Welcome to Indian Country web site

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Government Relationship

Consultation
This site is designed to educate others about the relationship and to make you aware of the issues that guide the Department on these matters.

Executive Order 13214, entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," was issued in 2001. It reiterates the Administration’s adherence to a government-to-government relationship.

II. PRINCIPLES OF INDIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND THE TRUST RESPONSIBILITY

Through generalizations are difficult, a few basic principles provide important guidance in the field of Indian affairs: 1) the Constitution vests Congress with plenary power over Indian affairs; 2) Indian tribes retain important sovereign power over their members and their territory, subject to the plenary power of Congress; and 3) the United States has a trust responsibility to Indian tribes that guides and limits the Federal Government’s dealings with Indian tribes. This, federal and tribal law generally have primacy over Indian affairs in Indian country, except where Congress has provided otherwise.

II. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOGNITION OF INDIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND THE FEDERAL TRUST RESPONSIBILITY

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Funding/Grants Opportunities

The federal government has established Grants.gov, which is the single access point for competitive discretionary funding opportunities offered by all federal agencies. Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than $80 billion in Federal grants. Specific instructions on getting started with Grants.gov is found at www.grants.gov.

Specific instructions on getting started with Grants.gov with the Office of Justice Programs can be found at www.usdoj.gov/ojp.

To assist applicants, OJP posts several resources online:
- Grant FAQs
- Sample Grants
- Other resources related to OJP Applicants

Other Funding Resources:
- Community Initiatives
- Corrections and Aftercare
- Global Justice Information Sharing
- Juvenile Justice

Crime Prevention and Justice Services

The mission of the Department of Justice (DOJ) is to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law, to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic, to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime, to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior, and to assure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

Throughout these pages, we have included additional links and information that cover the broad array of services to assist with issues pertinent to Indian Country and Native communities.

How we can better serve Tribal communities - how we can get information to you more quickly, how to train, and how we can make sure our funding resources respond to your needs.
Tribal Training and Technical Assistance

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), as announced in a letter to Tribal Leaders and Tribal Colleges, will be hosting a series of four Tribal Training & Technical Assistance (TTA) sessions. The sessions will be held across the country, beginning in December 2006 and concluding in August 2007.

These sessions will focus on tribal priority issues related to public safety for families and communities, and will address topics such as court systems, multi-jurisdictional coordination and communication, sexual offender registry, and other law enforcement areas. Sessions will also be offered on the fiscal year 2007 grant application solicitations, which will serve as a forum to evaluate and improve the process and plan for the FY 2008 programs and applications. The December session will focus primarily on the 2007 grant application solicitations underway. The remaining sessions will transition toward the 2007 evaluation, grants management, and planning for 2008.

Session Schedule and Registration

- December 5-6, 2006, Palm Springs, CA
- March 27-29, 2007, Minneapolis, MN
- June 4-5, 2007, Jacksonville, FL
- July 30-August 1, 2007, Phoenix, AZ

Proposed Topics

- About BJA - Public Safety for Indian Country
- About BJS - Public Health for Indian Country
- Public Safety Challenges and Priorities in Indian Country