



Greetings from U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams

It's that time of year in many parts of Oregon when the weather is finally shifting and we're seeing new growth spring forth from the land around us. In our work, we see new opportunity to grow relationships, collaborate across jurisdictions, acknowledge shortcomings, and build on strengths and opportunities. In this space, I want to highlight a few of the successes we have seen over the past three months as well as opportunities for growth to better serve Native victims.

Our office receives many emails and notices about available grant opportunities. We will often forward these opportunities to our Tribal contacts, and since the inception of this newsletter last November, we have included them in the *Funding Opportunities* section below. Recently, we created a [subpage](#) on our website that lists all the current grants. We will update the website about every two weeks as we learn of new opportunities to share. We will continue to highlight a few specific grants in the newsletter as well as send individual emails, and we remain available to consult with and support you through your grant writing processes.

June 15 was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. In tribal communities, elders are cherished and revered as "wisdom keepers." The theme for this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was *Lift up Voices*, reminding us that we have an obligation to protect elder voice and wisdom, to respond to elder abuse, to bring forward the voices of elders when they speak, and to seek elder justice. Our district's Elder Justice Coordinator recently trained the Umatilla Tribal Police Department and Pendleton FBI on elder investigations and how to discern signs of elder abuse and neglect through careful listening, observing, and investigating. Our Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist was invited to attend the Warm Springs Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team meeting, where she learned about the ongoing support and coordinated response to vulnerable Warm Springs elders. And just last week we received the [Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative Resource Packet for Tribal Liaisons](#); please take a look and use the presentations, brochures, and referrals at your discretion. We look forward to our continued opportunities to help protect elders and lift up their voices.

In May, our office was invited to participate in the City of Portland's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) awareness and education events. I attended the MMIW Awareness proclamation at Portland City Hall along with several AUSAs and USAO staff, and we made many connections with tribal, city, and county employees working to end the epidemic of violence against and erasure of Native women. I also attended Governor Brown's May 16 signing of Oregon's [House Bill 2625](#) at the state capitol, mandating OSP to conduct a study to determine how to increase and improve criminal justice response and investigation of MMIW in this state. Our Tribal Victim Assistance Specialist was invited to speak at Portland State University on the informational panel

Unseen, Unheard, Unprotected: MMIW to discuss the intersection of domestic violence, sexual violence, and trafficking of Native women and the laws, policies, practices, and collaboration necessary to better protect Native women. I was humbled to learn more about the epidemic, and honored for the opportunity to cultivate new partnerships and connections to address this violence.

June is LGBTQ Pride Month. On June 16, I joined our office in once again marching in Portland's Pride parade. What an incredible celebration of both our uniqueness and our one-ness in the District of Oregon! In our *What We're Watching and Reading* section below, we highlight the [Decolonize Love](#) video that encourages us to "re-establish our 2Spirit/LGBTQ relatives' place" and voice in our work. We must evaluate if our services to crime victims are accessible, inclusive, and informed to promote safety and restore value for our 2Spirit and LGBTQ victims, who experience some of the highest rates of victimization. We accept the challenge to ask questions of our past, present, and future ability to serve and support marginalized victims. We are committed to doing better.

Sincerely,
Billy J. Williams
U.S. Attorney

USAO and DOI Meeting

On April 22, 2019, the USAO IC team met with Regional Solicitor Lynn Peterson and her team at the local Department of Interior office in Portland. The group discussed Public Lands, Fish and Wildlife, and Indian Country issues. It was a great opportunity to open lines of communication, discuss cases and processes, and connect with peers.



In the News

Recent Prosecution Highlights from the USAO District of Oregon

US v. Dion Denny- AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this Umatilla case where the defendant pleaded guilty to Assault by Striking, Beating, or Wounding. The defendant was sentenced on March 25, 2019, to 5 years' probation, where he must undergo treatment for substance and alcohol abuse, mental health, and anger management, and may not have any contact with his victim or Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The crime victim attended the sentencing hearing and gave a verbal victim impact statement at the hearing.

US v. John Joseph Wallace, Jr.- AUSA Paul Maloney prosecuted this Warm Springs case where the defendant, a former Warm Springs PD and Madras PD police officer, pleaded guilty to three counts of Abusive Sexual Contact with a Child. He was sentenced on April 11, 2019, to 72 months' prison followed by lifetime supervised release, including orders to undergo sex offender treatment; register as a sex offender; not to have any contact with any minors including the crime victim; and pay restitution of \$854.00 for the victim's medical costs. The defendant was also prosecuted in Jefferson County by Special Prosecutor Ruth Roe from the Oregon Attorney General's Office, where he entered an Alford Plea to Attempted Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and Official Misconduct in the First Degree. Defendant was sentenced on April 12, 2019, to 30 months' prison to be served concurrently to the federal case, and he agreed to relinquish his DPSST certification. The crime victim and family members gave written and verbal victim impact statements at each sentencing hearing. USAO Press release: [Former Madras Police Officer Sentenced to Six Years in Federal Prison for Repeated Sexual Abuse of Minor](#).

US v. Dat Quoc Do- AUSAs Paul Maloney and Lew Burkhart prosecuted this Warm Springs case where the defendant was found guilty at trial by jury on March 15, 2019, of two counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon for discharging his firearm during a road rage altercation on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in September 2017. Three victims, including one minor victim, were present for and testified at the three-day trial. At sentencing on June 10, 2019, the defendant was sentenced to 3 years' probation. During probation, he must undergo treatment for mental health, may not have any contact with the victims, and must pay \$1,158.89 restitution to the victims for their lost wages due to the investigation and trial. The crime victims attended the sentencing hearing and each gave a verbal victim impact statement at the hearing. USAO Press release: [Madras Man Found Guilty of Discharging Firearm During Road Rage Altercation on Warm Springs Indian Reservation](#).

US v. Johnny Ellery Smith- AUSAs Paul Maloney and Kelly Zusman argued this case before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on October 10, 2018, and the decision was just issued on May 28, 2019. At issue was whether a federal prosecutor can use the Assimilative Crimes Act (ACA) to charge and prosecute a defendant in Indian Country. Broadly, the ACA allows federal prosecutors to charge defendants with crimes under the state court statutes if there is no applicable federal statute crime that captures the defendant's criminal behavior. In this case, defendant entered conditional guilty pleas in federal court under the ACA to Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, but argued on appeal that the federal government did not have jurisdiction to prosecute him because the ACA does not apply to Indian Country. The panel found that the prosecution of Mr. Smith was indeed lawful, and affirmed his conviction. The panel reinforced the three exceptions to ACA already found under the Indian Country Crimes Act (ICCA): 1) victim crimes in IC committed by one Indian against another Indian, 2) crimes in IC already punished under tribal code, and 3) crimes in IC where the tribe's treaty specifies exclusive jurisdiction to the tribe. Read [the full opinion here](#).

US v. Dustin Raphael- AUSA Greg Nyhus prosecuted this Supervised Release Violation case. The defendant was previously convicted in 2009 in the District of Arizona for Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. After serving a BOP sentence of 84 months in prison, he lawfully transferred his

supervision to the District of Oregon. On April 15, 2019, he committed a new domestic violence crime in the jurisdiction of Portland Police Bureau against a new crime victim, which was in violation of his supervision in his federal case. At a contested violation hearing on May 20, 2019, he was found in violation by Judge Marco A. Hernandez and sanctioned with a 12 month prison sentence followed by 11 months of additional Supervised Release. He was ordered to undergo mental health treatment, domestic violence treatment, and to continue to repay his original crime victim restitution; he still owes \$6,167.53 from the original \$13,041.00 judgment. He was also ordered not to have contact with either crime victim, one of whom was present in the courtroom for the hearing.

US v. Joel Salt- AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this Umatilla case where the defendant pleaded guilty to Assault by Strangling. The defendant was sentenced on May 28, 2019, to credit for time served, having already served 22 months in custody while the case was pending, followed by 3 years' supervised release. During supervision, he must undergo treatment for substance and alcohol abuse, mental health, gambling, and batterers' intervention, and may not have any contact with the victim, his children, or Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The crime victim attended the sentencing hearing and gave a verbal victim impact statement at the hearing. USAO Press release: [Umatilla Man Sentenced for Strangling Victim Near Children](#).

US v. Christina Barkley- AUSA Jennifer Martin prosecuted this Umatilla case where the defendant pleaded guilty to Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. The defendant was sentenced on June 10, 2019, to 21 months' prison, followed by 3 years' supervised release. During supervision, she must undergo treatment for substance and alcohol abuse, mental health, anger management, and family counseling, and may not have any offensive contact with the victim. The crime victim attended the sentencing hearing and gave a verbal victim impact statement at the hearing. USAO Press release: [Umatilla Woman Sentenced to Federal Prison for Scissor Attack](#).

US v. Harold Blackwolf- AUSAs Paul Maloney, Benjamin Tolkoff, and Craig Gabriel prosecuted this Warm Springs case where the defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of Involuntary Manslaughter and one count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The defendant was sentenced on June 11, 2019, to 71 months' prison, followed by 3 years' supervised release. During supervision, he must undergo treatment for substance and alcohol abuse, and may not have any contact with the family of the deceased victims or the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The family of the crime victims attended the sentencing hearing both in court and over the phone, submitted input for the sentence to the prosecutors, and one crime victim gave a verbal victim impact statement at the hearing. USAO Press releases: [Warm Springs Man Pleads Guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter and Illegal Firearm Possession](#)
[Warm Springs Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Involuntary Manslaughter and Illegal Firearm Possession](#).

US v. Jeremy Howard- AUSAs Natalie Wight and Craig Gabriel prosecuted this Warm Springs case where the defendant pleaded guilty to Assault Resulting in Substantial Bodily Injury. The defendant was sentenced on June 11, 2019, to 3 years' probation. During probation, he must undergo treatment for substance and alcohol abuse, anger management, may not have any contact with the minor victim, and must pay \$38,908.19 in restitution for the crime victim's medical bills and treatment. The parent of the minor crime victim attended the sentencing hearing and gave a verbal victim impact statement at the hearing.

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News in Oregon

[Two Oregon Tribes Receive Justice Department Grant Supporting Native American Crime Victims](#)

[U.S. Attorney's Office Joins in Recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7-13, 2019](#)

[Congressional Hearing on Chemawa Lays Out Possible Fixes to 'Total Crisis'](#)

[Schrader Calls For BIE Director Replacement Over Chemawa Problems](#)

News Outside Oregon

[Acting Director Katharine Sullivan of the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women Delivers Remarks at 19th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference](#)

[AKWRNC & NIWRC Call for Continued Support for Sophie Sergie's Family and Alaska State Response to Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls](#)

[House passage of VAWA 2019: NIWRC's explanation of changes that affect IC and Native women](#)

[Acting Director Katharine Sullivan Of The Justice Department's Office On Violence Against Women Delivers Remarks At Annual Conference On Crimes Against Women](#)

[Senator's bill to improve cooperation between Tribes and law enforcement included in the House-passed Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act](#)

[White Swan Man Sentenced to Life in Federal Prison for First Degree Murder and Two Consecutive 10-Year Terms in Federal Prison for Discharging Firearms During Separate Crimes of Violence](#)

[Presidential Proclamation: Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day, 2019](#)

[Opening Statement of Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt M. Dummermuth of the Office of Justice Programs Before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs](#)

[Attorney General William P. Barr Announces the Creation of a Working Group on Prosecuting Gun Crimes to Stop and Reduce Domestic Violence](#)

[Readout of the Third Meeting of the Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health Service System](#)

[Director Tracy Toulou of the Office of Tribal Justice Delivers Statement Before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs](#)

The 2018-2019 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Nomination for Extraordinary Valor Above and Beyond the Call of Duty nomination period is now open. [Apply now](#). Application deadline is July 31, 2019.

Upcoming Training and Events

[Lead the Way: Building the Pipeline of Women of Color Leaders in the Social Sector](#)

June 25-30, 2019 Mid-Level Managers conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Lead the Way is a year-long fellowship hosted by the Center for Research and Policy in the Public

Interest (CR2PI) at the New York Women's Foundation for women of color mid-level managers and emerging Executive Directors working in U.S.-based nonprofit and community-based organizations.

Culturally-Responsive Approaches and Resources for Survivors of Abuse in Indian Country
June 25, 2019 in Portland, OR

To register, contact [Paige Smith](#) at (503) 228-4185 ext. 306.

Sponsored by Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and Strong Hearts Native Helpline.

[Increasing Community Response to Trafficking by Leveraging Public/Private Partnerships](#)

June 26, 2019 from 10-11:30am PST, free webinar

Sponsored by the National Human Trafficking T&TAC.

[Strategies to Ensure Equitable Programming: Understanding the VOCA Victim Assistance Rule and Funding Opportunities at the State Level](#)

June 26, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar

Sponsored by The National Resource Center for Reaching Victims.

[Human Trafficking & Impacts on Education and Employment Opportunities](#)

June 26, 2019 at 11am PST, free webinar

Sponsored by NCJFCJ.

[Secondary Traumatic Stress in Juvenile to Healing Wellness Courts, Schools, and Tribal Program Settings](#)

June 27, 2019 at 11am PST, free webinar

Sponsored by DOJ and National Native Children's Trauma Center.

[Best Practice Checklist For Interviewing Clients Who Have Experienced Trauma](#)

June 27, 2019 from 11am-12:35pm PST, webinar

Sponsored by NCVLI.

[First, Do No Harm: Trauma-Informed Interviewing](#)

June 27, 2019 from 10-11:30am PST, free webinar

Sponsored by NCJFCJ.

[Tradition Keepers Folklife Festival](#)

June 29, 2019, from 10am-5pm in Ontario, OR

This free festival is sponsored by The Four Rivers Cultural Center.

[The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children 101 Train-the-Trainer](#)

July 8-9, 2019 in Portland, OR

The training is designed to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge to become confident trainers on CSEC.

Sponsored by Nola Brantley Speaks.

[2019 FBI Portland Teen Academy](#)

July 8-12, 2019 in Salem, OR at DPSST This free training is intended for rising high school juniors and seniors to gain a greater understanding of how law enforcement can be an asset to their community. Students will learn the value of cultural awareness, celebrate diversity of varying backgrounds, and gain skills to resolve conflict in their communities.

Sponsored by the FBI.

[National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence \(NIPDV\)](#)

July 9-12, 2019 in Washington, DC

Sponsored by AEquitas.

[HHS Region 10 Annual Tribal Consultation and Resource Day](#)

July 9-11, 2019 at the Northern Quest Resort and Casino in Airway Heights, WA

Sponsored by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

[Strengthening Tribal Response to Violence Against Native Women: Shelter/Safe Homes](#)

July 10, 2019 at 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar

Sponsored by Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

[Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women: 8th Annual Native Youth Summit](#)

July 10-12, 2019 in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

Sponsored by Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women.

AMBER Alert Training for BIA Tribal Law Enforcement

[July 11-12, 2019 in Watersmeet, MI](#)

[July 23-24, 2019 in Fort Hall, ID](#)

[August 12-13, 2019 in Ft. McDowell, AZ](#)

Sponsored by NCJTC.

[A Rural Perspective: Serving Survivors of Domestic or Sexual Violence with Disabilities in Rural Communities](#)

July 16, 2019 from 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar

Sponsored by Vera Center on Victimization and Safety.

[Boys: The Forgotten Sex Trafficking Victims](#)

July 16, 2019, from 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar

Sponsored by NCJTC.

[Gang Sex Trafficking: "Inside the Life", A Survivor's Story](#)

July 17, 2019, from 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar

Sponsored by NCJTC.

[Oregon Crime Victims' Compensation Program](#)

July 17, 2019 from 8:30am-11:30am, in Medford, OR

August 7, 2019 from 8:30am-11:30am or 1-4pm, in Salem, OR

This training is intended for victim advocates working in system- and community-based agencies, including child abuse assessment centers, as well as allied professionals working with crime victims.

Sponsored by OR DoJ.

[2019 National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability](#)

July 17-18, 2019 in Chicago, IL

Sponsored by Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice.

[29th Annual Tamkaliks Celebration & Friendship Potluck](#)

July 19 - July 21, 2019 in Wallowa, OR

For more information, contact [Angela Bombaci](#) at 541-886-3101.

[Addressing Identity Theft in Native Communities](#)

July 25, 2019 from 10-11am PST, free webinar
Sponsored by WomenSpirit Coalition.

[H.O.P.E.: Suicide Prevention for Crime Victim Advocates](#)

July 30-31, 2019, in Denver, Colorado
August 1-2, 2019, in Denver, Colorado (this training is specifically for victim advocates who serve victims in Indian country)
Sponsored by Education Development Center and Office for Victims of Crime.

[National AMBER Alert in Indian Country Symposium](#)

July 30-August 1, 2019 in Albuquerque, NM
Sponsored by NCJTC.

[Federal Criminal Practice for Tribal Prosecutors Seminar](#)

July 30-August 2, 2019 in Columbia, SC
Sponsored by the National Indian Country Training Initiative and the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

[From Victimization to Survivor and Beyond](#)

July 31, 2019, from 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar
Sponsored by NCJTC.

[Trauma Informed Supervision](#)

July 31, 2019 in Portland, OR
Sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at PCC Cascade Campus.

[Pediatric Case Studies](#)

August 2, 2019 from 8-9:30am PST, free webinar
This webinar is intended for registered nurses, advanced practice nurses, physicians, and physician assistants who are caring for American Indian/Alaska Native patients in the USA.
Sponsored by the International Association of Forensic Nurses and Tribal Forensic Healthcare.

[Using Trauma Research to Inform Victim Services](#)

August 5-9, 2019, free virtual institute
Sponsored by the Center for Victim Research.

[Region 10 Opioid Summit – Science to Practice: Addressing the Opioid Crisis](#)

August 7-8, 2019 in Vancouver, WA (with pre- and post-summit meetings August 6 and 9)
This summit is an opportunity for professionals from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Indian Nations, urban Indian health programs, and recognized American Indian organizations to meet and explore ways to address the opioid crisis.
Sponsored by HHS Region 10.

[Coming Together to Create a Cultural Response to Address the Impact of Domestic Violence on Women and their Children](#)

August 13-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN
Sponsored by NIWRC.

[Project Making Medicine Training](#): Training in Treatment of Child Physical and Sexual Abuse:

Honoring Children, Mending the Circle

August 13-16, 2019 or September 16-19, 2019

This training is a cultural adaptation/enhancement of Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral

Therapy (TF-CBT) for treatment providers.
Sponsored by ICCTC.

[Strengthening Tribal Response to Violence Against Native Women: Legal Resources](#)

August 14, 2019 at 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar
Sponsored by Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

[Oregon State Victim Assistance Academy](#): Summer 2019 Basic Academy Session

August 19-22 in Bend, OR (with required distance learning sessions July 23, 30, August 6, 13)
Sponsored by NCVLI.

[2019 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation](#)

August 21-22, 2019 in New Buffalo, MI

[2018 Report](#)

Sponsored by OVW.

[Tribal Veteran Wellness Court Symposium](#)

August 22-23, 2019 in Missoula, MT

Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, the National Drug Court Institute, Justice for Vets, the Montana Supreme Court/Office of the Court Administrator, the National American Indian and Alaskan Native Addiction Treatment Transfer Center, American University's Justice Programs Office, and the National Native Children's Trauma Center.

[Indian Country Leadership Summit](#)

September 4-6, 2019 in Columbia, SC

Sponsored by DOJ's National Indian Country Training Initiative (NICTI), together with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Indian Country Crimes Unit.

[IN A LANDSCAPE: Classical Music in the Wild concert](#)

September 5, 2019 at 5:30pm in Warm Springs, OR

Sponsored by In a Landscape and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

[9th Annual Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training](#)

September 10-12, 2019 in Palm Springs, CA

Sponsored by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

[Strengthening Tribal Response to Violence Against Native Women: Tribal Protection Orders](#)

September 11, 2019 at 11am-12:30pm PST, free webinar

Sponsored by Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

[Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

September 16-18, 2019 in Las Vegas, NV

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Training Center and the National Association for Search And Rescue.

[Food Sovereignty Summit](#)

September 23-26, 2019 in Green Bay, Wisconsin

Sponsored by First Nations Development Institute and the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

[Leave No Victim Behind IV Conference](#)

October 1-3, 2019 at University of Nevada at Las Vegas

The conference will focus on mass violence response and long-term recovery of communities as

well as model partnerships between law enforcement and victim services. Sponsored by the University of Oregon Police Department and the California Victim Compensation Board.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be commemorated April 19-25, 2020. [Sign up for the NCVRW Mailing List](#), or update your contact information, to receive 2020 NCVRW announcements.

[Bureau of Justice Assistance funding webinars](#)

Previously recorded webinars
Sponsored by US DOJ OJP.

[The ACE Study and AI/AN Children](#)

Previously recorded webinar
Sponsored by ICCTC.

[Childhood Trauma in Indian Country](#)

Previously recorded webinar
Sponsored by ICCTC.

[End Abuse of People with Disabilities](#)

Previously recorded webinars
Sponsored by Vera Center on Victimization and Safety.

[Responding to Concerning Posts on Social Media](#)

Self-paced, 1-hour webinar
Sponsored by NPAIHB.

[Decolonizing Data: Strengthening Community Voices to Take Action for Our Missing Relatives](#)

Previously recorded webinar.
This webinar is intended for community members around the country to learn how to input their missing loved ones' information into the NamUs database.
Sponsored by Urban Indian Health Institute and National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs).

Funding Opportunities

Remember to check out our new [IC Grant Opportunities website](#), a compilation of **even more** grant opportunities. Some highlights are below.

[Supporting Effective Interventions for Adolescent Sex Offenders and Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems FY 2019 Competitive Grant Solicitation](#)

OJJDP is seeking proposals from applicant agencies to provide a continuum of intervention and supervision services for adolescent sex offenders and youth with sexual behavior problems; and treatment services for their victims and families/caregivers. Under this initiative, successful applicants will have an established multidisciplinary team that (1) supports a comprehensive, holistic approach to treating adolescents who commit sex crimes and youth with sexual behavior problems, and (2) provides support services to victims and families/caregivers. Application deadline is June 25, 2019.

Office for Victims of Crime Tribal Set-Aside Funding

OVC is seeking input on potential future tribal set-aside funding from the federal Crime Victims Fund. The [Framing Paper](#) issued by US DOJ outlines potential issues and includes: (1) an overview

of how funds from the FY 2018 tribal set-aside were distributed; (2) the Department's plans thus far for distributing the FY 2019 set-aside funds; (3) questions for tribal leaders to consider; and (4) OVC's historical crime victim services grant programs for tribal communities. Please submit your comments by e-mail to ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov. Tribes may also submit comments by first-class mail to:

Office for Victims of Crime
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531
Attn.: Allison Turkel

OVC will accept written comments from tribal leaders until 5 p.m. Eastern Time on July 1, 2019.

[ODOJ CVSSD's 2019-2022 VOCA Competitive Project Grant](#)

Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) announces its release of an open Request for Application (RFA) titled: 2019-2022 VOCA Competitive Project Grant. Applications must address the provision of direct services under one of the following VOCA Categories: Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, General Victim Services, Underserved. Application deadline is July 9, 2019.

[Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program](#)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in funding provided by the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)), as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1)(A), as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), Public Law 114-94 (December 4, 2015). This is a national solicitation for project proposals and includes the selection criteria and program eligibility information for Fiscal Year 2019 projects. The primary purpose of these competitively selected grants is to support planning, capital, and, in limited circumstances, operating assistance for tribal public transit services. Funds distributed to Indian tribes under the TTP should not replace or reduce funds that Indian tribes receive from states through FTA's Section 5311 program. Application deadline is July 9, 2019.

[Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Serving Our Youngest Crime Victims](#)

The purpose of this solicitation is to address an urgent gap in crime victim services related to the opioid epidemic and to expand upon existing or establish new programs to provide services to children and youth who are victimized as the result of the opioid crisis. OVC anticipates that this solicitation will support service providers in expanding their current scope and expertise to ensure that children and youth—the most vulnerable victims impacted by the opioid crisis—are supported as they heal from the impact of crime and substance abuse. Application deadline is July 11, 2019.

[Project Beacon: Increasing Services for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Sex Trafficking](#)

OVC will make awards to increase the quantity and quality of services currently available to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of sex trafficking who reside in urban areas. Apply under one of the following purpose areas (PAs). PA 1: Direct Services: Applicants may request funding to: develop or enhance their organizational capacity to provide services to urban AI/AN victims of sex trafficking; develop and sustain collaborative partnerships; conduct community outreach and awareness activities; and provide training to other stakeholders on how to meet the needs of urban AI/AN victims of sex trafficking. PA 2: Training and Technical Assistance (TTA): Applicants may request funding to provide capacity-building TTA to successful grantees under Purpose Area 1. Application deadline is July 15, 2019.

[Using Telehealth to Improve Care, Access and Quality of Sexual Assault Forensic Exams](#)

Through the FY 2019 Using Telehealth to Improve Care, Access and Quality of Sexual Assault Forensic Exams solicitation, OVC seeks to develop or enhance statewide or regional telehealth

programs to improve the quality of healthcare for sexual assault victims, increase the quality of forensic evidence collection, and expand the reach of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services through telehealth for communities with limited access to trained SANEs. Application deadline is July 17, 2019.

Discretionary Training and Technical Assistance Program for VOCA Victim Assistance Grantees

The purpose of this solicitation is to provide training and technical assistance to VOCA Victim Assistance service providers and others who work with victims of crime. Activities funded through this program may include, but are not limited to: the establishment or enhancement of state victim assistance academies, statewide training initiatives, crime victim-related conferences, basic training for new programs, or scholarships to attend conferences and/or training. Eligible applicants are limited to state administering agencies for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Program Formula Grants. Application deadline is July 18, 2019.

Field-Generated Solutions for Tribal & Non-Tribal Communities to Improve Services for Victims of Crime

Through the FY 2019 Field-Generated Solutions for Tribal & Non-Tribal Communities to Improve Services for Victims of Crime solicitation, OVC seeks to support victims of crime and to bridge gaps in services to victims. The objectives of this program are to: 1) identify and address gaps in knowledge, 2) develop and assess innovative practices, 3) deliver much-needed victim assistance to American Indian and Alaska Native communities and other victim populations, 4) encourage evidence-based training and technical assistance, and/or 5) develop strategic approaches for leveraging resources to reach and serve more victims. Application deadline is July 24, 2019.

Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program

This program will develop or enhance crime victim specialist programs within law enforcement agencies to better support victims through the criminal justice process including by connecting them with community-based direct victim services programs to more quickly and more effectively serve them. Funding under this program will support an estimated 80 victim specialist grants to state, tribal, and/or local law enforcement agencies to hire victim services staff to develop new programs or enhance existing law enforcement-based victim specialist programs. Application deadline is July 25, 2019.

Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside

The overall goal of this program is to provide support to tribal communities to improve services for victims of crime. This program will support a comprehensive range of activities to address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in tribal communities. Apply under the following Purpose Areas (PAs). PA 1 Establishment of a New Victim Service Program: Applicants that have no existing victim services program, including applicants that do not have programs and are going to coordinate with others to provide services to them. PA 2 Coordination and Expansion of Existing Victim Service Program: The goal for applicants under this purpose area is to become more victim-centered, culturally competent, more comprehensive, and improve coordination with likely partners. OVC will conduct [a pre-application webinar](#) on June 27, 2019. Application deadline is July 29, 2019.

Funding from Response Circles is available to request funding for an activity, event, or training that is associated with domestic & sexual violence prevention. The funds may be used for meeting expenses, materials and supplies for activities, incentives, travel, and training fees. About \$11,000 is available for these requests by the Northwest Tribes and will be available until the money runs out. Contact [Paige Smith](#) with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board for the application form. Request deadline is August 15, 2019.

Jobs

Native Alliance Against Violence CIRCLE Project is hiring a contract attorney. The CIRCLE Project, or Coordinated Indigenous Resource Center for Legal Empowerment Project, is a project that provides survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking with comprehensive, high quality, culturally-competent and effective legal services. This is a contract position. The Contract Attorney will provide civil legal assistance according to CIRCLE Project policies. The position is open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center in Newkirk, OK, is hiring an Enhanced Training & Service to End Abuse in Later Life Program Coordinator. The position is open until filled. More information is available [here](#).

The **We R Native Youth Ambassador** application is now open. Open to American Indian and Alaska Native youth 15-24 years old. Do you have ideas to make your community a better place? Want to be an effective leader and change agent? As a We R Native Ambassador, the NPAIHB will support you in your efforts to help change our world. To apply text "AMBASSADOR" to 97779 or submit your application [here](#). If you have any questions, or trouble submitting your application, please [email](#).

Zero Abuse Project is building a diverse team of highly qualified, trauma-informed [victim advocates](#) to provide guidance and assistance to survivors of childhood sexual assault as they pursue remedies through civil litigation.

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault is hiring an Office Manager. MIWSAC is a tribal organization dedicated to ending sexual violence against Indigenous people. Details about the opening are [here](#).

MIWSAC is also hiring a Program Coordinator to manage the National Training and Technical Assistance Project on Sex Trafficking in Indian Country. Details about the opening are [here](#).

The Victim Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, has recently posted the **FBI Victim Specialist Position** on www.fbijobs.gov in multiple offices across the United States. Indian Country area offices: Bemidji, MN; Coeur D'Alene, ID; Durango, CO; Farmington, NM; Gallup, NM; Glasgow, MT; Grand Forks, ND; Monticello, UT; Tacoma, WA; Tucson, AZ. Other offices: Albany, NY; Carlsbad, CA; Charleston, WV; Honolulu, HI; Madison, WI; New Orleans, LA; Shreveport, LA; or Stockton, CA. Applications are due at COB on Monday, July 1, 2019.

[Call to Safety is hiring a Director of Services](#) in Portland, OR. The Director of Services provides oversight for the on-going operations of Call to Safety's Advocacy Program, which provides services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.

What We're Watching and Reading

Drs. Kathleen J. Ferraro and Neil S. Websdale explore the history of risk assessment development in [Are Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessment Tools Racially Biased? Some Observations from Research and Practice](#). They explore how the assessment of risk might involve discrimination against groups such as certain racial and ethnic minorities.

[Decolonize Love](#) is a great video from the Rainbow of Truth Circle project that highlights that “love is never leaving anyone behind” and “safety is important for all of us.”

[Our Bodies, Our Stories: Sexual Violence Among Native Women in Seattle, WA](#), by Abigail Echo-Hawk, is a summary of the Urban Indian Health Institute’s 2018 report that details the prevalence of sexual violence against Native women living in Seattle, Washington.

The National Indian Child Welfare Association re-released its [summary report regarding disproportionality in child welfare for AI/AN children](#) in light of Foster Care Awareness Month in May.

The U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking recently released its [annual report](#) that highlights the importance of prioritizing supporting under-served communities.

This piece from the Center for Court Innovation, [Inspired by Peacemaking: Creating Community Based Restorative Programs in State Courts](#), describes the Native American method of peacemaking—a non-adversarial form of justice focusing on restoration and the long-term healing of relationships—and offers detailed guidelines for implementation by state courts.

In April 2019, the New York Times published [Native American Women are Facing a Crisis](#), a look at some of the data around MMIW.

Washington State Patrol issued its [Missing and Murdered Native American Women Report by Captain Monica Alexander](#) on June 1, 2019. This report was mandated out of WA 2018 House Bill 2951. The report highlights the data collection disparities and challenges that feed the MMIW epidemic. Oregon press around the report is [here](#) and Washington press is [here](#).

Resources

[Crossing the Bridge: Tribal-State-Local Collaboration](#), by William Thorne and Suzanne Garcia of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. This publication gives practical steps toward initiating discussions across jurisdictions to work toward common goals.

[Emerging Strategies in Tribal-State Collaboration: Barriers and Solutions to Enforcing Tribal Protection Orders Meeting Report](#), updated for 2019, by Jennifer Walter and Heather Valdez Freedman of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. This report highlights promising strategies around the enforcement of tribal protection orders across jurisdictions.

The [Strengthening Tribal Response to Violence Against Native Women Initiative](#) provides training, technical assistance, and resources for tribal governments and programs that do not currently have OVW grant funding. Its website includes information on shelter and safe housing; legal response, including protective orders, updating tribal code, jurisdiction, and victim rights; safety; coordinated community response; and more.

[OVC TTA Network Resource Directory](#) is a searchable online directory that provides information on training and technical assistance (TTA) projects that are funded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

NIWRC offers the following MMIW resources:

[Organizing a Groundswell to End the Injustice of Murdered and Disappeared Native Women and](#)

Girls

Tribal Community Response When a Woman is Missing: A Toolkit for Action

NPAIHB has partnered with the **SMART Project**, a real-world online program for two spirit, gay, bi, and queer teens to learn more about their sexual identities and health. The SMART Project covers topics like navigating sex and romantic relationships and connecting with the community. We hope that through SMART, teens feel safe, confident, and empowered. Youth can earn up to \$125 for taking part. [Email](#) or text 224-307-5355 for more information.

The University of Tennessee is sponsoring a research study examining how women make sense of their experience of sexual assault and manage their recovery. Participants can be women aged 18 years or older who have experienced one or more incidents of unwanted sexual contact as an adult (i.e., when you were 16 years or older), are eligible to participate. Responses to the survey items will be kept confidential. The online survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. To refer someone to this study or to participate, please click [here](#) or contact [Lauren Hamrick](#).

April was Sexual Assault Awareness month, and it focused on bringing in audiences beyond advocates with the theme *I Ask. I Ask* encourages everyone, no matter the scenario, to ask respectfully for consent, to listen to the answer, and to respect the response. **[What To Do When You're RAPED: An ABC Handbook for Native Girls](#)**, is from the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center.

April was also Child Abuse Prevention Month. **The [Indian Country Child Trauma Center \(ICCTC\)](#)** was established to develop trauma-related treatment protocols, outreach materials, and service delivery guidelines specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native children and their families. ICCTC incorporates both common and tribal-specific Native cultural perspectives and traditions; focuses on principles of current evidence-based models; and will accommodate the substantial individual-to-individual variability in cultural identity among Native people.

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center created a [special collection MMIW resource page](#) in support of the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

The Cithrâh Foundation developed an app to allow domestic violence survivors to track abuse including the date, location, injuries, and images. The app looks like a lifestyle app, and information entered disappears from the phone and is stored remotely online, where it can only be accessed by the user with a code. Press on this resource is found here: **[Domestic abuse: NI charity develops app to track incidents](#)**. Contact the project coordinator to access the app [here](#).

[Trafficking Law Center](#) is a new legal non-profit that supports human trafficking victims and survivors by providing pro bono legal services, providing trauma-informed training for attorneys, and raising public awareness and educating policymakers on human trafficking issues.

June is Pride Month. The LGBTQ – Two Spirit, Loved & Accepted. #WeNeedYouHere campaign encourages people to learn about the different gender and identities historically found in their Tribe(s). This campaign shows love, acceptance, and support for anyone identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and/or Two Spirit. Please [download](#), print, and pass on these amazing materials from NPAIHB.

NIWRC has launched WAS Talks (Women Are Sacred Talks), a unique forum for tribal survivors, advocates, researchers, legal community, social workers, law enforcement, community/family members, child welfare workers, philosophers, community leaders, politicians and tribal leaders to come make a statement, voice their concerns, express their creativity through poetry or staged

reading, and talk about the future or direction of the movement to end violence against Native Women. They are available on [YouTube](#).

The TLPI newly published ***[Tribal Domestic Violence Courts and Tribal Domestic Violence Dockets: A Guide for Development of a Tribal Victim-Centered Specialized Court or Docket to More Effectively Address Domestic Violence Cases](#)***. This unique resource was drafted to guide Native nations through a series of exercises resulting in a tribal domestic violence court or docket specifically designed by the tribe to address the domestic violence issues in a particular tribal community.

NAYA's Individual Development Account program, or IDA, is an innovative way for low-income Oregonians to gain greater financial security and work towards a specific goal. The program provides matching dollars for program participants who save for asset-building activities like starting a business, funding education, or buying a house. More information is on their website [here](#).

NAYA offers summer programs for youth including:

[Camp RISE](#)- This is a free camp open to children entering the 2nd grade through 8th grade next fall focusing on academic skill building in language arts and math, while providing plenty of other fun opportunities! In addition to academic activities, students will participate in cultural arts, learn about healthy living, and participate in recreational activities. Application Deadline is June 21, 2019.

Green Workforce Academy- This is a five-week paid training program in green jobs for Native American and African American youth ages 18-25. Participants will receive workforce readiness training, certificates of environmental literacy and education, career planning assistance and coaching, and assistance in enrolling in amazing apprenticeship programs. The five-week program at NAYA will start in July. For more information, contact [Kaeti Namba](#), 503-288-8177 ext. 284.

PYEC Annual BBQ- The Portland Youth & Elders Council will host its annual PYEC Summer BBQ on July 15 at NAYA. PYEC is a grassroots advocacy group housed at NAYA and is open to everyone interested in building a strong civic connection with the local Native American community. Celebrate the past year's memories and engagement with some fun and good food with community. RSVP [here](#).

Call to Safety offers free Sexual Assault Support Groups beginning late summer.

Summertime Creative Arts Group: Thursday, August 8-September 12, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm
Trauma Recovery Empowerment Model: Wednesdays, August 7-December 11, 2019 from 6:30-8pm

Adult Survivors of Sexual Assault: Thursdays, September 19-December 5, 2019 from 6:30-8pm

Contact an [advocate](#) at 888-235-5333 to sign-up or learn more.

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