

Training & Technical Assistance Providers for the Office for Victims of Crime, Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance, and Children's Justice Act Grantees



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OVC News...

OVC Welcomes Jessica Hart as New Director

On April 1, the Office of Justice Programs announced Jessica Hart as the new director for the Office for Victims of Crime. As the Director, Ms. Hart oversees programs and services that help victims in the aftermath of crime and as they rebuild their lives. Ms. Hart has over 10 years of diverse legal and public service experience, including positions within the federal government in the U.S. Department of Justice and in Congress. Prior to joining OVC, she served as the Intergovernmental and Public Liaison for the Department where she managed relationships with governors, state attorneys' generals, elected officials, law enforcement, and key stakeholders. She also helped direct responses to congressional inquiries and prepare witnesses for testimony and briefings before the U.S. Congress. During that time, Ms. Hart supported crime victim-related legislation and public policy initiatives. Learn more about Ms. Hart by reading [her bio](#) and the [announcement of her appointment](#).



REMINDER: Pre-Application Deadline for the OVC FY 2020 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program solicitation is April 30, 2020!

This solicitation complements and builds on OVC's prior tribal victim services set-aside discretionary funding program created in federal Fiscal Year 2018 to improve services for victims of crime in tribal communities. Interested tribal applicants will be required to submit a pre-application with eligibility and population information due by Thursday, April 30, 2020, and a full application if OVC notifies them they are eligible to apply for a specified award amount. OVC anticipates funding awards in the range of \$350,000 to \$3 million for a performance period of up to 5 years, estimated to begin on January 1, 2021. Amounts per tribe will be determined by a formula described in the Program-Specific Information section of the solicitation. If you need assistance with the formula portion of the solicitation, Unified Solutions is here to help you. OVC conducted two optional pre-application webinars to review requirements and answer questions. [View](#) a recording and transcript of the webinar held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.



DOJ Grants Financial Guide Revision

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has made the following revision to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. The change implemented below became effective April 15, 2020.

- Chapter 2.2: Acceptance of Award and Award Conditions and Award Notification and Acceptance Procedures: Revised language to allow electronic signatures on award acceptance documents and Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) forms.

The updated sections in the guide can be accessed [here](#).

OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) Webinar: Playback Access

The recording for OVC's most recent webinar, *Direct and Indirect Costs (Cost Allocation Plan)*, have been posted [here](#). OVC invites you to access the playback, handouts, and captioning transcript from the session. The recording is also available on [OVCTFMC.org](#).



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OVC FY 2020 Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime solicitation

OVC is seeking applicants for the FY 2020 Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime solicitation. This program will develop a workforce of direct victim service providers to American Indian and Alaska Native victims in hard-to-staff positions and locations. By identifying and training prospective victim service professionals in, or from, the communities to be served, tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs' victim service programs will be better able to fill direct victim service positions in remote Indian Country and Alaska Native locations, and in turn ensure that victims in these locations get the services they need. OVC anticipates that it will make awards under two purpose areas, as follows: Purpose Area 1—Recruiting Interns/Residents to Serve Tribal Victims in the Continental United States. Purpose Area 2—Recruiting Interns/Residents to Serve Tribal Victims in Alaska. OVC anticipates making up to 8 awards of up to \$450,000 each for a 36-month period of performance. [Apply](#) by May 26, 2020.

Helplines Available for Victims of Crime

Online, digital voice service, text, or email-based hotlines are a crucial lifeline for victims. If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime, there are services available to help. Explore [OVC's Helplines](#) page to find hotlines (both toll-free and online) that serve victims of a wide range of crimes, including human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide, financial crimes, and stalking. Resources also include the recently launched Department of Justice's [National Elder Fraud Hotline](#), managed by OVC, that provides support to adults ages 60 and older who may be victims of financial fraud.



Alaska Training and Technical Assistance Funding Opportunity: Denali Commission in partnership with OVC

The Denali Commission is partnering with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to administer a \$7 million program to assist victims of crime located in tribal areas of the state. As part of this three-year project, the Denali Commission will assist Alaskan Tribes through capacity building and technical assistance with the vast majority of the funds set-aside for grants to communities and entities to provide crucial victim services. The AK TTA will support communities from conception to micro-grant implementation in a culturally informed approach. The AK TTA will [provide](#) technical assistance for the administrative reporting to the Commission as well as the Department of Justice's Performance Measurement Tools including the Subgrant Award Report, Subgrantee Performance Measures Report, and Grantee report. The AK TTA will collect, summarize, and develop reports summarizing services provided. In addition, the AK TTA will compile year-end and grant-end reports documenting the training and technical assistance provided as well as micro-grantee successes for use by the Commission and DOJ. Current Closing Date for Applications: May 15, 2020.

Save the Date for the 2020 National Crime Victims' Service Awards

The 2020 National Crime Victims' Service Awards will be held on Friday, October 2, 2020, in Washington, D.C. During the Ceremony, OVC will recognize individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting crime victims and victim assistance programs. Sign up for the NCVRW Subscription List to receive email updates about the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony and other National Crime Victims' Rights Week updates. Visit the [OVC Gallery](#) to view information and watch videos about award recipients from previous years.

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

Important OVC Reporting Reminders...

Federal Financial Reports: For grantees unable to meet original due dates, OJP is allowing delayed submission of up to 60 days for **Federal Financial Reports** for the reporting period January 1 – March 31, 2020. GMS will continue to send automatic delinquency notifications, which can be disregarded. However, grant funds will not be withheld unless the FFR has not been submitted by June 30. Please note that at this time, due dates for reports for the remaining fiscal year are unchanged.

SF-425 Federal Financial Reports—Due Quarterly			
Reporting Period	Original Due by Date	Due Date Extended	Delinquent After
January 1–March 31	April 30	June 30	June 30
April 1–June 30	July 30	N/A	July 30
July 1–September 30	October 30	N/A	October 30

Progress and Performance Measurement Reporting: For grantees unable to meet original due dates, OJP is allowing delayed submission of up to 60 days for progress and performance measure reports due in March and April 2020. GMS will continue to send automatic delinquency notifications, which can be disregarded. Please note that at this time, due dates for reports for the remaining fiscal year are unchanged.

Closeout Extensions: Grantees needing additional time to complete closeout requirements (i.e., submitting final financial, performance, or other reports and deliverables required by the terms of their award) should contact their grant manager before the closeout deadline (90 days after the award end date) to request prior approval of an extension. Please note that the Grants Management System (GMS) will continue to send automatic closeout notifications, which can be disregarded.

If you have any questions about reporting requirements and deadlines, please contact your OVC Program Manager.

Resources...

Social and Economic Development Strategies for Alaska-SEDS-AK –

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 funds for community-based projects for the Social and Economic Development Strategies-Alaska (SEDS-AK) program. SEDS-AK is designed to provide targeted support for Village-specific projects to improve and strengthen the administrative and management capacity of Alaska Native Village governments, governments that are central to social and economic self-sufficiency in Alaska. ANA is interested in supporting community-driven projects that build and strengthen core governmental capacity in the areas of administration and project management at the Alaska Native Village level. [Application](#)
Due Date: July 01, 2020.



OJJDP Will Expand Services for Child Abuse Victims in Alaska and Tribal Communities in the Lower 48 States

According to *Child Maltreatment 2018*, a report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, American Indian and Alaska Native children have the highest rate of victimization of any race or ethnicity. In Alaska Native villages and other remote tribal communities throughout the United States, accessing medical and legal services to help children who have been physically or sexually abused is a serious challenge. Services are often many miles away and scattered in disparate locations. To address this urgent need for centralized and accessible services, OJJDP will be making grant awards in fiscal year (FY) 2020 totaling \$14 million to develop, expand, and build the capacity of children's advocacy centers (CACs) in Alaska and tribal communities in the lower 48 states. The funding was made available to OJJDP by the Office of Justice Program. OJJDP's [Tribal Children's Advocacy Center Expansion Initiative for Child Abuse Victims](#) will fund the development of new satellite CACs for federally recognized tribes in the lower 48 states. A third FY 2020 OJJDP grant will fund a [training and technical assistance](#) provider to guide and support these projects. Through [Victims of Child Abuse Act](#) programs, OJJDP supports the development and expansion of CACs in communities throughout the country. Last year, more than 880 CACs served 367,797 children nationwide.

Tribal Youth Resource Center Newsletter: April 2020

The TYRC continues to offer our deepest support and encouragement to Tribal community leaders, prevention program staff, families, and youth during the current public health crisis. We understand that many communities and individuals are facing hardship and are continuing to take measures to reduce the impact of COVID-19. We know many of you are operating under guidelines and public orders that may include required social distancing, stay-at-home directives, and the cessation of some community-based programs. Accordingly, this month's [newsletter](#) includes resources and information related to maintaining and supporting communication with youth, more about what communities are doing to remain grounded and culturally connected during the COVID-19 pandemic, and reflections on the resiliency of youth in the time of pandemic. The strength of our communities is evident- we see program leaders across Indian Country connecting with youth through innovative and solution-focused approaches. We hope these stories inspire you and provide hope during this unprecedented time.

Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response Grant

The RTCR program is a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) initiative focused on addressing the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The [purpose](#) is to provide maximum flexibility to assist tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and health service providers to tribes to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus and the evolving needs in rural communities. Specifically, this program will provide funding to assist tribes to engage in activities that may include, but are not limited to: establishing testing sites, purchasing test kits, implementing telehealth strategies/activities, purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies, and hiring and/or training health care providers and other health care personnel to provide care for COVID-19 patients. Application Due Date: May 06, 2020.

Drugs and Sexual Assault: What You Should Know.

Whether at a bar, at a party, or even at a "friend's" home – drug-facilitated sexual assault can happen to anyone at any time. For this reason, it's important that the young people in your life understand the danger and are aware of the facts to protect themselves from becoming victims. Click [here](#) to access more resources from the Drug Enforcement Administration's "Get Smart About Drugs" website.

Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development: National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) Feasibility Study Funding The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is soliciting proposals from Indian Tribes for grant funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies for deployment or expansion of high-speed internet (broadband) transmitted, variously, through digital subscriber line (DSL), cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite, and broadband over power lines (BPL). TBG grants may be used to fund an assessment of the current broadband services, if any, that are available to an applicant's community; an engineering assessment of new or expanded broadband services; an estimate of the cost of building or



expanding a broadband network; a determination of the transmission medium(s) that will be employed; identification of potential funding and/or financing for the network; and consideration of financial and practical risks associated with developing a broadband network. The purpose of the NTBG is to improve the quality of life, spur economic development and commercial activity, create opportunities for self-employment, enhance educational resources and remote learning opportunities, and meet emergency and law enforcement needs by bringing broadband services to Native American communities that lack them. Feasibility studies funded through NTBG will assist Tribes to make informed decisions regarding deployment or expansion of broadband in their communities. Current [Closing](#) Date for Applications: June 15, 2020.

Training and Events...

Helping Rural and Tribal Communities Navigate the Federal Funding Process

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) recently sponsored training and outreach sessions in nine states to educate rural and tribal organizations and agencies about funding opportunities from OJP and offer guidance for communities interested in applying for Department of Justice (DOJ) grants. Sessions in a tenth state are planned for late April. The Attorney General has set a high priority on expanding the Department's support of public safety in less populated areas of the country. This [section](#) of the OJJDP website offers an overview of the OJJDP grant and funding process, current funding opportunities, past funding, OJJDP's performance measurement system, and other resources to assist applicants. Revised for fiscal year 2020, this [guide](#) contains information and assistance to help applicants prepare and submit applications for OJP funding. [Learn](#) about the laws, rules, and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of an OJP award.

Developing and Managing a Board of Directors - Your board of directors sets the tone and direction of your organization.

How do you build a strong, diverse, and engaged board? Once you accomplish that, how do you maintain member involvement? The National Victim Assistance Academy's Developing and Managing a Board of Directors training will provide a step-by-step guide to building an effective board as well as strategies for keeping members involved and accountable. This training is intended for staff within victim service organizations who work closely with a board of directors. It is not for those who are serving on a board of directors. The training will be delivered online over the course of 4 weeks, beginning on May 4, 2020. Each week, except the introductory week, will include a 75-minute facilitated webinar. In addition to participating in the webinar, you can expect to spend an additional hour per week completing written assignments, readings, or watching videos. You will find the training schedule [here](#). CEUs will be awarded for this training. Space is limited, so [apply](#) today to reserve your spot.

End Violence Against Women International: Building Your Trainer Toolbox - Part 2: Training Materials and Professional Tools

In Part 2 of our [webinar](#) series on Building Your Trainer Toolbox, we will offer concrete guidance on how to improve your own training materials (including abstracts, learning objectives, and PowerPoint slides) and professional tools (such as a biographical sketch, resumé, and CV). This information is designed to be helpful for anyone interested in providing training on the topic of criminal justice and community responses to sexual assault and other forms of gender-based violence.

Wednesday, May 20th, 2020; 90 Minutes; 10:00 AM PT / 11:00 AM MT / 12:00 PM CT / 1:00 PM ET



Enhance your leadership skills and abilities

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance (OVC TTAC) NVAA Leadership Institute provides skill-based training to assist you in becoming a more effective leader of your team, work group, or organization—one who inspires and motivates, leads change, and fosters innovation. The training will be delivered online, over the course of 11 weeks, beginning on May 4, 2020. Each week, except the prework week, will include an instructor-facilitated webinar along with recommended readings, videos, and written assignments. You should expect to spend about an hour per week on these activities in addition to participating in the 75-minute webinar. Each webinar will be recorded, so if you are not able to attend one, you will be able to access the recording. You will find the training schedule [here](#). Like all of OVC TTAC's trainings, there is no cost to attend. Space is limited, [apply](#) to reserve your space.

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