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# E-BULLETIN

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## CURRENT NEWS

### Department of Justice (DOJ) Extension Announcements

#### Closeouts for Awards That Ended 9/30/2020

For awards that ended September 30, 2020, final reports, deliverables, and closeout packages are due by December 29, 2020. DOJ will grant a 30-day extension until January 28, 2021 to allow award recipients to perform final drawdowns and submit final reports, deliverables, and closeout packages in JustGrants. Funds will be withheld as part of the closeout process once the Closeout is submitted in JustGrants; otherwise, award funding will be withheld beginning on January 29, 2021. The only role within JustGrants that can submit a Closeout is the Grant Award Administrator.



#### Federal Financial Reports (FFR) That Were Due 12/30/2020

FFRs for the period ending September 30, 2020, were due on December 30, 2020. DOJ will **NOT** suspend funds if the FFR for the period ending September 30, 2020 was not submitted by December 30, 2020. Award recipients will be able to submit FFRs after the deadline, without consequence, as DOJ continues to resolve JustGrants system issues preventing FFR submissions.

The only role within JustGrants that can submit an FFR is the Financial Manager. Individuals with that role in JustGrants can review this [JustGrants News Flash Tip Sheet](#), which contains helpful guidance on completing and submitting FFRs in JustGrants. DOJ strongly encourages all award recipients to submit their FFR(s) for the reporting period ending September 30, 2020 as soon as possible.



#### JustGrants Entity Onboarding Process

Entities and their users must complete the Entity Onboarding process to access JustGrants. While most grantees have successfully completed these steps and are actively using the system, nearly one third of

Entity Onboarding remains incomplete. Find more information on the Entity Onboarding process [here](#).



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## **Role Assignments in JustGrants**

As part of the successful JustGrants onboarding and enrollment process, the Entity Administrator is responsible for assigning appropriate roles to all users from your organization in JustGrants. Find more information on each role in the JustGrants system [here](#).

## **Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide**

The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance on preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. This resource addresses policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants or grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2021. Access this resource [here](#).

## **Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) Website Updates**

OVC TTAC is committed to building the capacity of those who work with victims across the country. To strengthen this mission, OVC TTAC updated their website's navigation to improve ease of access to resources. View the updated website [here](#).

## **FY 2021 Tribal Set-Aside Consultation Feedback**

On November 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, OVC received very useful input about the set-aside program and other matters that will help make programs more responsive to tribal community needs in the coming year. The testimonies received highlighted areas where OVC will continue to explore the flexibilities for the use of tribal set-aside funds, for example, in using grant funds to support renovation and construction projects to support victim services. Below are some immediate programmatic clarifications in response to testimony received at the Consultation, and written testimony submitted to OVC:

- **Every federally recognized tribe is eligible to receive funds under the FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula program.**  
No eligible applicant is excluded, regardless of whether they have set-aside awards from 2018, 2019, or 2020 and regardless of whether those projects and funding are ongoing.
- **No Cost Extensions for Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Awards.** OVC hears your concerns and understand that tribes need a project period sufficient to allow the full implementation of project activities, especially in the challenging situation of trying to care for crime victims during the national health emergency. All set-aside awards made in FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020, or FY 2021 for a project period of less than 60 months will be eligible for an extension to a full 60 months upon request. Please see this JustGrants resource for how to submit a Grant Award Modification (GAM) to your OVC project manager.
- **The submission period for full applications under the FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Formula Grant Program will be 60 day.** Tribes will have 30 days to submit an Intent to Apply / Population Declaration under this program, and then once the tribe is notified what their formula award allocation is for 2021, there will be a minimum of 60 days to complete and submit the full application.



- **The standard 20-page written project narrative will not be required under the FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Formula Grant Program.** For 2021 the solicitation will give applicants the option of completing a checklist or completing an interview with OVC staff in lieu of drafting a formal project narrative if they chose.
- **OVC will require more documentation from technical assistance (TA) providers that they have the experience and expertise to deliver TA in tribal communities before TA awards are made.** This documentation process will be built into the application process for TA providers in 2021.

OVC thanks those tribal leaders and designees who participated in the Consultation, and to those who submitted written testimony. Your input provided valuable insight and was greatly appreciated. Please watch for OVC's Set-Aside (and other FY 2021 solicitations) to be posted [here](#) in the near future.

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## RESOURCES

### Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Tribal Communities COVID-19 Resource Page

CDC recently shared a COVID-19 resource page specific to Tribal communities. This page provides resources and recommendations for staying safe during these unprecedented times. Find the resource page [here](#).

### January 2021 National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month Resources

In preparation for National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month, OVC TTAC has compiled several resources to help support victim service providers and the individuals they serve. Visit these resources to find e-Guides, online trainings, past webinars, victim assistance pages, and more! For more information, click [here](#) and scroll down to the December 9, 2020 posts titled National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month.

### Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence

The National Domestic Violence Hotline released new tips detailing ways individuals can support their partner if their partner is a survivor of domestic violence. The resource describes the benefits of open communication, encouraging personal wellness, and building a support system. The resource also links to information detailing why post-traumatic stress disorder is not an excuse for abusive behavior from a partner. Read more [here](#).



### 2020 Congressional Badge of Bravery Nominations Period is Now Open

Each year, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) recognizes law enforcement officers for their exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty. Recipients are considered at federal, state, and local review boards and will be honored during an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Read about past award recipients [here](#). If you know a similarly deserving law enforcement officer, submit your nominations for the 2020 Congressional Badge of Bravery by February 15, 2021. Find out more or submit your nomination [here](#).



## TRAINING AND EVENTS

### **Webinar Series: Improving Health Outcomes for Diverse Populations**

The Central East Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network is hosting a two-part webinar on improving health outcomes for diverse populations receiving behavioral health services. Part 1 of the webinar focuses on the impact of inequality and systemic racism on clients' behavioral health. Part 2 explores the impact of implicit bias in behavioral health services.

**Find more information or register for Part 2 [here](#). Event Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 1pm ET

### **Earn A Certificate in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy from the National Tribal Trial College (NTTC)**

The NTTC, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin Law School, is providing a free Tribal Court Legal Advocacy Certification course. This course is a 6-month program comprised of two parts. Part one is 20 weeks of online study and coursework. Part two is a 40-hour, week-long training in July 2021. Depending on the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines, the week-long training will either be on-site at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, Wisconsin, or an interactive, intensive online course.

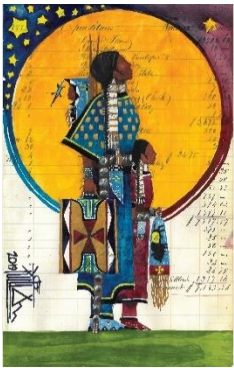


NTTC reserves priority admission for advocates who work with American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Other individuals who show a connection to working with AI/AN survivors of sexual assault or domestic violence will also be considered for admission. Successful completion of this course results in a certificate issued jointly by the NTTC and the University of Wisconsin Law School.

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

**Application Due Date:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021



### **Virtual Training: Strength-Based Trauma-Informed Approaches to Support Survivors of Domestic Violence with Mental Health Challenges**

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) Specialty Institute is hosting a virtual training titled Weaving Together: Strength-Based Trauma-Informed Approaches to Support Survivors of Domestic Violence with Mental Health Challenges. The virtual training details trauma and culturally informed approaches to respond to survivors of domestic violence with mental health issues. Registration is limited to 100 participants. NIWRC will mail a swag bag to all registrants.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Dates:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 to Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 1pm to 6 pm ET

### **S.J. Quinney College of Law - University of Utah to host the 7th Annual Human Trafficking Symposium titled Human Trafficking: Beyond Awareness**

The S.J. Quinney College of Law's Social Justice Student Initiative, in cooperation with Utah's Attorney General's Office, Asian Association of Utah, and Utah Trafficking in Persons, present the seventh annual Human Trafficking Symposium. This two-day virtual symposium will explore the complex ways human trafficking exists within our society, as well as how to move beyond understanding the presence of trafficking to identify and support those affected by it. This event will only be hosted live and will not be recorded.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Dates:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 1pm to 2:30pm ET and Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 1pm to 7pm ET





### **Vicarious Trauma in Tribal Organizations Webinar Recording**

The webinar recording of Vicarious Trauma in Tribal Organizations, jointly hosted by Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc. (Unified) and the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC) on November 30, 2020, is now available. This webinar recording provides foundational knowledge about vicarious trauma within a Tribal context and the impact on service providers' health and wellbeing. During the webinar, presenters explored how Tribal programs and leadership can use the OVC Vicarious Trauma Toolkit to create more trauma informed, healthier work environments; a particularly important goal given existing challenges and stress imposed by the global pandemic. View the recording [here](#).

### **National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) Webinar Series: Talking Circle – Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities**

Human trafficking impacts tribal people more than most of us realize with traffickers preying on vulnerabilities such as jurisdiction, prosecution, and limited resources. A new webinar series from the NCVC Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center called "Talking Circles" will convene skilled practitioners with registered participants to discuss topics related to human trafficking. During this conversation, listen to tribes' experiences with human trafficking and ask your own questions."

**Find more information or register [here](#). Dates:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3pm to 4pm EST.

### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TTA) PROVIDERS**

#### **Office for Victims of Crime Grantee Virtual Cross-Site: Childhood Response to Trauma and Crisis**

**Host:** NCJTC

**Overview:** NCJTC presents this interactive opportunity focused on childhood response to trauma and crisis. This live, online, instructor-led class provides grantees with information on the importance of an individual healing journey, the physiological response to trauma, and healing in action. Due to the instructor interaction of this virtual cross-site meeting, registration is limited to 60 participants. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Dates:** Monday, January 25, 2021 from 11am to 6:15pm ET



### **January 2021 Community of Practice Virtual Gathering: Providing Services to Victims/Survivors of Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities**

**Host:** Unified

**Overview:** In recognition of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Unified's January 26, 2020 Community of Practice will provide foundational knowledge about Human Trafficking, detail service provisions for victims/survivors of Human Trafficking, and discuss the impact of Human Trafficking on AI/AN individuals and communities. The Community of Practice will feature OVC Tribal Grantee Program and subject matter expert presenters, as well as small group "Talking Circle" break-out sessions to facilitate sharing and learning among Tribal Victim Service Programs.

**Find more information or register [here](#). Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2pm ET



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### **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. The program supports 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

### **DOJ Office for Violence Against Women - Fiscal Year 2021 Justice for Family Program Solicitation**

The Grants to Support Families in the Justice System program, referred to as the Justice for Families Program, was authorized in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports the following activities for improving the capacity of courts and communities to respond to families affected by the targeted crimes: court-based and court-related programs, supervised visitation and safe exchange by and between parents, training for people who work with families in the court system, civil legal services, and the provision of resources in juvenile court matters.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Friday, January 22, 2021

### **DOJ Office for Violence Against Women – Fiscal Year 2021 Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program Solicitation**

The purpose of the LAV Grant Program is to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid youth and adult (ages 11 and older) victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by providing funds for comprehensive direct legal services to victims in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence. Legal assistance includes assistance to adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in: a) family, Tribal, territorial, immigration, employment, administrative agency, housing matters, campus administrative, or protection or stay away order proceedings, and other similar matters; and b) criminal justice investigations, prosecutions, and post-trial matters (including sentencing, parole, and probation) that impact the victim's safety and privacy. Intake or referral, by itself, does not constitute legal assistance. Comprehensive legal services should address the broad spectrum of legal issues that victims encounter and help promote economic independence for victims. In addition to representation in emergency and non-emergency protection order hearings, this includes representation in family matters (divorce, child custody, or child support), consumer or housing matters, and credit restoration.

**Application Material** is available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Find funding opportunities from the OJP [here](#).

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

