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# E-BULLETIN

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



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## CURRENT NEWS

### **Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) Extended to December 30, 2020**

Due to incomplete onboarding processes and issues with FFR submissions, the FFR due date for the period of July 1-September 30, 2020 has been extended from November 30, 2020 to December 30, 2020. Award recipients will not be penalized for this extension.

**DEADLINE  
\*EXTENDED\***

### **November 2020 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Consultation: Written Comments Requested**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) invited tribal leaders, representatives, and stakeholders to participate in a Consultation on the Tribal Set-Aside from the Crime Victims Fund for Fiscal Year 2021. Attendees discussed the FY 2021 Crime Victims Fund Tribal Set-Aside and potential revisions to the interim formula and application process used in 2020. An informational Framing Paper provided relevant background and questions for participants at the consultation to consider.

For more information or to read the full announcement, click [here](#).

OVC strongly encourages tribal leaders, representatives, and stakeholders who were unable to attend the consultation to submit written comments.

**Comments Deadline:** Thursday, December 10, 2020 by 11:59pm ET

#### **Submit Comments:**

- Email [ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov)
- Fax (202) 305-2440, or
- Mail: Office for Victims of Crime, Tribal Division  
Attn.: Katherine Darke  
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### **Apply to be an OVC 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 reviewers typically assess and score approximately 12 to 15 applications within a 2-week period. Before beginning their work, reviewers must participate in an orientation telephone call which covers the roles and responsibilities of the reviewers and the background and purpose of the grant program under review. Reviewers must also enter their scores and comments in an automated data system and participate in a consensus call with all other reviewers on their assigned panel. Participants receive \$125 for each application reviewed, including participation in both the orientation call and consensus call.

For more information or to read the full announcement, click [here](#).

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 [ojprsupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:ojprsupport@usdoj.gov).



### **New Video Showcases Financial Management Services for Tribal Grantees**

OVC released a new [video](#) to highlight services available to Tribal Grantees through the Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC). TFMC provides training, technical assistance, and resources to support American Indian and Alaska Native communities as they successfully manage the financial aspects of their federal awards. Financial specialists are available to provide services (at no cost) to

tribal grantees including onsite and offsite requests for technical assistance and general questions through the Virtual Support Center. If you need financial support for your grant, contact [OVC TFMC](#) via phone at (703) 462-6900 or by email at [tfmc@ovctfmc.org](mailto:tfmc@ovctfmc.org).

### **Department of Justice Awards More Than \$458 Million To Fight Violent Crime**

The Office of Justice Programs awarded more than \$458 million in grant funding to support state, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to fight and prevent violent crime in jurisdictions across the United States. The funding continues the Trump Administration's commitment to reducing crime and improving public safety. Read the full announcement [here](#).

### **Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center Website and Represent Resilience Virtual Gallery Launched in Honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Anti-Trafficking Movement**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. In commemoration of this anniversary, OVC launched the [Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center](#) website and opened the [Represent Resilience Virtual Gallery](#) which features original artwork by survivors, advocates, and anti-trafficking professionals across the country. Read the full announcement [here](#).



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## RESOURCES



### **The Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network's (RAINN) Strategies for Survivors This Holiday Season**

The holiday season is a time of celebration and a chance to reconnect with family and friends, but it can also present challenges for some survivors of sexual assault.

Perpetrators of sexual violence are usually someone the victim knows. This is especially true for those who have experienced child sexual abuse. For survivors, holiday gatherings may mean facing painful memories, feelings of anxiety, or a chance of repeated harm. Large gatherings can also make it more difficult for survivors to control if someone who hurt them in the past will be around them. Fortunately, there are ways to help survivors feel safe as they plan for holiday gatherings. Find more information [here](#).

### **National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) Podcast Episode: Using Plain Language to Talk about Sexual Assault, Abuse, and Harassment**

In this episode of NSVRC's Resource on the Go podcast, Training Specialist Louie Marven, Communications Specialist Megan Thomas, and Communications Director Laura Palumbo share NSVRC's new online learning tool that explores how to use plain language to effectively communicate about sexual assault, abuse, and harassment. Additionally, go behind the scenes to learn more about the development of the course and key lessons learned from NSVRC's work. Listen [here](#).



### **Tribal Access Program**

The Tribal Access Program, supported by the U.S. Departments of Justice and the Interior, provides Tribes access to national crime information systems for both civil and criminal purposes. OVC is one of the U.S. Department of Justice's offices and bureaus that fund the Tribal Access Program. Funds under the Tribal Access Program provide kiosks, software, training, onboarding and vetting services, and deployment and ongoing support for Tribal nations to help protect crime victims. For more details, click [here](#).



### **Futures Without Violence's (FWV) Resources for Safety and Support During COVID-19**

Those who are surviving violence in their relationships and families may be experiencing increased isolation and danger caused by social distancing measures during the Coronavirus public health emergency. Survivors often have specific needs around safety, health, and confidentiality. FWV compiled resources and tools for survivors, communities, and care providers. For the list of resources, click [here](#).

### **Child Protection FAO and Guide for Tribal Communities**

This guide provides Tribal communities with an overview of expectations, steps for an initial response, unique jurisdictional and organizational challenges, and frequently asked questions regarding investigative protocols when children go missing. To view the guide, click [here](#).



## **Sexual Violence Against Alaska Women: Village Public Safety Officers Positively Impact Law Enforcement Response**

According to a National Institute of Justice-supported scientific review of law enforcement records, Alaska's village public safety officers (VPSO) have advanced law enforcement's response to cases of sexual abuse of minors in Tribal communities, in terms of referrals for prosecution. Although VPSOs have not had a similar impact on referrals of sexual assault of Native women generally, or in domestic violence cases, their presence has been beneficial overall. For the full article, click [here](#).



## **TRAINING AND EVENTS**

### **Sex Trafficking in Indian Country Advocacy Curriculum, Unit 4 – Legal Advocacy, Parts I and II**

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

**Find more information or register [here](#). Webinar Dates:** Wednesday, December 9 & 23, 2020 at 1:00 pm ET

### **Providing Help, Restoring Hope: The U.S. Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline**

Financial exploitation and scams aimed at older adults result in the loss of billions of dollars every year. These crimes often go unreported because victims are scared, embarrassed, or don't know who to call. The U.S. Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline, managed by the Office for Victims of Crime, provides services to adults age 60 and older who experience fraud and exploitation to help them report crime and access appropriate resources. This webinar from the National Adult Protective Services Association's Regional Representatives Advisory Board will offer an overview of the hotline and answer frequently asked questions about the available services.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Webinar Date:** Thursday, December 10, 2020, 2:00–3:00 pm ET



### **Rising to the Challenge: Lessons Learned in Responding to Disasters Virtual Event**

Join the Capacity Building Collaborative in their virtual event "Rising to the Challenge: Lessons Learned in Responding to Disasters." Hear stories and examples of how families, youth, and states are proactively tackling and responding to crises.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Webinar Date:** Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:30pm-3:00 pm ET

### **Ask the Expert Series: What Does it Mean to be Victim-Centered?**

## **ASK AN EXPERT**



Join the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC) for an introduction to victim/survivor centered approaches, a summary of promising practices, and challenges and opportunities to be more victim/survivor centered. Each 60-minute session features a brief overview presentation followed by an opportunity to engage in an in-depth facilitated discussion, and question and answer session with subject matter experts, practitioners in the field, and other attendees. Your participation is encouraged, and additional questions will be taken during the live session. Additionally, prior to the session, NCJTC will gather feedback from registrants to hear what they would like to learn from the experts.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Webinar Date:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 1:00–2:00 pm CT



## **VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (T&TA) PROVIDERS**

### **Staffing and Staff On-boarding**

Host: National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College

Overview: Attend this meeting to discuss your staff recruitment and staff on-boarding efforts, needs, and ideas for success!

**Find more information or register [here](#).**

**Webinar Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 1:00 pm ET



### **December 2020 Community of Practice Virtual Gathering**

Host: Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc.

Overview: We are better working together! Join Unified for our next Community of Practice Virtual Gathering, part of Unified's Virtual Victim Advocacy Support Program, to connect with other Tribal victim services professionals, share your concerns, and learn best practices from your peers about providing quality victim services during this ongoing public health threat.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Webinar Date:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm ET

### **Topic TBD**

Host: National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College

**Find more information or register [here](#). Webinar Date:** Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm ET

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands-Department of Energy (DOE)**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is consistent with the principles of Tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and with an all-of-the-above energy strategy that recognizes the breadth of energy resources on Tribal Lands, and each Tribe's right to use them as they see fit. Projects sought under this FOA are fuel and technology neutral. Specifically, DOE's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations,

Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations to: Install energy generating system(s) and energy efficiency measure(s) for Tribal Building(s) (Topic Area 1); Deploy community-scale energy generating system(s) or energy storage on Tribal Lands (Topic Area 2); Install integrated energy system(s) for autonomous operation (independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid) to power a single or multiple essential Tribal facilities during emergency situations or for Tribal community resilience (Topic Area 3); Deploy energy infrastructure and integrated energy system(s) to electrify Tribal Buildings (Topic Area 4).

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Thursday, December 10, 2020, 5:00 pm ET



### **Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Projects-Department of Health and Human Services**

The purpose of this Indian Health Service grant is to address the opioid crisis in American Indian/Alaska Native communities by developing and expanding community education and awareness of prevention, treatment, and/or recovery activities for opioid misuse and opioid use disorder. The intent is to increase knowledge and use of culturally appropriate interventions and to encourage an increased use of medication-assisted treatment. This program will support Tribal and Urban Indian communities in their effort to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery services to address the impact of the opioid crisis within their communities.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020

### **Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections-National Endowment of the Humanities**

The National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications for the Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections program. The purpose of this program is to help cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting sustainable conservation measures that mitigate deterioration, prolong the useful life of collections, and strengthen institutional resilience (i.e., the ability to anticipate and respond to disasters resulting from natural or human activity).

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Thursday, January 14, 2021

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) 1994 Tribal Scholarships Available**

The USDA 1994 Tribal Land-Grant Colleges and Universities Program ensures that Tribally controlled colleges and universities, the 1994 land-grant institutions, and the Native American communities served by these schools equitably participate in the USDA workforce as employees and have access to USDA programs, services, and resources. There are 35 1994 institutions, and each support research, education, and extension programs that enhance local agriculture and food production.

The USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program seeks to increase the number of American Indian and Alaska Native students studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, and related disciplines.

**Application Material** is available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Sunday, January 31, 2021

For funding opportunities from the Office for Justice Programs, click [here](#).

For a complete list of current funding solicitations, visit the Grants.gov website [here!](#)



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