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## OVC NEWS

### **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Announces \$295.8 Million in Grants to Improve Public Safety and Serve Victims of Crime in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Communities**

On Wednesday, September 30, 2020, DOJ announced it has awarded more than \$103 million under the Justice Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) to enhance law enforcement and tribal justice practices, expand victim services, and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts. DOJ awarded an additional \$113 million to applicants under the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program (TVSSA) to help tribes develop, expand, and improve services to victims of crime and promote other public safety initiatives. Read the full press release [here](#).

### **Attorney General Barr Announces Nearly \$100 Million in Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Funding to Fight Human Trafficking**

On Monday, September 21, 2020, Attorney General Barr and Advisor to the President, Ivanka Trump, announced the release of nearly \$100 million in OVC funding during a meeting at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia. This funding, which includes \$35 million in funding for housing assistance, will help fund a broad range of victim services. Read the press release [here](#).



### **Bureau of Justice Statistics: Criminal Victimization, 2019 Report**

This report provides official estimates of reported and unreported criminal victimizations from the National Crime Victimization Survey. The rate of violent crime, excluding simple assault, declined 15% from 2018 to 2019; decreasing from 8.6 to 7.3 victimizations per 1,000 persons age 12 or older. Based on the 2019 survey, less than half (41%) of violent victimizations were reported to police. Read the full report [here](#).

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## **October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

The following domestic violence resources are available from the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC):

- Online Training Opportunities
  - The Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online module on [Intimate Partner Violence](#)
  - [Online Elder Abuse Training for Legal Service Providers: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#)
  - [Polyvictimization in Later Life Module 2: Older Adults Affected by Polyvictimization](#): This module discusses the correlation between intimate partner violence and age
  - [Serving LGBTQ Survivors of Violence](#): Participants will learn to differentiate between sexual violence, intimate partner violence, hate violence, and hate crimes among the LGBTQ community
- Webinar Recordings
  - [Expert Q&A](#)
  - [Elder Justice Initiative](#)
  - [Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault: Strategies to Strengthen Community Collaboration To Respond to Survivors' Needs](#)
  - [Telemedicine: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Responding to Sexual Assault](#)
  - [Vision 21 Talks: Engaging with Experts on Trending Topics](#)
- Resource Guides
  - [Human Trafficking Task Force e-Guide](#) chapter on [Comprehensive Victim Services](#) provides resources related to supporting survivors of domestic violence
  - [SANE Program Development and Operation Guide](#) provides a list of [related resources](#)
- The Tribal Victim Assistance [Resources](#) tab provides resources to help Tribal communities better meet the needs of victims of domestic violence
- The Victim Impact: Listen and Learn module on [Domestic Violence](#)
- The [Resource Library](#) provides domestic violence materials
- [Customized Technical Assistance](#) can address your organization's needs and build the capacity to better serve victims of domestic violence



## **Bullying Prevention Month**

October is also Bullying Prevention Month and OVC TTAC is offering the following resources:

- The VAT Online module on [Bullying](#)
- Training on [Increasing Effectiveness of Providers for Child Victims of Violence](#)

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

## IMPORTANT JUSTGRANTS ANNOUNCEMENT

As planned, the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Grants Management System (GMS), NexGen, and the Grants Payment Request System (GPRS) have been disabled for all award recipients.

The full functionality of DOJ's new grants management system, the Justice Grants System (JustGrants), and the ability for award recipients to use the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) to request payment, will first be available on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Award recipients that have not yet accepted a grant award will be able to accept their award using JustGrants on or after October 15.

To learn more about the new systems, please visit the [Justice Grants Website](#), which contains training materials, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and user support information. If you are a current award recipient and have immediate questions or concerns related to your specific grants, please contact your DOJ Grant Manager.

Email updates will provide any additional communications and information regarding the transition. Subscribe to JustGrants email updates [here](#).

## RESOURCES

### VictimLaw

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) offers VictimLaw, a searchable database of victims' rights legal provisions including federal, state, and territorial statutes, Tribal laws, and more. The database is searchable by topic, term, jurisdiction, and specific citation. Access the database [here](#).

### FreeFrom's National Report on Survivors' Needs During COVID-19 and Beyond

In April, FreeFrom launched a safety fund to support the safety of survivors during this unprecedented time. As part of the application, FreeFrom offered survivors an opportunity to share their financial situations.

FreeFrom heard from 1300 survivors across 36 states and Puerto Rico about their financial health, the cost of experiencing abuse, their immediate needs (e.g., how much cash they need to stay safe), and how our society can best support them through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

FreeForm shared their findings in their new report, Survivors Know Best: How to Disrupt Intimate Partner Violence During COVID-19 and Beyond. Read the report [here](#).

### National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) 2020 Toolkit

The NCADV released its 2020 (now annual) toolkit for survivors, advocates, and allies to use during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). The 2020 toolkit, titled #PowerUp DVAM Toolkit, includes background information, sample messaging, templates, and helpful content for raising awareness and providing education during DVAM. To receive the toolkit, sign up [here](#).



### The National Network to End Domestic Violence's (NNEDV) Transitional Housing Toolkit

The [NNEDV Toolkit](#) supplies transitional housing providers with information and resources to enhance services to survivors. The information includes FAQs, common challenges, best practices, templates, and resources for additional assistance.



## **Tribal Resource Tool**

The [Tribal Resource Tool](#) is a searchable directory of all services available for American Indian/Alaska Native survivors of crime and abuse in Indian Country. To become a provider featured on the searchable directory, review the [eligibility requirements](#) and complete the [provider inclusion form](#).

## **New Mobile Application Provides Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault**

With support from OVC, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) developed a mobile application to provide resources for victims of sexual assault. Through the application, users can contact the National Sexual Assault Hotline by phone or chat, connect with other survivors through a peer-to-peer help room, and locate services in their area. The mobile application also enables survivors and their loved ones to find educational resources and tools to help them practice self-care. Learn more on the [RAINN website](#).

## **TRAINING AND EVENTS**

### **National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Call for Presenters**

Presenters are the heart and soul of NICWA's 39th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference. This year's conference will be a hybrid event, both in Seattle, Washington, and virtually. Presenters and attendees will have the option of attending either virtually or in-person. NICWA will host about 50, 90-minute presentations about best practices, current research, advocacy efforts, policy implications, and more. For consideration to present at the conference, submit an application by October 30.

**Dates:** April 11-14, 2021 **Submit your application** [here](#).



### **Webinar Wednesday Series on Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum**

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI), in coordination with the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC), is hosting a six-part webinar series presenting Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum. The Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum introduces information on the sex trafficking of Native people and covers topics such as the definition of sex trafficking, red flags of sex trafficking, sex trafficker tactics, screening for sex trafficking, and advocacy roles and responsibilities.

**Dates:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of October, November, and December, 2020 **Register** [here](#).



### **National Children's Alliance (NCA) presents the National Leadership Conference**

Join NCA December 13-16 in Washington D.C. to gather with peers, experts, and leaders to renew your energy to provide healing and justice for our nation's children and families. The target audience for this conference includes administrators, coordinators, and

board members of Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC), CAC chapters, and multidisciplinary teams.

**Dates:** December 13-16, 2020 **Register** [here](#).

**National Center for Victims of Crime National Training Institute**

This multidisciplinary institute offers more than 80 victim-centered, research-informed trainings. Facilitate connections with peers and reach across professions, including law enforcement, victim service professionals, attorneys, members of the military and Department of Defense, counselors, allied practitioners, policymakers, and researchers. **Find training opportunities [here](#).**



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## Bureau of Indian Education: Native American Language Immersion



The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) supports efforts to revitalize and maintain Native languages and expand the use of language immersion programs in its schools. The BIE is providing \$4,000,000 for grants to BIE-funded schools to expand existing language immersion programs or create new programs that will lead to Native language oral proficiency. This opportunity is offered under the authority of the FY 2020 Interior Appropriations Bill, Congressionally Directed Capacity Building Grant for Native Language Immersion Programs, Public Law

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#).

**Application Deadline:** October 30, 2020

**Department of Housing and Urban Development: Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)**

The IHBG program is authorized under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) (NAHASDA). Under the program, eligible Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) receive grants to provide a range of affordable housing activities. Programs can utilize grant funds to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas. Grant funds must primarily benefit low-income Indian families.

**Solicitation Materials are available [here](#).**

**Application Deadline:** December 10, 2020

**Department of Homeland Security: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**

The FMA program provides federal funds to states, U.S. territories, Indian Tribal governments, and local communities to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**Solicitation Materials are available [here](#).**

**Application Deadline:** January 29, 2021

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit their [website](#)!



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