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OVC NEWS

Message from OVC Director Jessica E. Hart on Human Trafficking Initiatives

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Director, Jessica E. Hart, describes how the law enforcement, juvenile justice, and victim services human trafficking initiatives at the Office of Justice Programs were consolidated into one division at OVC. This consolidation better aligns funding, training, assistance, and other resources in support of Attorney General Barr's efforts to use every means at the Department of Justice's disposal to bring traffickers to justice and serve trafficking victims. [Learn](#) about the dedicated team working to enhance services for victims and the anti-trafficking professionals who support them.

Justice Department Awards Over \$35 Million to Provide Housing to Victims of Human Trafficking

The Department's Office of Justice Programs [awarded](#) \$35,104,338 in grant funding to provide appropriate services and safe, stable housing to victims of human trafficking. Seventy-three organizations were awarded grant funding to provide six to 24 months of transitional or short-term housing assistance for trafficking victims. Services include assistance with rent, utilities, and/or other related expenses such as security deposits and relocation costs. The grants provide funding to help victims locate permanent housing, secure employment, and receive occupational training and counseling.

Apply to be a Peer Reviewer

OVC is seeking reviewers from diverse backgrounds and regions to assess grant applications. Reviewers should have relevant experience in the field of victim assistance and expertise at the local, state, federal, or Tribal levels. All reviews are conducted electronically and, typically, reviewers assess and score approximately 12 to 15 applications within a 2-week period. If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, please send an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae, including a valid email address, to ojpprsupport@usdoj.gov.

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



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OVC SPECIAL FEATURE: IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING OJP TRANSITION FROM GMS TO GPRS

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is discontinuing the use of its legacy systems (GMS, NexGen, and GPRS) on September 22, 2020. As a result, please be aware of the following key dates:



- Grant Adjustment Notices (GAN's) still in a "Change Request" status on August 31, 2020, will be denied and Grantees will need to resubmit it in [JustGrants](#) starting October 15, 2020.
- GAN's not submitted by August 24, 2020, will have to wait until October 15, 2020, when the transition to JustGrants is complete. This deadline is especially important if you experienced a complete or partial shutdown during the past few months.
- Grantees are authorized by OJP to drawdown 30 days of advance funding in the Grants Payment Request System (GPRS) during September 15-22, 2020. If the Grantee is not able to spend the funds (greater than \$50,000) within 10 days after the expiration of the 30-day advance funding period (10/15/2020 through 10/22/2020; depending on the date of the drawdown), the Grantee will have to return the funds to OJP.
- OJP Grantee [Action Dates for System Transition](#) has additional information about the system transition from GMS to JustGrants as well as a "[How to Get Ready](#)" section to prepare for the transition.
- Feel free to reach out to the Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) or to your OVC Grant Manager directly if you have questions about the transition or a GAN you are working on and need to submit.

RESOURCES

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 for September 2020 and registration information are located [here](#).

Multidisciplinary Responses to Complex Homicide Cases Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Resources

The National Center recently launched a new training and technical assistance website, which is an invaluable resource for victim advocates, law enforcement, and other providers who serve victims of crime. The TTA [portal](#) is available at www.ncvctta.org, and it houses webinars, training materials, articles, tool kits, and much more. Many resources within the TTA portal were produced under the Multidisciplinary Responses to Families and Communities in Complex Homicide Cases (Complex Homicide) project, which was funded by the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Visit the portal to find articles, information on evidence-based practices, sample outreach materials, toolkits, and more that can be used by organizations responding to



homicide cases. We also have links to webinars that were previously conducted and materials from past training seminars. ***Be sure to check out the featured resources for Intrafamilial Homicide.*** For those focusing on intrafamilial homicides, the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia (AVP) in Pennsylvania and the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) created a number of resources that may be helpful. AVP created an [overview](#) of its homicide task force with information on its goals and objectives. MUSC's protocol for its multidisciplinary team, Charleston HEART, and meeting agenda template can be found [here](#), and their Survivor's Guide can be found [here](#).

OVC Resource Guide on COVID-19 for Grantees

This [resource guide](#) summarizes COVID-19-related government guidelines and resources to ensure OVC Grantees continue delivering high quality support and advocacy to survivors.

Tribal Access Program (TAP)

[TAP](#) provides Tribal law enforcement agencies with access to national crime information systems. Under TAP, OVC funds provide kiosks, software, training, and more to facilitate the protection of victims of crime in Tribal nations.



Tribal Crime Data-Collection Activities, 2020 Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Report Published

This [report](#) is the tenth in a series that began in 2011. It meets the mandate under the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 that requires BJS to: (1) establish and implement a tribal crime data-collection system, (2) consult with American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes to establish and implement this data-collection system, and (3) to report annually to Congress on the data collected and analyzed in accordance with the act. This report describes the data-collection activities during fiscal year (FY) 2020, summarizes the most recent statistical findings on American Indians and Alaska Natives, and discusses BJS funding to enhance Tribal participation in national records and information systems.

Federal Government Announces National Tribal Broadband Grant Recipients for 25 Native Communities

The Trump administration announced Thursday, August 13, 2020, the approval of grants under the National Tribal Broadband Grant (NTBG) program to 23 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and two Navajo Nation communities to study the feasibility of developing or extending broadband services in their areas. The [grants](#) were approved by the Interior Department's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED). The NTBG program is designed to 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 the American Indian/Alaska Native communities that lack them.

Check out this Mass Violence Podcast (MVP) from the National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center (NMVVC)

In this [podcast](#), two professionals discuss the various obstacles victims of mass violence incidents (MVIs) may face when dealing with the news media. Also discussed are the resources available to victims and new tip sheets that are now live on the NMVVC [website](#).



Walking on Common Ground: Resources for Promoting and Facilitating Tribal-State-Federal Collaborations

[Walking on Common Ground](#) is an ongoing initiative to promote and facilitate Tribal, state, and federal collaboration. The initial effort focused on Tribal, state, and federal court or justice system collaborations. It has expanded to include Tribal, state, and federal collaborations on a broader range of issues. The official statement of the Walking on Common Ground initiative (adopted by the 2005 Walking on Common Ground planning committee) is as follows: “Tribal, federal, and state justice communities join together, in the spirit of mutual respect and cooperation, to promote and sustain collaboration, education, and a level of support to ensure equal access to justice.”

TRAINING AND EVENTS

The National Judicial College (NJC) hosts "Core Skills for Judges" Webinar Series

This series is aimed at new state court judges, but it may also be useful for administrative law judges, Tribal court judges and military judges. Each course will be 75 minutes in length and the series will run from September 1 - 30, 2020. Pick and choose the one that is right for you, or you can choose to take them all. This webinar is presented at no cost to judges. The \$199.00 fee will be fully funded by an NJC scholarship. Click [here](#) for more details.



National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) hosts "Coordinated Community Response (CCR)" Webinar

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

Event Date: September 8, 2020 | 4 PM ET. **Register** [here](#).

NMVVRC and Unified Solutions host "Introduction to Mass Violence Planning for Tribal Communities"

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

Event Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 | 2- 3:30 p.m. ET. **Register** [here](#).

Tribal Resource Tool: The Journey to Serve and to Expand Services to American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime in a Digital World: Parts 1 and 2

This two-part series will provide a detailed overview of the [Tribal Resource Tool](#). It will discuss the historical context of input from original stakeholders, the actual development, and the challenges and successes of populating the tool, along with a visual of the use of the tool when connecting service providers in the spirit of service to victims. The webinar will also emphasize the importance of collaboration with the Tribal Resource Tool partners and the sharing of information to reach a broad audience of service providers. Tribal Resource Tool partners will discuss information regarding data compilation throughout the project to identify needs, locations, services, and so on. The presenters will also address the next steps of the tool after the current project is complete.

Event Dates: September 16 and 17, 2020 | 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. ET. **Register** [here](#).



Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) hosts Virtual 10th Annual Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training

The purpose of the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training is to provide training to Tribal Healing to Wellness Court (THWC) team members including Tribal leaders, community volunteers, prosecutors, judges, defense counsel, judicial and law enforcement personnel, social services and mental health providers, substance abuse treatment, and probation/correction, who want to improve or implement their adult, juvenile, veterans, or family Healing to Wellness Court. For more information, or to nominate a service provider for the Wellness Court Advocate for Healing Award, click [here](#).

Dates: September 28, 2020 -October 2, 2020

National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) hosts Virtual Crime Victim Law Conference

NCVLI's Crime Victim Law Conference continues to be the only national conference focused on rights enforcement in Victim Law, including rights enforcement in criminal cases. Professionals serving victims gather to learn, share best practices, and plan the future of victims' rights. NCVLI is excited to announce that the Crime Victim Law Conference will move to a virtual format this year.

Date: November 14-15, 2020 **Register** [here](#).



Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online through the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC)

[VAT Online](#) is a web-based victim assistance training program that teaches essential skills to victim service providers and allied professionals regarding best practices in assisting victims of crime. VAT Online has four sections: Basics, Core Competencies and Skills, Crimes, and Specific Considerations for Providing Victim Services.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 must be of sufficient magnitude that the jurisdiction cannot provide needed services to victims of the incident with existing resources and providing resources to these victims 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. Only after OVC has consulted with an eligible organization can an application be submitted.

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



Office of Tribal Self-Governance Negotiation Cooperative Agreement Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service

The purpose of this Negotiation Cooperative Agreement is to provide Tribes with resources to help defray the costs associated with preparing for and engaging in Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP) negotiations.

Solicitation Materials are available [here](#).

Application Deadline: October 28, 2020



FY20 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Department of Homeland Security-FEMA

The BRIC program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal governments, and local communities for pre-disaster mitigation activities. The guiding principles of the program are to: (1) support state and local governments, Tribes, and territories through capability- and capacity-building enabling them to identify mitigation actions and implement projects that reduce risks posed by natural hazards; (2) encourage and enable innovation while allowing flexibility, consistency, and effectiveness; (3) promote partnerships and enable high-impact investments to reduce risk from natural hazards with a focus on critical services and facilities, public infrastructure, public safety, public health, and communities; (4) provide a significant opportunity to reduce future losses and minimize impacts on the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF); and (5) support the adoption and enforcement of building codes, standards, and policies that will protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, take into account future conditions, and have long-lasting impacts on community risk-reduction such as critical services and facilities and for future disaster costs.

Solicitation Materials are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** January 29, 2021

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