 funded by the grants. The annual report must include:

20 (A) An explanation how grant moneys were used;

21 (B) An accounting of the number of individuals who received community violence inter-
22 vention services as a result of the grant award; and

23 (C) Any available quantitative or qualitative data demonstrating individual or community
24 impacts as a result of the grant award.

25 (b) The department shall publish on its website a list of grants awarded under this sec-
26 tion and a discussion of the efficacy and outcomes of the program.

27 **SECTION 2.** (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes on operative January 1, 2026.

28 (2) The Department of Justice may adopt rules and take any other action before the op-
29 erative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the de-
30 partment, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, to
31 undertake and exercise all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department
32 by section 1 of this 2025 Act.

33 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
34 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.