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CURRENT NEWS

Secretary Haaland Creates New Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) to Pursue Justice for Missing or Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives

On April 1, 2021, Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, announced a new MMU within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) to provide leadership and direction for cross-departmental and interagency work involving missing and murdered Native Americans and Alaska Natives. The MMU will put the full weight of the federal government into investigating these cases and provide marshal law enforcement resources across federal agencies and throughout Indian country. Read the announcement [here](#).

Operation Lady Justice (OLJ) Listening Session/Roundtable Discussion

The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives, also known as Operation Lady Justice (OLJ), is holding a listening session/roundtable discussion for grassroots organizations working in Tribal Communities or with Tribal members. The session is open to the public and will be recorded, with a transcript available on the OLJ website. Those who wish to speak on behalf of their organization should note it on the registration form and indicate the organization they represent. Speakers from organizations will be called upon in the order in which the ration is received. The testimony may be time-limited, depending upon the number of organizations that wish to speak.

Find more information and register [here](#). Date: Friday, May 7, 2021 from 1:30pm to 5:00pm ET



Missing and Murdered Native Americans (MMNA) – A Public Health Framework for Action

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF's) MMNA Framework will aid in coordinating health and human services policies and programs to help Native American women, men, children, families, and communities address the consequences of missing and murdered Native Americans. The Framework is an essential component of the Nation's comprehensive response to the victimization of Native American individuals and was informed by the voices of federal and tribal leaders, elected Native American state officials, human services programs, urban Indian organizations, and local advocates for Native American issues. Access the resource [here](#).

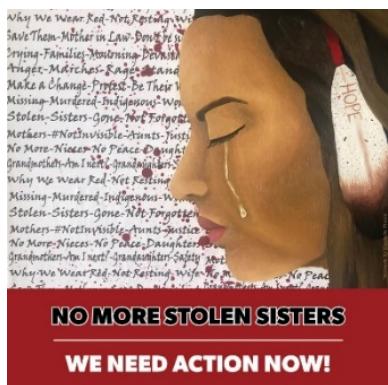


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May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)

The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women cultivated a movement in the United States and Canada. This day of awareness shines a light on the humanitarian crisis of missing women, girls, and two-spirit people, which affects Native American and Alaska Native people at an alarmingly disproportionate rate compared to the rest of the population. Historical injustices and jurisdictional issues that impose limits on the ability of Tribes to arrest and prosecute non-Native people on Native lands have significantly contributed to this problem. Join the movement on Wednesday, May 5 by wearing red to raise awareness and help bring these women, girls, and two-spirit people home. Learn more about the MMIW crisis from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) [here](#).



NIWRC: MMIW Toolkit for Families and Communities

The MMIW Toolkit for Understanding and Responding to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women for Families and Communities assists families, communities, and advocacy organizations in understanding and responding to cases of a missing or murdered Native woman. While there is no one-size-fits-all approach to developing a community response, these resources provide a starting point and outline critical information and resources available. Explore and download the toolkit [here](#).

Sovereign Bodies Institute (SBI): Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2) Database and MMIWG2 & Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Organizing Toolkit

The MMIWG2 Database logs cases of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people, from 1900 to the present. There are many incomplete lists and sources of information online but no routinely updated central database spans beyond colonial borders or thoroughly logs essential aspects of the data. Consequently, there is a chronic lack of available data on MMIWG2. The MMIWG2 Database works to address the lack of data by maintaining a comprehensive resource to support community members, advocates, activists, and researchers in their work towards justice for stolen sisters.

Learn more about the MMIWG2 Database [here](#).



SBI's MMIWG2 & MMIP Organizing toolkit provides readers with a comprehensive road map to getting started in the MMIWG2 & MMIP movement. This toolkit is not a how-to manual; instead, it offers options and tools for readers to utilize and customize according to their communities' needs. Topics in the toolkit include networks, funding, organizing, and conducting searches, support services, data, policy, awareness, and prevention. Access the toolkit [here](#).

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SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: FY2021 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE FORMULA PROGRAM



OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Formula Grant Program: Victim Services Projects

Tribal applicants whose OVC FY 2021 TVSSA Formula Program population certification were accepted were notified via email to the applicant's primary points of contact and authorized representatives. Refer to this information when preparing your application. Allocation questions may be emailed to OVC at OVCTribalSetAside@ojp.usdoj.gov. Applicants can refer to the OVC FY 2021 TVSSA Formula Program solicitation for instructions on how to submit their application.

Find more information and application materials [here](#).

Grants.gov Deadline: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 by 3pm ET. **JustGrants Deadline:** Monday, June 14, 2021 by 3pm ET.

How to Submit an Application in the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) Webinar

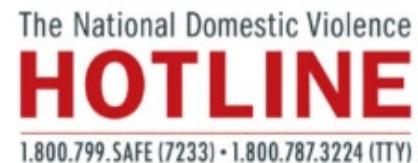
OJP's JustGrants experts will conduct a webinar for all TVSSA applicants who want additional coaching in the two-phase application process. Participation is optional. Registration information is forthcoming.

Find more information [here](#). Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm ET

RESOURCES

Survivor Experiences with the Police Survey

The National Domestic Violence Hotline is conducting a survey to learn more about survivor experiences with the police. The National Domestic Violence Hotline first researched this topic with a survey in 2015. The updated survey will provide refreshed data and feature additional questions, mainly to reflect the experiences of survivors of color, transgender and queer survivors, and other historically marginalized survivors. This information will provide a more comprehensive picture of survivor experiences with the police to inform best practices and policies to support survivors. The survey is completely anonymous. Names and any other personally identifying information are not linked to anything shared on the survey, and any question can be skipped. Complete the survey [here](#).



Grantee Bishop Paiute Tribe Highlight: Relief after Violent Encounters (RAVE) Program

Bishop Paiute Tribe's RAVE Program launched a community podcast, Tough Medicine Tribal Podcast, to inspire and encourage victims and survivors to reach out for services. The podcast provides discussion about challenging issues affecting the Bishop Paiute Tribal Community. The speakers are members of the community (Professionals, Community Leaders, Elders, and Youth). Every perspective is valued and heard; no one is labeled an expert, but a witness or observer. The podcast discussions include how individuals deal with a specified topic, how service providers can help, and how to support the community. View their YouTube channel and podcast [here](#).

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Tribal TTA Center Webinars

SAMHSA Tribal TTA Center offers recordings of past webinars that promote wellness and prevention within Tribal communities and among Tribal youth and families. Archived webinar recordings focus on these subject areas: youth and family wellness, two-spirit and transgender identities, wellness planning and capacity building, and community collaboration. Access the recordings [here](#).



TRAINING AND EVENTS

Ask the Expert Session: Neurobiology of Addiction - Beyond the Basics

This webinar is the third in a series offered by the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC). Ask the Expert Session: Neurobiology of Addiction – Beyond the Basics will provide a facilitated discussion and open forum with subject matter experts who will answer practical questions regarding supporting Tribal members' journeys out of addiction and the impacts of addiction on the brain. Prior to the session, NCJTC will gather feedback from registrants to inform which topics the experts will cover during the webinar. Participation is encouraged during the session, and additional questions will be taken at that time.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30pm ET

Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Response to Child Sex Trafficking (CST)



Hosted by NCJTC, this team-based training will guide existing MDTs in improving their response to child sex trafficking and assist those who seek to establish a formal MDT in their communities to respond more effectively to CST cases. Subject matter experts will work with teams to identify gaps and develop short and long-term response plans. To attend this training, you must be part of an MDT and your team members must attend with you. Attendance at a course such as System Response to High-Risk Victims-Child Sex Trafficking or Investigative Strategies in Child Abduction Cases or a working knowledge of child sex trafficking is highly recommended.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: May 17-20, 2021 from 9am to 12pm ET and 1pm to 4pm ET

Ask the Expert Series: Trauma-Informed Care

Join this webinar hosted by NCJTC to define trauma-informed care approaches, develop skills to recognize and effectively address trauma, and discuss promising practices. 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. Participation is encouraged during the session, and additional questions will be taken at that time. Prior to the session, NCJTC will gather feedback from registrants to inform which topics experts will cover during the webinar.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 2pm to 3pm ET

Response to At-Risk Missing and High-Risk Endangered Missing Children

NCJTC hosts this live, instructor-led online training. The training provides information on engaging and constructing a collaborative response to at-risk missing and high-risk endangered missing children. Participants will explore how a missing child's path to becoming a victim of exploitation intersects with the child protection, law enforcement, and juvenile justice systems and acts as a risk factor to abductions. Participants will also identify opportunities within those systems for prevention and engagement. Additionally, the training will examine the complex, layered exploitation these victims endure and how exploiters capitalize on this victimization.

Find more information and register [here](#). Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 9am to 6pm ET



2021 NIWRC Women Are Sacred Conference: Carrying Our Medicine and Strengthening Our Vision to End the Violence

The 2021 conference will provide virtual training opportunities, presentations, and keynote addresses by established and emerging Indigenous leaders and experts in the movement to end the violence. The conference will cover various topics focusing on supporting Tribal nations, Tribal domestic violence programs, and Tribal community-based programs.

Find more information and register [here](#). Date: June 8-10, 2021 from 12pm to 6:30pm ET

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

May 2021 Monthly OVC Grantee Forum – Virtual Meeting: Financial Management

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

Overview: Attend this meeting to connect with the Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) staff. Receive an overview of their services, hear the answers to frequently asked financial questions, and be prepared to ask TFMC questions you also have.

Find more information and register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 12pm to 1pm ET

Unified's May 2021 CoP Virtual Gathering: Effective Collaborations between Victim Advocates and Law Enforcement

Host: Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc.

Overview: The critical relationship between victim advocates and law enforcement partners often becomes strained due to differing mandates, processes, and perceived objectives. This month's Community of Practice will provide valuable information to Tribal victim service professionals to help them better understand the role of law enforcement and how to work effectively with law enforcement officers towards the shared goals of increasing victim safety and empowerment while holding offenders accountable.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 2pm to 3:30pm ET



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Denali Commission Tribal Victim Services Micro-Grant Program Round 2

The Denali Commission solicits grant applications for Round 2 of the Tribal Victims of Crime Micro-Grant Program. Round 2 is open to all Tribal communities in Alaska. Round 2 will distribute approximately \$5.8 million in grant funds. Applicants may apply in one of two purpose areas:

1. Purpose Area 1: Planning for a New Victim Services Program Applicants in this area will conduct planning activities to establish a new program. This area includes activities such as completing a community needs assessment, developing a strategic plan, and developing a performance measurement reporting plan. Purpose Area 1 applicants will receive ten preference points as this program's primary goal is to establish new Tribal Victims of Crime programs.
2. Purpose Area 2: Coordination and Expansion of Existing Victim Services Programs For already existing victims of crime programs, applicants will use these funds to expand types of services provided, populations served (elders, youth, etc.), and/or types of crimes addressed. Purpose Area 2 applicants who were part of a consortium and apply to this funding opportunity on their own will receive three preference points as a goal of the program is to build local capacity to apply directly to DOJ's grants.



Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) questions may be submitted to the Tribal Victims of Crime Program Manager at communitywellness@denali.gov. Applicants may access training and technical assistance (TTA) to develop an application for this NOFO by reaching out to the Alaska Micro-Grant Program Training and Technical Assistance Provider – The Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) at vchadwick@ruralcap.org or (907) 865-7378. The TTA provider may not write the grant application, but the team may provide tailored technical assistance for the application.

Application materials are available [here](#). Application Deadline: Friday, May 21, 2021

OVC FY2021 Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse

OVC seeks applications to support the development and/or enhancement of multidisciplinary teams (MDT) and to strengthen the capacity of “enhanced MDTs” (E-MDTs) to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of financial exploitation. Through these enhanced MDTs, OVC hopes to improve case outcomes while minimizing additional trauma and restoring safety and security to older adult victims of crime, and to potentially hold more offenders accountable.

Register for the pre-application webinar [here](#). Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm ET

Application materials are available [here](#). Grants.gov Deadline: Monday, June 14, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

JustGrants Deadline: Monday, June 28, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

OVC FY2021 Advancing the Use of Technology to Assist Victims of Crime

OVC seeks to provide funding to organizations that demonstrate innovative strategies to create, expand, or enhance the use of technology in innovative ways to interact directly with crime victims and/or to provide information, referrals, crisis assistance, and longer-term help. This award program has two purpose areas: (1) identify gaps in technology that can be enhanced by building the organization's technological capacity to increase access and provide timely victim services that are sustainable, safe, and align with OVC Model standards; and (2) expand a national hotline to interact directly with crime victims and/or to provide information, referrals, crisis assistance, and longer-term help.

Register for the pre-application webinar [here](#). Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 3pm to 4pm ET

Application materials are available [here](#). Grants.gov Deadline: Monday, June 14, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

JustGrants Deadline: Monday, June 28, 2021 by 11:59pm ET





OVC FY2021 Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program

This program will provide funding for shelter and transitional housing and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals. Objectives of this funding are to (1) increase the number of shelter beds and transitional housing options to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence who need shelter or housing for them and their companion animals, and (2) provide training on the link between domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of companion animals, the needs of victims of domestic violence, best practices in providing, or referring, support services to such victims, and best practices in designing and delivering services that protect victims' confidentiality.

Register for the pre-application webinar [here](#). **Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm ET

Application materials are available [here](#). **Grants.gov Deadline:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

JustGrants Deadline: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

OVC FY2021 Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

This program's purpose is to develop, expand, or strengthen a multidisciplinary approach to fight human trafficking. This solicitation requires two separate but coordinated applications; one application from an eligible lead law enforcement agency, and one from an eligible lead victim service organization. These two applications should be developed collaboratively and submitted as a pair.

Register for the pre-application webinar [here](#). **Date:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm ET

Application materials are available [here](#). **Grants.gov Deadline:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

JustGrants Deadline: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

OVC FY2021 Expanding Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Services to Victims of Sexual Assault

The goal of this project is to establish and/or expand sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) and sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) programs offering sexual assault medical forensic exams and sexual assault victim services in a hospital or on-hospital setting to sexual assault victims and survivors using coordinated community response strategies. Applicants may propose innovative ways of bringing experienced medical forensic examiners to rural, tribal, and underserved communities, such as using telehealth technology.

Register for the pre-application webinar [here](#). **Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 3pm to 4pm ET

Application materials are available [here](#). **Grants.gov Deadline:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

JustGrants Deadline: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

OVC FY2021 Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking

The overall goal of this program is to improve responses for child and youth victims of human trafficking, with a focus on coordination at the statewide or tribal jurisdiction level, to create effective change across systems. Recognizing that each jurisdiction is unique, applicants should identify the state or tribe's greatest barriers to identifying and assisting child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking and/or to investigating and prosecuting these trafficking cases and propose a program to systematically address those barriers.

Register for the pre-application webinar [here](#). **Date:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 1pm to 2pm ET

Application materials are available [here](#). **Grants.gov Deadline:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

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

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