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## OVC News...

### OVC Has Launched a Redesigned Website

OVC has launched a [redesigned website](#) to provide a more user-friendly experience with streamlined navigation, a clean and simplified layout, and improved search capabilities to help you more efficiently get to the content you need. During this transition, many of the URLs will be changing, but OVC is putting URL redirects in place for a full year so that you have time to update your bookmarks and links to OVC content on your websites. OVC has also included an enhanced page specifically dedicated to [supporting tribal victim services](#) and the victim service providers and allied professionals that work within these organizations.

### OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) Budget Webinar: Playback Details

TFMC invites you to access the playback, handouts, and captioning transcript from the Budget webinar session held on May 19, 2020 by using the links below. This recording is also available on [OVCTFMC.org](#). TFMC looks forward to you joining the next webinar, *Procurement Procedures* on July 15, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.

### Environmental Crime Victim Assistance

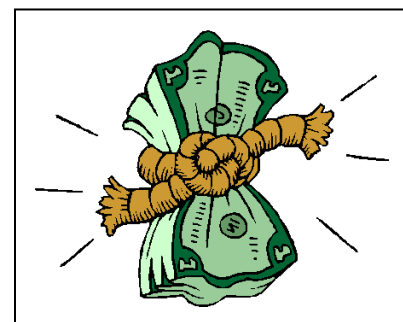
An environmental crime can be a negligent, knowing, or willful violation of a federal law that protects human health and the environment, such as the Clean Air Act or the Clean Water Act. However, not all negligent, knowing, or willful behavior is an environmental crime. Learn more about what constitutes Environmental Crime and its victims [here](#).

### Capacity Building Webinars for Human Trafficking Service Providers

OVC TTAC offers interactive, facilitated training sessions and conferences which are recorded and transcribed for unlimited access. These [webinars](#) provide information on key services and strategies for victim service providers working with survivors of human trafficking.

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For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx>.



## Bureau of Justice Assistance Medal of Valor Nomination...

Every day public safety officers risk their lives to protect America's citizens and communities. To honor their commitment, Congress passed [The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001](#), which created the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer. The medal is awarded annually by the President or Vice President to public safety officers who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life.

A "public safety officer" is a person (living or deceased) who is serving or has served in a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter; law enforcement officer, including a corrections, court, or civil defense officer; or emergency services officer, as determined by the U.S. Attorney General.



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An act of valor is defined as:

- Above and beyond the call of duty; and
- Exhibiting
  - exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness, and presence of mind,
  - unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life.

To receive the Medal of Valor, public safety officers must be nominated by the chief executive officer of their employing agencies, recommended by the bipartisan Medal of Valor Review Board, and cited by the Attorney General. **PLEASE NOTE:** The background of Medal of Valor nominees may be reviewed as part of the selection process.



The Attorney General designated OJP's Assistant Attorney General to serve as the Federal point of contact for the Medal of Valor initiative. OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) assists in overseeing the Medal of Valor Initiative.

The 2019-2020 Medal of Valor nomination period is now [open](#). Eligibility for the 2019-2020 Medal of Valor is limited to incidents which took place between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020. The nomination submission period will close on July 31, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

## Resources...

### **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Holds Tribal Consultation**

On June 25, 2020, OJJDP hosted a Tribal Consultation meeting via webinar. Tribal leaders and representatives from across the country provided input on how OJJDP can collaborate with tribes to implement applicable provisions of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act. The consultation sought to increase tribes' access to juvenile justice funding and to create a policy for ongoing coordination with tribes. A [consultation framing paper](#) outlines the questions OJJDP posed to tribes to help strengthen partnerships and expand programs and services that benefit tribal youth. A recording of the webinar will be posted to [OJJDP's Tribal Youth Programs and Services website](#).

### **Domestic Violence Laws: Guide for Drafting or Revising Victim-Centered Tribal Laws Against Domestic Violence**

Developed by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, the [Guide for Drafting or Revising Victim-Centered Tribal Laws Against Domestic Violence](#) is designed as a starting point for tribal code development or revision. It includes examples from a variety of tribal codes and is written with a philosophy that tribal laws should reflect tribal values.

### **Crime Victim's Rights Video Series**

The Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) is excited to share its new crime victims' rights video series, which highlights the most important points to know about crime victims' rights for [crime victims](#) and [victim services professionals](#). You can see both videos on [NVRDC's YouTube channel](#). Closed captioning is available and Spanish versions will be coming soon.



### **A Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth**

It can be tough for those who are transgender and nonbinary to bear the burden of educating others about their lived experience. The Trevor Project has published [A Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth](#) to help educate the public on the basics of gender identity and expression. The information will help the reader better support trans and nonbinary individuals in their lives and help create a safer, kinder, and more accepting world.

## Training and Events...

### **Non-Fatal Strangulation: Recognizing the Injuries and Connecting Victims to Care**

Monday, July 15, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. ET

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center will present an online Expert Q&A discussion with Gael Strack and Michelle Morgan on "Non-Fatal Strangulation: Recognizing the Injuries and Connecting Victims to Care."

Non-fatal strangulation is an insidious form of violence that often goes unreported. This [session](#) is an opportunity for advocates, law enforcement, and other allied professionals to increase their awareness and understanding about the serious health, neurological, and emotional effects of non-fatal strangulation within the context of domestic violence and sexual assault. Victims of non-fatal strangulation are at higher risk of death, so it is essential for those working with victims to recognize possible indicators of strangulation injuries and understand the critical importance of referring for medical assistance, even when no visible injuries are present.



## **Save the dates for the following webinars from National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC)**

Presented by our partners at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, watch for emails with additional information and registration links in the coming weeks.

### **Educating Tribal Leadership**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 | 3:00 PM CT

Discuss why tribal leadership engagement is critical to community acceptance and sustainability of a project and identify which methods of keeping tribal leadership involved in a project are best for your tribal government.

### **Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 | 3:00 PM CT

Learn how to develop a SART, how a SART can help your tribal community, and the benefits of collaboration utilizing a multi-disciplinary team approach when developing protocols.

### **Coordinated Community Response (CCR)**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 | 3:00 PM CT

Learn how to develop a CCR, how to conduct productive CCR team meetings, and understand the importance of confidentiality.

### **Child Protection Teams (CPT)**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 | 3:00 PM CT

Learn how to develop a CPT, how to conduct productive CPT team meetings, and understand the importance of confidentiality.



## **Funding Opportunities...**

### **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)), as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1)(A), as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), Public Law 114-94 (December 4, 2015). 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. Apply [here](#). Current Closing Date for Applications:

**August 24, 2020.**



### **Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant: Solicitation**

The Secretary of the Interior ("Secretary"), through the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), is soliciting grant proposals from Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Tribal entities to build Tribal capacity for energy resource regulation and management. The Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program seeks to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land. Apply [here](#). Current Closing Date for Applications: **September 01, 2020.**

### **Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Grant: Solicitation of Proposals**

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), through its Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI), is soliciting proposals from Tribes for technical assistance funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies of economic development opportunities located in designated Opportunity Zones. Eligibility for funding is limited to those applicants whose proposed projects, businesses, or technologies are in designated Opportunity Zones. These grants are also intended to fund applicants to obtain qualified guidance on how the development projects, businesses, or technologies they propose can attract investments from an Opportunity Fund. Apply [here](#). Current Closing Date for Applications: **September 15, 2020.**



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