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OVC News...

Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC): Financial Management Training

To serve crime victims more effectively, victim service organizations must use fundamental financial management practices to stay solvent and operate properly. This [training](#) provides an introduction to basic financial management practices. You will learn key bookkeeping and accounting principles, how to prepare financial documents, how to prevent fraud, and the differences in available financial management tools. This training will be delivered online, over the course of 6 weeks, beginning on August 31, 2020. Application for this training opens on August 10, 2020. Each week, except for the introductory week, will include a facilitated webinar. There are recommended readings and videos, as well as written assignments. You should expect to spend about an hour per week on these assignments, in addition to attending the 75-minute webinar. CEUs will be awarded for those who complete all requirements. Please note: Space is limited.



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OVC Special Feature: Learn more about the upcoming transition to new grants and payment management systems...

The transition to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) and the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) is just months away. Beginning on October 15, JustGrants will replace the Grants Management System (GMS) currently used by OJP and OVW, as well as the NexGen system used by the COPS Office. At the same time, ASAP will replace the Grants Payment Request System (GPRS).

Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP)

ASAP registration will take place throughout July and August. Registration emails will be sent to your organization's SAM Electronic Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC). Once you receive the email, refer to the



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[ASAP Registration Checklist](#) for next steps. You have 45 days to complete all enrollment steps. If you do not complete all steps within the 45-day timeframe, you must start from the beginning.

Grants Management and Payment Systems

The current systems—GMS, NexGen, and GPRS—will be discontinued beginning September 22, 2020. At this time, data, and attachments for all current active awards from GMS and NexGen will be migrated to JustGrants. This includes all open, active awards and any awards that have not been programmatically and fiscally closed. All award management activities will take place in JustGrants beginning on October 15, 2020. Users will not have access to GMS, NexGen, or GPRS after September 22.

Key Transition Activities

In the weeks leading up to the October 15 transition, there are several actions current award recipients will need to take. Key dates for these actions are provided at the links below:

For COPS Office key dates and actions, [click here](#).

For OJP (including OVC) key dates and actions, [click here](#).

For OVW key dates and actions, [click here](#).



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JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

[Justice Grants Website](#): Find more information on the transition to JustGrants, including key dates, news updates, resources, and training opportunities for applicants and recipients of DOJ grant awards and other forms of federal financial assistance.

[DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#): Learn about the laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of DOJ awards.

[ASAP Training Opportunities](#): Access trainings and additional resources regarding the ASAP system.

Important Dates

- **July–August 2020** — Current grantees receive instructions on how to enroll in the ASAP system.
- **Early August 2020** — Current grantees receive instructions on how to access the JustGrants external dashboard and register in the system.
- **August 21, 2020** — JustGrants will open for external grantee organizations to enroll users.
- **August–October 2020** — Training will be available to external users through web-based e-learning courses, job aids, and virtual Q&A sessions. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- **September 22, 2020** — Legacy systems, including GMS, NexGen, and GPRS, are discontinued.
- **September 23–October 14, 2020** — Final data migration and “cutover” activities from the legacy systems to JustGrants occur.
- **October 15, 2020** — JustGrants is launched and grantees begin using the ASAP system.

Resources...

Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Blog Post: Celebrating 50 Years of American Indian Self-Determination **By Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan**

“Today marks a milestone in relations between the federal government and Indian nations. Fifty years ago, today, President Richard M. Nixon delivered a special message to Congress announcing a new era of self-determination for American Indian tribes. ‘The time has come to break decisively with the past,’ he said, ‘and to create the conditions for a new era in which the Indian future is determined by Indian acts and Indian decisions.’” Read more of the Deputy Assistant Attorney General’s statement [here](#)!



Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Virtual Consultations

On November 26, 2019, President Trump signed Executive Order 13898, forming the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). The Executive Order requires the Task Force to “conduct appropriate consultations with Tribal governments on the scope and nature of the issues regarding missing and murdered AI/AN.” While the Task Force had plans in place for a robust schedule of consultations and listening sessions in various locations in Indian country and elsewhere beginning in March, the sessions were postponed due to the current public health crisis. The Task Force has instead established a series of virtual Tribal consultations. The sessions are based on Bureau of Indian Affairs regions. The session schedule and registration information are located [here](#).



Consultation Framing Paper on the Juvenile Justice Reform Act and Tribal Youth Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Programs

Through this consultation, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is [seeking input](#) on how it can collaborate with tribes to implement applicable provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA). OJJDP seeks to increase tribes’ awareness of and access to juvenile justice funding. This consultation will be conducted remotely via webinar. In addition, OJJDP is accepting written comments at OJJDPtribalconsultation@ojp.usdoj.gov.

A Children’s Storybook - Our smallest warriors, our strongest medicine: Overcoming COVID-19

This children’s storybook is a re-telling of [My Hero is You](#), developed by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings (IASC MHPSS RG). An intertribal workgroup convened to re-write this story and create illustrations that represent Indigenous peoples, values, and communities. The adapted story seeks to reach Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island and portray a sense of communal efficacy, strength, and hope in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. This project was funded by the [Johns Hopkins University \(JHU\) Alliance for a Healthier World](#) and the JHU Office of the President and Office of the Provost. You can find the .pdf or read the e-book [here](#).

StrongHearts Native Helpline | Find Healing | 1-844-762-8483



The [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#) (1-844-762-8483) is a confidential and anonymous culturally-appropriate domestic violence and dating violence helpline for Native Americans, available every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. StrongHearts advocates offer the following services at no cost: peer support and advocacy; information and education about domestic violence and dating violence; personalized safety planning; crisis intervention, and referrals to Native-centered domestic violence service providers.

Training and Events...

Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center to host the 32nd Annual Conference on Crimes Against Children (Virtual)

The conference provides practical and interactive instruction to those fighting crimes against children and helping children heal. The conference is conducted to provide training to those employed by government or nonprofit agencies in the fields of law enforcement, child protective services, social work, children's advocacy, therapy, and medicine who work directly with child victims of crime.

Event Dates: August 10-13, 2020. **Register** [here](#).



Multidisciplinary Responses to Complex Homicide Cases Webinar

Over the past few years, the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) has been working as a training and technical assistance provider for the Multidisciplinary Responses to Families and Communities in Complex Homicide Cases (Complex Homicide) project. This webinar will walk you through the resources available on the National Center's new TTA portal, many of which were created by the seven demonstration sites working on this project. The resources can be used by service providers who respond to homicide cases, as well as those looking to build or improve their multidisciplinary responses.

Event Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020 | 1- 2:15 p.m. EST. **Register** [here](#).

Meeting the Needs of American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors with Disabilities Webinar

Over the last decade, great strides have been made to address violence against people with disabilities in communities across the country. However, many mainstream organizations may be less equipped to provide accessible, culturally responsive services to American Indian or Alaskan Native (AI/AN) survivors with disabilities. 2.9 million people in the United States identify as "American Indian or Alaskan Native" (2010 U.S. Census). People in AI/AN communities are more likely to experience domestic violence and sexual assault and have high rates of disability. Mainstream organizations need to know how to meet their unique needs in a culturally responsive way. During this End Abuse of People with Disabilities webinar, Amanda Watson, Program Director at Praxis International, will explore ways in which programs can better understand the cultural implications of working with AI/AN survivors with disabilities and provide guidance on strategies for best serving them.

Event Date: August 25, 2020 | 2:00-3:30 pm ET. **Register** [here](#).

Introductory Webinar on Mass Violence Response for Tribal Communities

The National Mass Violence and Victimization Resource Center (NMVVRC), in collaboration with Unified Solutions, is hosting an introductory webinar on mass violence response for Tribal communities. This free webinar will highlight the experience of Tribal members who responded during the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians mass violence incident, federal law enforcement response to that incident, and provide resources and information to Tribal victim services providers designed to assist them in developing victim-centered mass violence response plans.

Event Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 | 2- 3:30 p.m. EST. **Register** [here](#).



Become a Positive Indian Parenting Trainer at the Virtual September Training Institute

Positive Indian Parenting is an eight-week curriculum developed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). The training helps parents explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional AI/AN child-rearing practices and apply them to modern parenting. The curriculum draws on the strengths of traditional Indian parenting practices using storytelling, cradleboard, harmony, lessons of nature, behavior management, and the use of praise. It also addresses the historic impact of boarding schools, intergenerational trauma and grief, and forced assimilation on parenting.

Event Dates: August 31, 2020 to September 3, 2020; September 15-17, 2020; and September 22–24, 2020.

Register [here](#).

Federal Indian Law Course Online

A team of faculty and staff from the Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Program and the Native Peoples Technical Assistance Office designed the course "Federal Indian Law and Policy: Tribal Sovereignty and the Legal Relationship Between Tribes and the United States" for tribal leaders, attorneys, college students, and anyone with an interest in learning about the history and development of Federal Indian Law. There are no separate books or materials required for this unique 18-module online course.

Event Date: On Demand. **Access the course** [here](#).



Accessing Grants to Strengthen Justice System Capacity Workshop Parts 1 and 2

The Department of Justice launched its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) in direct response to concerns raised by tribal leaders that DOJ's grant process did not provide the flexibility tribes need to address their criminal justice and public safety needs. In Fiscal Year 2019, the department awarded over \$273.4 million in grants to improve public safety, serve victims of crime, combat violence against women and support youth programs in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The awards included more than \$138 million for 149 American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, tribal consortia and tribal designees under CTAS.

Tribes are using these funds to enhance law enforcement, combat domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking, bolster justice systems, prevent and control juvenile delinquency, strengthen the juvenile justice system, serve sexual assault and elder victims, and support other efforts to address crime. Additionally, FY19 included up to \$133 million to be used to serve tribal victims of crime.



This workshop is designed to provide previous and new CTAS applicants with tools and guidance that may assist with the tribe's efforts to access grant funding and other resources to improve their justice systems. Workshop sessions will be led by DOJ personnel and experienced technical assistance providers and will focus on topics such as: 1) strategic planning to support a strong program design; 2) writing a proposal; 3) grant writing tips; and 4) DOJ funding opportunities and training and technical assistance resources.

Due to COVID 19, this typically two-day residential training will be offered via webinar over two consecutive days. New material will be covered each day. You must register separately for each training date at the following links:

- Accessing Grants to Strengthen Justice System Capacity Workshop **Part 1**
Event Date: September 1, 2020 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (eastern time)
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | **Register** [Here](#).
- Accessing Grants to Strengthen Justice System Capacity Workshop **Part 2**
Event Date: September 2, 2020 | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (eastern time)
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | **Register** [Here](#).

Registration Information:

- Fill out the pre-registration survey for Part 1 and Part 2.
- Click the "Register" button.
- Save the automated WebEx calendar appointment following your registration.
- Additional WebEx Instructions: You should be able to join the event from the meeting link in your calendar invite by selecting "Join Event"/ "Join Meeting." Please be aware that WebEx may prompt you to install a Cisco WebEx desktop app or add-on.
- If you are not permitted/chose not to install there are some other options for joining the meeting: You may select "run a temporary application." You may be automatically prompted to do so or there may be a "go here" link if you have trouble joining ("go here" may appear for those using Internet Explorer). Click on "run" to start the temporary application. You may have to try this a couple times...it may take a minute or so to run and open the meeting using the temporary application. Please note that other browsers may ask you to save (vs. run) the temporary application. You may try opening the webinar in Google Chrome. Some users have reported better results with Chrome. You may try joining the webinar from your Government phone or iPad. You may forward the calendar invite to your personal email and open the meeting on your personal computer/device (ensure you do not change your government email address, which may be displayed when entering the meeting). Again, you will likely be prompted to install a Cisco WebEx app/add-on or run a temporary application.



- **Please Note:** As a last resort, you may call in on your phone for audio only. Please note the information below for accessing the WebEx via your telephone: **To access Part 1 of the audio only webinar, September 1, 2020, please use the phone number: 1-415-527-5035. The Access Code for Part 1 is: 909-934-113; To access Part 2 of the audio only webinar, September 2, 2020, please use the same phone number as Part 1 (1-415-527-5035), however, the Access Code for Part 2 is: 909-401-579.**

Funding Opportunities...

FY 2020 COVID-19/Violence Against Women Assistance to Tribes

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is seeking applications for special funding under the OVW Grants to Tribal Governments Program and the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program. Tribal governments, organizations, and designees may apply to both programs covered by this solicitation. Applicants must submit a separate application for each program. Funds must be used to meet specific COVID-19 related needs relevant to the purposes of each grant program, not to support entirely new projects.

Solicitation materials are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** September 16, 2020

FY 2020 Law Enforcement Training & Technical Assistance Response Center

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications to fund a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider that will provide law enforcement agencies with information and expertise from multiple organizations or consortia via a one-stop, dedicated response center. Specifically, the objectives under this solicitation are to coordinate TTA provided by the national leaders, develop information and resources for the field, and deliver TTA to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

Solicitation materials are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** August 10, 2020



OVC FY 2020 Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) for Crime Victim Compensation and Assistance

The Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP) is a mechanism by which the Director of OVC may award supplemental crime victim compensation and assistance to respond to an act of domestic terrorism or mass criminal violence. The criminal act has to be of sufficient magnitude that the jurisdiction cannot provide needed services to victims of the incident with existing resources and it places an undue financial hardship on the jurisdiction's ability to respond to victims of other crimes in a timely and comprehensive manner. This is not a competitive solicitation.

Solicitation materials are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** September 30, 2020

FY 2020 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in funding provided by the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)). This is a national solicitation for project proposals and includes the selection criteria and program eligibility information for Fiscal Year 2020 projects. The primary purpose of these competitively selected grants is to support planning, capital, and, in limited circumstances, operating assistance for tribal public transit services. Funds distributed to Indian tribes under the TTP should not replace or reduce funds that Indian tribes receive from states through FTA's Section 5311 program.

Solicitation materials are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** August 24, 2020.



Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Grant Program for Tribal Housing

The purpose of the HHP program is to assist AI/AN tribal government to identify and remediate housing related health and safety hazards. HHP is part of HUD's overall Healthy Homes Initiative launched in 1999. The program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time. The program builds upon HUD's experience with Lead Hazard Control programs to expand the Department's efforts to address a variety of high-priority environmental health and safety hazards.

Solicitation materials are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Aug. 24, 2020.

Welcome to Fox Valley New Staff Member: Roicia Banks, Project Coordinator...

Ms. Banks was born in Phoenix, Arizona, and raised throughout the Grand Canyon State. She spent most of her adolescent years on the Hopi reservation and the small town of Winslow. In 2007, she graduated from Winslow High and went on to pursue her Bachelor's Degree by becoming a Sun Devil. Ms. Banks studied at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, and graduated in 2011 from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences earning a Bachelor of Arts in African & African American Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Ms. Banks then pursued her Masters in Social Work at the University of Houston, in Houston, Texas. While pursuing her Masters of Social Work, she experienced her love for community social work serving at the local community center in Acres Homes. Ms. Banks assisted in creating research-based solutions such as cultural competency training for state employees, foster agencies, and foster families in order to eliminate systematic racism in the child welfare system. Ms. Banks was employed as a case manager for Children Protective Services in Houston, Texas before returning back to Arizona. Ms. Banks previously served children and families in tribal government for four years as a social worker and advocate. Ms. Banks also served as a SNAP Coordinator at Maricopa County Community Colleges District Office, supporting students with information, resources, and community services. Today, Ms. Banks serves as a Project Coordinator with the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College.



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