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CURRENT NEWS

FY2022 COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION (CTAS)

The CTAS provides federally recognized Tribes and Tribal consortia an opportunity to apply for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization. The [FY2022 CTAS solicitation](#) was recently updated with formatting changes. Applications are due in **Grants.gov by 8:59pm ET Thursday, March 10, 2022**, and in **JustGrants by 8:59pm ET Tuesday, March 15, 2022**.

Access the [CTAS solicitation materials](#)

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC) INVITES PRESENTERS TO SUBMIT WORKSHOP IDEAS FOR THE 17TH NATIONAL INDIAN NATIONS CONFERENCE

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is seeking subject matter experts to present at the 17th National Indian Nations Conference. The conference will take place from December 6-9, 2022 on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California. Selected presenters will have the opportunity to share their expertise with tribal, state, local, and federal personnel responsible for meeting the needs of victims of crime in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. If you are interested in this opportunity, review the presentation guidelines and requirements and submit your proposal for consideration.

Learn more [here](#).



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CURRENT NEWS CONTINUED

STALKING VICTIMIZATION REPORT, 2019

The Bureau of Justice Statistics released a 2019 report on Stalking Victimization. This report provides data on U.S. residents age 16 or older who were victims of stalking in 2019 and the types of stalking behaviors they experienced. It details the demographic characteristics of victims who were stalked, including traditional stalking and stalking with technology, during a 12-month period. It also describes the characteristics of stalking victimization, including the victim-offender relationship, self-protective actions taken by the victim, patterns of reporting to police, and whether the victim contacted a victim service provider after the victimization.

Findings are based on the 2019 Supplemental Victimization Survey to the National Crime Victimization Survey.

Read more [here](#).



RESOURCE BASKET FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Resource Basket provides resources for the response to incidents of missing or murdered American Indian and Alaska Native persons. Operation Lady Justice developed the MMIP Resource Basket to help communities find resources to help when a loved one goes missing. Resources cover searching for a loved one, engaging with law enforcement, obtaining legal and financial assistance, and finding emotional and community support.

Read more [here](#).



ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is pleased to announce the recommendations from its Economic Justice and Domestic Violence Advisory Council (“the Council”). The Council was made possible through generous funding from NNEDV’s longtime partners at The Allstate Foundation and NNEDV was honored to convene this group of experts. The goal of the Council is a long-term, in-depth collaboration of national experts in the domestic violence field working to advance survivors’ economic empowerment and financial well-being. NNEDV virtually gathered those working at the intersection of domestic violence and economic justice to identify gaps and strategize ways to expand awareness and solutions through recommendations.

Read the recommendations [here](#).

OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

Tribe/Program: St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Three Sisters Program (New York)
Award: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 TVSSA



What approach did your Program take to develop and implement services, incorporating culture into victim services?

The Three Sisters Program started incorporating culture into their victim services after a client asked for cultural teachings. Their approach began as Mohawk creation storytelling then expanded to mini-workshops emphasizing particular areas such as making ribbon skirts with other cultural items by Saint Regis Division of Social Services Traditional Support workers. The program has since expanded to include providing Smudge Kits and a wealth of resources and opportunities that empower their clients with positive affirmations, and traditional teachings. The overall purpose is to provide clients that come in their door with trauma, the services to receive the cultural teachings as a positive way to replenish, and repair their mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. Many of their resources and teachings are because of important partnerships created and fostered with other local projects, Good Mind, Seven Dancers, the Division of Social Services Traditional Support Workers, and the Urban Indian Institute and through the medicine man who provides positiveness to the individual, buildings, and surroundings. One example of incorporating culture into victims' services was developing raised garden beds along with the traditional teachings of the meaning of Three Sisters, a life-sustaining gift of corn, beans, and squash planted together. They hold a spiritual significance as they are a gift and sustain life. Mohawk culture believes corn, bean, and squash were seeds that can be shared, planted, and provide nourishment for families. The purpose of the raised beds was to demonstrate clients can share planting, nurturing, harvesting, and providing a meal for a family. Cultural and traditional storytelling was also shared during the planting to the harvesting processes. Read more about their important work [here](#).



What challenges did you overcome in developing these services?

Funding is always a challenge to purchase items; it requires staff buy-in and cultural education. Creating and modifying policy and procedures to ensure all clients are provided the opportunity to elect to participate in cultural activities or not.

What recommendations do you have for other Tribal Programs considering services in this area?

Every individual tribe is different; what works here might not work there. If we go back to the basics of cultural teachings, not pushing them away, but allowing people to learn and keeping it open. We have clients who did not know anything about their culture and for the first time they are able to experience what is it to be Mohawk. The more they learn and participate, they begin to feel good about themselves; it becomes easier for them to grow. Like domestic violence, if you are controlled, it is a negative process but when you find your identity, it brings positivity and builds a foundation around cultural empowerment.



Saint Regis Staff: Shelley Jacobs, Jasmine Dunn, Carol Jacobs, Peggy David

How has OVC funding and support helped develop and/or sustain this Program?

We are able to hire more staff and purchase vehicles as we have no public transportation to take clients to various appointments, court hearings, etc. We are also able to purchase cultural supplies such as smudge kits, materials and equipment for clients to utilize, in cultural activities. More important, TVSSA allows Three Sisters to provide services to non-intimate partner victims, in particular, and the ability to serve male victims of crime.

OVC TRIBAL GRANTEE SPOTLIGHTS

Tribe/Program: Kalispel Tribe (Washington)
Award: 2018 CTVA, 2018 VSSA, 2020 TVSSA



What approach did your Program take to develop and implement services, incorporating culture into victim services?

The Kalispel Tribe Victim Assistance Services (KTVAS) has an Indian preference hiring policy and prioritizes hiring Native American Advocates. Native American advocates relate more on a personal and cultural level with Native American victims. The advocates provide a sense of comfort and put the victim more at ease, and many times there is an instant connection because the victim and advocate are familiar with the other's Tribal community and/or or cultures and traditions. KTVAS advocates provide beading materials in their offices, this assists with the victim feeling relaxed and helps the victim feel more comfortable opening up to the advocate. Our agency also hosts many community events. Our most popular event is a community 3-on-3 basketball tournament that brings everyone in the community and surrounding communities of all ages together around basketball, which is a culture gathering in many Native American communities. Our Program also provides training opportunities to our staff that is specific to Native American diversity, inclusion, cultures and traditions, and the importance of maintaining a cultural healing connection. Learning other Tribal cultures is an important way to connect with our victims and help assist them to safety and healing from the trauma they have experienced or been exposed to. Our KTVAS serves Native American victims and survivors from all over the Nation. Reaching out and connecting with other Native programs from all over is a great way to network and find out what their challenges and successes are. Talking to other Native American programs about their communities and how they do things helps us come up with ideas we may not have thought of. Having a Native American trauma informed counselor has been an added bonus to the program. Native American victims and survivors relate to and communicate much more openly and effectively than with a non-Native American counselor because of the cultural pieces that the counselor incorporates into their services.



What challenges did you overcome in developing these services?

Applying for the funding to purchase cultural items such as beading materials was a challenge. Trying to find other internal and external tribal departments and agencies or community volunteers for our 3-on-3 basketball tournament has also been a difficult challenge. The community loves this event, however getting volunteers to dedicate time on a weekend is difficult. We are working with the Tribe's Public Relations Department, Department Directors and Tribal Council to promote outreach and education through this large community cultural event.

What recommendations do you have for other Tribal Programs considering services in this area?

I would recommend that your agency build relationships with other Tribal and Non-Tribal entities and agencies, building these good strong working relationships and obtaining these collaborating partnerships are so important for a successful Victim Services department. Working together to host events, provide wrap around services, and for resources and referrals when working with Victims of Crime benefits not only the program but more importantly the victim or survivor you are assisting.



Lucretia Gill

Program Manager, Kalispel Tribe of Indians

How has OVC funding and support helped develop and/or sustain this Program? OVC has been an instrumental component to our success.

Funding advocate positions, direct services, such as emergency financial services to victims who have harmed or hurt by a crime, providing training opportunities specific to Native American communities. Without any of this OVC funding, The Kalispel Tribe Victim Services would not be able to provide safety and services to as many victims as we have.

If you have questions, contact Lucretia at lgill@kalispeltribe.com

INCORPORATING CULTURE INTO VICTIM SERVICES



Incorporating culture into victim services is critical for American Indian and Alaska Native communities. American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from one of the highest rates of victimization in the country. Affirming the history, customs, belief system, language, and family structure for American Indian and Alaska Native communities can help victims receive the services they need.

The resources highlighted in this Special Feature Resources section can help your Tribal victim service program educate your community about incorporating culture into victim services.



[SART TOOLKIT - CONSIDER CULTURE AND DIVERSITY](#)

This toolkit serves to provide guidance for victim service providers on how to affirm and preserve victims' traditions and values in an effective, appropriate, and respectful manner and support the cultural heritage of sexual assault victims.

SPECIAL FEATURE RESOURCES

[OVC RESOURCES FOR AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE VICTIM SERVICES](#)

The National Center for Victims of Crime provides publications, multimedia, and related resources to supplement the efforts of victim service providers and allied professionals to help victims. These resources include information about OVC tribal initiatives, partnerships with other agencies and organizations, and dynamic videos to raise awareness of culturally sensitive, victim-centered programs.

[TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM](#)

The Tribal Access Program (TAP) allows selected federally recognized Tribes to more effectively serve and protect their nation's citizens by ensuring the exchange of critical data across the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) systems and other national crime information systems.

[TRIBAL RESOURCE TOOL](#)

The Tribal Resource Tool is a searchable directory of services available for all AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse in Indian Country.



[A CIRCLE OF HEALING FOR NATIVE CHILDREN ENDANGERED BY DRUGS](#)

Produced in collaboration with tribal and Federal partners, this seven-part video series with a companion resource guide, presents first-person stories and Native cultural practices from across the Nation to help drug-endangered Native youth heal from trauma. The video presentations show many of the ways Native children, families, and communities are healing from drug endangerment.

TRAINING AND EVENTS



VIRTUAL CONSULTATION: EXECUTIVE ORDER ON IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND ADDRESSING THE CRISIS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The U.S. Departments of the Interior (DOI) and Justice (DOJ), in coordination with Health and Human Services (HHS), Energy, and Homeland Security (DHS) (together the Agencies), are seeking Tribal and stakeholder input related to the policy directives outlined in Executive Order (E.O.) 14053-Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People. The Agencies wish to consult with Tribal governments to solicit comments and recommendations regarding implementation of the E.O.'s interagency strategies and policy directives, with a focus on how Agencies can promote cross-agency coordination to serve Tribal communities.

Dates: March 9, 2022 at 12 PM PT **Register** [here](#).
March 10, 2022 at 1 PM MT **Register** [here](#).
March 11, 2022 at 3 PM ET **Register** [here](#).

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING: FROM SUSPICION TO DISCLOSURE ONLINE

Learn techniques and strategies to enhance the likelihood of obtaining information from possible victims of child sex trafficking. Compare and contrast typical child sexual abuse cases with child sex trafficking (CST) cases and address the different points of entry into the criminal justice and welfare system for CST victims. Understand various disciplines' roles and responsibilities and how they can contribute to a positive outcome of the CST case. Examine question strategy, interview dynamics, language use, and interview suggestions. Discuss the business model of child sex trafficking as it relates to a variety of crimes, including the use of sexually explicit images of minors (child pornography).

Dates: Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 12pm ET **Register** [here](#).

VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TTA PROVIDERS



NCJTC'S MONTHLY OVC GRANTEE FORUM: A VICTIM SERVICE RESPONSE TO SUPPORT THE ASHLYNNE MIKE AMBER ALERT IN INDIAN COUNTRY ACT OF 2018

Join us and guests Tyesha Wood and Valerie Bribiescas of NCJTC to review a Community Response to the Ashlynne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018. Engage with our facilitators to understand how Victim Services & other community programs can support an AMBER Alert plan within your tribal community. Discover current resources available through the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program.

Find more information or register [here](#). **Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 2pm ET

UNIFIED'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE VIRTUAL GATHERING:

Join us for our monthly interactive web-based training and networking opportunity that highlights best practices from OVC funded Tribal Grantee Programs and subject matter experts.

Find more information or register [here](#). **Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 2pm ET

TRAINING AND EVENTS CONTINUED

MASS VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM: HOW TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A HOSPITALITY CENTER

The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center presents Helping Victims of Mass Violence and Terrorism: Planning, Response, Recovery, and Resources Toolkit web training series continues with an in depth look at establishing a Hospitality Center. A Hospitality Center, also known as a safe haven, provides a secure environment where victims and survivors can find supportive services during the trial following a mass violence incident. Please plan to join one of the scheduled webinars to learn more about this essential victim assistance protocol.

Dates: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 1:30pm ET [Register here.](#)
Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 1:30pm ET [Register here.](#)

FINANCIAL FRAUD, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT: SERVING OLDER VICTIMS OF CRIME

Approximately 1 in 10 older adults will experience elder abuse. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the rates of elder abuse, particularly financial exploitation, have dramatically increased. With social isolation and a shift to more virtual activities, older adults are experiencing an increase in fraud and fraudulent targeting, including romance, government imposter, and online shopping scams – and more. This 90-minute panel will focus on elder abuse, financial fraud, and how exploitation affects older, vulnerable adults. The expert panel discussion will help financial professionals, caregivers and advocates identify red flags of elder fraud, reporting and prevention initiatives, and trauma-informed strategies for working with older victims, including the elder shelter movement.



Date: Thursday, March 15, 2022 at 12pm ET [Register here.](#)

CREATING A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ONLINE

Join other child-serving professionals to create a plan of action for preventing child sexual abuse of youth in your care. Learn the signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse, mandated reporter and stakeholder responsibilities. Identify strengths and weaknesses of current prevention practices, and develop an action plan for your organization.

Date: Tuesday, March 15 - Wednesday March 16, 2022 at 10am ET. [Register here.](#)

REGISTER FOR UPCOMING JUSTGRANTS VIRTUAL Q&A AND TRAINING SESSIONS

The JustGrants team facilitates weekly sessions providing an opportunity for users to receive topic-specific training, direct technical assistance and support on JustGrants system functionality.

The JustGrants team hosts four sessions:

- Post-Award Management Virtual Q&A Every Monday from 1:00-2:30 pm ET
- Entity Management Virtual Q&A Every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 pm ET
- Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Training Every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00 pm ET
- Award Acceptance Virtual Q&A Every Thursday from 2:00-3:00 pm ET

Learn more and register [here.](#)

LOGIC MODEL FOR VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAMS: THE LINK BETWEEN PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

During this training, participants will learn how the use of a logic model is an essential component of victim services program evaluation and planning. Information and discussion on the relationship between resources, activities, and outcomes will help prepare participants to consider the range and types of program outcomes to track. These outcomes have valuable practical use beyond reporting and can be used to support program communications, fundraising, and grant applications.

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 2pm ET [Register here.](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FY2022 JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

This Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant program is designed to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The program supports activities such as court-based programs, supervises visitation and safe exchange, personnel training, civil legal services, and the provision of resources in juvenile court matters.

Deadlines: Grants.gov: Monday, March 7, 2022, 11:59pm ET
JustGrants: Thursday, March 10, 2022, 11:59pm ET

Access the full solicitation [here](#).

FY2022 NATIVE AMERICAN CDFI ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Through the Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program), the CDFI Fund provides (i) Base-FA awards of up to \$1 million to Certified, Native CDFIs to build their financial capacity to lend to their Eligible Markets and/or Target Markets and (ii) TA grants of up to \$150,000 to entities that are, will become, or will create a Native CDFI. For more detailed information, please refer to the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) found on the CDFI Fund's website.

Current Closing Date for Applications: March 14, 2022

Access the full solicitation [here](#).

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES (FVPSA) GRANTS TO TRIBES

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) FVPSA Grants to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal organizations are formula grants. The purpose of these grants is to assist Tribes in efforts to increase public awareness about, and primary and secondary prevention of, family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and to provide immediate shelter and supportive services to victims of these crimes.

Deadline: Grants.gov: Thursday, March 31, 2022

Access the full solicitation [here](#).

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

OVC PROVIDES SEVERAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TTA) RESOURCES AT NO COST TO GRANTEES

Programmatic TTA providers offer training, resources, and information to build grantees' capacity to develop and implement grant-funded victim service projects. Services include help with strategic planning, community needs assessments, policies and procedures, eLearning and in-person training, and much more. Contact your assigned Programmatic TTA provider for more information.

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Financial TTA builds grantees' capacity to administer federal grant funds by assisting with preparing budget modifications, creating financial policies and procedures, and answering general financial questions. Contact the OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (TFMC) for more information.

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