



# Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2020 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Fact Sheet

## What is the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)?

CTAS combines the majority of DOJ's existing Tribal Government-specific competitive solicitations into a single solicitation requiring only one application from each tribe or tribal consortium. This approach provides federally recognized tribes, tribal consortia, and tribal designees the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues.

## How does it work?

Each Tribal government-specific grant program is referred to as a "Purpose Area." Applicants select the Purpose Area(s) that best address their individual public safety, criminal and juvenile justice and victimization needs.

**The solicitation period begins Wednesday, December 4, 2019. All applications must be submitted through the [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](#) no later than February 25, 2020, at 9 p.m. ET.**

## What are the advantages for submitting grant applications in this manner?

- Tribal government-specific funding across many DOJ components is available and described at one time, so that Tribes can see many funding opportunities, and based on specific needs, request funding that is best aligned with such needs.
- CTAS provides the opportunity for Tribes and Tribal Consortia to engage in comprehensive planning, and be strategic in their request for funding. The application process provides the opportunity for Tribes to identify their needs and gaps in services that CTAS can address. In reviewing the application, DOJ will have a better understanding of the Tribal government's overall public safety and related needs.
- Only one budget worksheet and narrative form is required.
- One Response Center to call or e-mail for programmatic questions is available.

## What are the changes to CTAS for FY 2020?

DOJ incorporated feedback from the tribal meetings and consultations, as well as the assessment tool, to make the following changes to the CTAS for FY 2020:

- OVC will fund a stand-alone comprehensive victim services solicitation.
- BJA's Addressing Violent Crime in Tribal Communities will not be included this year.
- BJA's PA4 (Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program) has been expanded to provide funding to support physical infrastructure projects related to domestic violence shelters/safe homes/transitional living facilities/advocacy programs as a funding option and adding capacity/equipment/infrastructure to support staff training fitness and wellness.
- Awards under the OVW Tribal Governments Program (PA #5) will be made for up to \$900,000 for 36 months. At the end of the 36-month award period, grantees may be eligible to receive 24 months of additional noncompetitive funding up to \$600,000 to continue their projects.
- Awards for officer hiring under the COPS Office's PA 1 will be made for 60 months. PA 1 equipment and training awards will be made with a 36-month award period.
- PA 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 awards will be made for 60 months.
- For PA 9, applicants have the choice of two categories under which to apply. Category 1 is for funding to begin a new program and Category 2 is for funding to continue an existing effort.

## Eligibility:

Only federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, may apply. This includes Alaska Native villages and Tribal Consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes. Tribal designees are eligible participants only for certain activities related to the DOJ's OVW and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Additional eligibility criteria and exceptions by Purpose Area can be found within the [FY 2020 CTAS Solicitation](#).

Projected CTAS Funding for FY 2020			
Purpose Area	Estimated Amount Of Funding Available	Estimated Number of Awards To Be Made; Estimated Award Amounts	Length Of Award
1. <b>Public Safety And Community Policing</b> <i>(Office of Community Oriented Policing Services)</i>	\$24 million	Approximately 40 awards	<b>5 years - Hiring / 3 years - Equipment</b>
2. <b>Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning</b> <i>(Bureau of Justice Assistance)</i>	Up to \$600,000	Approximately 4 awards; up to \$150,000 per award	<b>5 years</b>
3. <b>Tribal Justice Systems</b> <i>(Bureau of Justice Assistance)</i>	\$22.1 million	Approximately 25–35 awards; approximately \$250,000–900,000 per award	<b>5 years</b>
4. <b>Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program</b> <i>(Bureau of Justice Assistance)</i>	\$7.5 million	Approximately 2-4 awards; approximately \$1-\$4 million per award	<b>5 years</b>
5. <b>Tribal Governments Program</b> <i>(Office on Violence Against Women)</i>	\$34 million	Approximately 55 awards	<b>3 years (initially)</b>
6. <b>Children’s Justice Act Partnerships For Indian Communities</b> <i>(Office for Victims of Crime)</i>	\$2.7 million	Approximately 6 awards; up to a maximum of \$450,000 per award	<b>3 years</b>
8. <b>Juvenile Tribal Healing To Wellness Courts</b> <i>(Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)</i>	\$2 million	Approximately 5 awards; up to a maximum of \$400,000 per award	<b>5 years</b>
9. <b>Tribal Youth Program</b> <i>(Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)</i>	\$3.85 million	Approximately 9 awards; up to a maximum of \$450,000 per award	<b>5 years</b>

For each purpose area listed above, all awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Additional information for Estimated Number of Awards and Amounts can be found within the [FY 2020 CTAS Solicitation](#).

**FY 2020 CTAS Application Quick Start Guide:**

The CTAS Committee has streamlined the FY 2020 Solicitation and created a separate tool to help guide applicants through the application process. The FY 2020 CTAS Application Quick Start Guide will serve as the primary reference manual to assist CTAS applicants in preparing and submitting applications for funding. For details on CTAS purpose area statutory authorities, what an application should look like, budget details and restrictions, DOJ’s policy on late submissions, as well as a host of other frequently asked questions, please refer to the online [DOJ FY20 CTAS Application Quick Start Guide](#).

**Attention!** Applicants should begin the registration process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time using the system. It is strongly recommended that applicants register early (we recommend no later than Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020) in order to resolve difficulties ahead of the application deadline.

**Registration & Application:**

**To register and apply:**

- 1) Register in GMS
- 2) Complete and submit the application through GMS at: <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/gmsexternal/>

**DOJ Response Center**

For programmatic and general assistance with the solicitation requirements, contact the Response Center at 800-421-6770 or via e-mail at [tribalgrants@usdoj.gov](mailto:tribalgrants@usdoj.gov). Hours of operation are Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET

**GMS Help Desk**

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the GMS Help Desk at 1-888-549-9901 and dial 3 when prompted or email the GMS Help Desk at [gms.helpdesk@usdoj.gov](mailto:gms.helpdesk@usdoj.gov).