

Applicant Name:

Purpose Area #6 Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)

## Narrative

*Purpose Area #6 Narrative (15-page limit including template text; answers should be double-spaced)*

1. Describe the program that the tribe plans to implement through the proposed grant funding. Include any data that was used to identify the need for this proposed program, including Community Needs Assessments, data obtained through existing child abuse and neglect programs, and other relevant data related to crime victimization in your tribal community. Identify plans to develop a new program or use funds to enhance and sustain an existing program. The plans must address how the proposed program will support improving the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse, in a manner that minimizes trauma to child victims. Describe anticipated changes to your child abuse and neglect caseload as a result of receiving this funding. Some activities and programs that should be considered are child forensic interviewing, victim advocacy, forensic interviewing rooms, multidisciplinary teams, pediatric SANE or specialized medical services, child advocacy centers, hiring or training dedicated investigators or prosecutors, improved court processes to ease trauma to testifying children, specialized training, shelter and housing, and mental health treatment.
2. Identify one or more obstacles that your community faces providing trauma-informed services or specialized investigation and prosecution or court services to victims of child abuse and neglect, especially victims of child sexual abuse. Use the Tribal Community and Justice Profile to describe the problem(s) with as much detail and data as necessary to clearly describe the nature and extent of the problem(s).
3. Describe how your communities respond to reports of child abuse. Are your officers (whether tribal, BIA contract, or other) specially trained to investigate child abuse and exploitation crimes? Does your community have a multidisciplinary team that responds to child abuse reports? Are any staff members trained in forensic interviewing? Does your community have or use a children's advocacy center? Does your community have a tribal court with a designated or specially trained prosecutor to handle child abuse cases?
4. Describe any current gaps in services related to the problem(s) identified in items #2 and #3 above that will be addressed through this grant application. For each identified problem in item #2, identify the specific goals and objectives of the proposal that will be accomplished in 36 months. Provide details about the specific tasks and activities necessary to accomplish each goal and objective.

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5. Describe any existing resources you plan to use to enhance or support this project on behalf of child victims. Identify current government and community initiatives or funding that this proposed program will complement. What partnerships will be created or enhanced as a result of this funding? Examples may be advisory boards, multidisciplinary teams, child protection teams, not-for-profits, private organizations, etc. Identify your proposed partners and your existing work relationships with them.
6. Address the tribe's need for financial assistance and the inability to implement the proposed plan without federal funding. This should be linked to the issues identified in the Tribal Narrative Profile. Describe how you intend to sustain the proposed project after the federal grant ends.
  - a. How will the identified partnerships/resources be used to facilitate a long-term strategy to sustain the project when the federal grant ends?
  - b. Describe any challenges you anticipate in sustaining the program beyond the grant funding.
7. What methods will be used to ensure that child abuse victims receive trauma-informed care including medical, mental health, and social services needed to support them from the initial investigation through any court processes and to healing and recovery?
8. Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete each of the proposed projects, and any organizational changes that may result if funding is awarded.
9. Describe how the applicant will know if the program works and how success will be determined and measured. Describe how data will be collected and assessed to measure the impact of proposed efforts.
  - a. What will be measured?
  - b. How will data be collected?
  - c. Who is responsible for collecting the data?
  - d. How is success defined?
10. Identify training and technical assistance needs from the OVC-funded tribal training and technical assistance provider.
11. Applicants awarded FY 2017 funds for the CTAS CJA Program must describe the strengths and challenges associated with that project and how new funding will complement but not duplicate the work under the existing project.

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12. If you are requesting funding in multiple purpose areas, is the receipt of OVC Purpose Area #6 funding required for the implementation of any other purpose area being requested? If so, explain. *Examples of this may be requesting a specialized child abuse investigative officer from Purpose Area #6 and equipment for that officer from COPS Office Purpose Area #1.*

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