

Applicant Name:

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

Implementation point of contact (name, title, email, and phone): _____

Narrative

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

1. Describe current or previous efforts, if any, to address the problem(s) related to victims of child abuse and neglect identified in the Tribal Community and Justice Profile and state whether they were effective. Please provide detailed information about any current or past victim-related programs funded by OVC or other Federal agencies and their current status.
2. Describe any current gaps in services to victims of crime related to the problem(s) identified in question #1.
3. Describe how your community responds to reports of child abuse. Do you have police officers? If so, are your officers (whether tribal, BIA contract, or other) specially trained to investigate criminal child abuse, neglect and exploitation? 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? If so, how is that funded? Does your community have a tribal court with a designated or specially trained prosecutor to handle child abuse cases?
4. Describe how the proposed grant-funded program will be used to support child victims of crime.
 - a. 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, or victim advocacy for criminal child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse, in a manner that minimizes trauma to child victims.
 - b. Specifically identify the activities, personnel, services, supplies and equipment for which you will use this PA-6 funding. Some activities, personnel and programs that should be considered are child forensic interviewing training or staff, victim advocacy, forensic interviewing rooms, the formation of multidisciplinary teams, pediatric SANE or specialized medical services, child advocacy centers, hiring or training dedicated investigators or prosecutors, improving court processes to ease trauma for testifying children, specialized training, shelter and housing, and mental health treatment.
 - c. Identify where the program will be housed, how victims of child abuse and neglect will access the services, what services will be available to victims, and who will provide those services.

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5. For each challenge that you will be addressing with this funding, identify the specific goals and objectives of the proposed program that will be accomplished in 36 months.
 - a. Provide details about the specific tasks and activities necessary to accomplish each goal and objective, and how they tie into the goals and objectives listed in the solicitation under this purpose area.
 - b. Provide details about the specific tasks and activities necessary to accomplish each goal and objective. Describe how data will be collected and assessed to measure the impact of the proposed efforts.
6. 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. What partnerships will be created or enhanced as a result of this funding? Examples may be tribal leaders, advisory boards, multidisciplinary teams, child protection teams, not-for-profits, private organizations, etc. Identify your proposed partners and your existing work relationships with them.
7. Identify training and technical assistance (TTA) needs you may require related to your proposal. Use of the OVC-funded TTA provider is required for the community needs assessment, which is a required deliverable for this program. OVC expects all awardees to use the OVC-designated TTA provider as the primary resource for any other TTA needs.
8. 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?
9. Describe the tribe's need for federal funding to implement the proposed plan. This should be linked to the issues identified in the Tribal Narrative Profile. Describe how your tribe intends to sustain the proposed project after the federal grant ends.
 - a. How will the identified partnerships or 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.