

# Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program

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Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172635

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## Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **September 1, 2026, by 11:59 pm ET**
  - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **September 3, 2026, by 4:59 pm ET**
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# 1. BASIC INFORMATION

## Purpose of the Funding

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice. OVW administers Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants designed to prevent and respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **OVW Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (Tribal Governments Program or TGP)**. TGP assists Tribal governments (or their authorized designees) in strengthening the criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking in Tribal communities. See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for more details.

## Funding Details

|                                         |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Announcement Type</b>                | Initial                                |
| <b>Assistance Listing Number</b>        | 16.587                                 |
| <b>Statutory Authority</b>              | 34 U.S.C. § 10452                      |
| <b>Grants.gov Opportunity Number</b>    | O-OVW-2026-172635                      |
| <b>Expected Total Amount of Funding</b> | \$42,000,000                           |
| <b>Anticipated Number of Awards</b>     | 50                                     |
| <b>Award Type(s)</b>                    | Grant                                  |
| <b>Anticipated Award Amount</b>         | Up to \$900,000                        |
| <b>Expected Award Period(s)</b>         | 36 months, starting on October 1, 2026 |

## Key Dates and Times

|                                      |                                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NOFO Release Date</b>             | June 3, 2026                                        |
| <b>SAM.gov Registration/Renewal</b>  | Start the process at least 30 days before deadlines |
| <b>Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline</b>   | 11:59 p.m. ET on September 1, 2026                  |
| <b>Step 2: JustGrants Deadline</b>   | 4:59 p.m. ET on September 3, 2026                   |
| <b>Anticipated Notification Date</b> | By September 30, 2026                               |

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

### Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

#### Government Entities

- Indian Tribal governments<sup>1</sup>
- Authorized designees of Indian Tribal governments<sup>2</sup>
- Tribal consortia<sup>3</sup>

Applicants that have a current TGP award may apply but are unlikely to be funded if they have enough funds to carry their project through September 30, 2027.

**Cost sharing and application limit:** This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match). You may submit only one application under this NOFO. If you submit multiple versions of the same application, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

### Additional Eligibility Factors

**Collaboration:** Per 34 U.S.C. § 10452(b), all applicants must demonstrate that their proposal was developed in consultation with a nonprofit, **nongovernmental** Indian victim services program. Applicants may meet this requirement through consultation with women in the community to be served. Applicants describe this collaboration in the [Summary Data Sheet](#).

**Tribal resolution or equivalent documentation:** A Tribal designee or consortium applicant must submit a Tribal resolution or equivalent documentation demonstrating that the applicant is authorized to apply on behalf of the Tribe(s). It must be current and signed by the applicable authorized representative(s). A Tribal consortium may submit bylaws or other governance documents that allow the consortium to apply on behalf of member Tribes, instead of a separate resolution from each consortium member. If a Tribal designee or consortium applicant cannot get the required documentation before the application deadline, then they may submit a letter explaining the situation. However, if OVW does not receive the resolution or equivalent by September 30, 2026, then funding may be denied or delayed.

**Disqualifying factors:** Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#). In addition, any nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is ineligible.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Must be federally recognized, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(43).

<sup>2</sup> A designee is an organization that is authorized by an Indian Tribal Government, as defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(43), to apply on its behalf.

<sup>3</sup> A Tribal consortium is a coalition of two or more separate federally recognized Indian Tribes that join together for the purpose of participating in self-governance.

<sup>4</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(i).

### 3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

#### Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C. § 10452, funds must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

1. **Government Strategies:** Develop and enhance effective governmental strategies to prevent, investigate, and prosecute violent crimes against women and increase the safety of Indian women consistent with tribal law and custom.
2. **Tribal Capacity:** Increase tribal capacity to investigate, prosecute, and respond effectively to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking crimes against Indian women.
3. **Tribal Justice:** Strengthen tribal justice interventions including tribal law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, and correctional facilities.
4. **Enhanced Services:** Enhance services to Indian women victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking that support victim safety and participation in the justice process.
5. **Education and Prevention:** Work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies that deter violent crime and encourage reporting and cooperation with law enforcement regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.
6. **Supervised Visitation and Exchange:** Provide programs for supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed by one parent against the other with appropriate security measures, policies, and procedures to protect the safety of victims and their children.
7. **Transitional Housing:** Provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking, including rental or utilities payment assistance and assistance with related expenses such as security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing, and support services to enable a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community.
8. **Legal Assistance:** Provide legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence, at minimal or no cost to the victims.
9. **Youth Services:** Provide services to address the needs of youth<sup>5</sup> who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking and the needs of youth and children exposed to domestic violence,

<sup>5</sup> Ages 11-24, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(52).

dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including support for the non-abusing parent or caretaker of the youth or child.

10. **Legislation and Policies:** Develop and promote legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.
11. **Missing or Murdered Indians - Law Enforcement:** Develop, strengthen, and implement policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Indians as described in 25 U.S.C. § 5704.
12. **Missing or Murdered Indians - Data:** Compile and annually report accurate investigative and case outcome data to the Attorney General related to missing or murdered Indians, as described in 25 U.S.C. § 5705.

**Expected outcomes:** OVW will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO. See the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative](#) for more information.

**Unallowable activities:** For information on program-specific unallowable costs to help you develop your application and budget consistent with program requirements, refer to the [Application Companion Guide](#) and the [Budget](#) section in this NOFO.

## Agency Funding Priorities

OVW may give priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the following public-safety priorities (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO):

1. Combatting human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration, transnational criminal organizations, and cartel operations, including projects that strengthen law enforcement investigation and prosecution while supporting safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
2. Projects primarily dedicated to criminal justice responses—including investigation, arrest, prosecution, and enforcement of protective orders—particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

**Note:** Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OVW considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

## 4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

### Application Contents List

OVW will only consider applications that contain all parts marked **\*REQUIRED\*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the [OVW website](#).

| Application Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Submission Type |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Step 1: Grants.gov</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| <a href="#">Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Online Form     |
| <b>Step 2: JustGrants</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| <a href="#">Standard Applicant Information</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Online Form     |
| <a href="#">Data Requested with Application</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-award Risk Assessment</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Online Form     |
| <a href="#">Proposal Narrative</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Attachment      |
| <a href="#">Budget</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Attachment      |
| <a href="#">Financial Attachments</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)</li> <li>• Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable)</li> <li>• Executive Compensation Disclosure (if applicable)</li> </ul>                                                                                               | Attachments     |
| <a href="#">Additional Application Components</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification Regarding Out-of-Scope Activities</li> <li>• Summary Data Sheet (Including collaboration information)</li> <li>• Confidentiality Notice Form</li> <li>• Tribal resolution or equivalent documentation (Tribal designee or consortium applicants only)</li> </ul> | Attachments     |

### Standard Applicant Information **\*REQUIRED\***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the [SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov](#) and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

### Data Requested with Application: Pre-award Risk Assessment

Complete this questionnaire in JustGrants. The questions are available [here](#).

## Proposal Narrative **\*REQUIRED\***

### Format of the Proposal Narrative

Use the [Proposal Narrative Template](#) on the OVW website. It must be:

- No longer than 15 pages, single-spaced
- In a font no smaller than 11-point
- On correctly numbered pages with one-inch margins
- In a file format openable in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader
- In a table format or use headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections listed below
- Written in plain language

If you do not follow this format, OVW may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

### Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which priority(ies) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

#### 1. Purpose of the Project (weighted at 30%)

- Describe the communities that will be served.
- Say why you are applying for the grant.

#### 2. What Will Be Done (weighted at 40%)

Describe:

- Goal(s): List the proposed goals.
- Activities: List activities that will be completed for each goal.
- Deliverable(s): List any deliverables that will be created for each goal, if applicable (e.g., training curriculum, outreach materials, victim service policies).
- Project timeline: By year, then month, or quarter (Ex: 2026, January-March)
- Staff or partner(s): Person (position/title) or partner responsible for each activity
- Outcomes: How will you know you have achieved this goal?

#### 3. Who Will Implement the Project (weighted at 20%)

Provide for key staff and partners:

- Name of staff member (if known) or partner organization
- Position/title
- Percentage of time allocated to the project
- Summary of duties/responsibilities
- Qualifications



## Budget and Associated Documentation

### Budget **\*REQUIRED\*** (weighted at 10%)

Use the [Sample Budget Narrative](#) (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Refer to [Budget Information](#) and the [Creating a Budget](#) webinar for more information:

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category. **Total requested for 36 months must be no more than \$900,000.**
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.<sup>6</sup>
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.<sup>7</sup>
- Set aside a minimum of \$20,000 on the Travel line to participate in training and technical assistance.

### Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs, upload your current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.
- [Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire](#) (if applicable): Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete and upload this form.
- [Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation](#) (nonprofits only): Nonprofit organizations that use the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Safe Harbor Procedure must submit a special disclosure to OVW.<sup>8</sup>

## Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- [Certification regarding out-of-scope activities](#) letter signed by the Authorized Representative.
  - Note: This certification is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information, see the notice on OVW's [funding opportunities page](#).
- [Summary Data Sheet](#), one to four pages.
- [Confidentiality Notice Form](#), signed by the Authorized Representative, acknowledging the confidentiality requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup> See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

<sup>7</sup> More information on this is [here](#).

<sup>8</sup> See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii). More information is [here](#).

## Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the [disclosures](#), [assurances](#), and [certifications](#) in JustGrants.

## 5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) does not apply to this funding opportunity. OVW's [How to Apply](#) page has a policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disaster.

## 6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OVW's [Discretionary Grant Application Review Process](#) page explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official.

## 7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process on OVW's [website](#).

## 8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more information about [standard award terms and conditions](#), administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

## 9. QUESTIONS?

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| <b>NOFO Contact</b>         | Phone: 202-307-6026<br>Email: <a href="mailto:OVW.TribalGovernment@usdoj.gov">OVW.TribalGovernment@usdoj.gov</a>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SAM.gov Help Desk</b>    | Website: <a href="https://sam.gov/content/help">https://sam.gov/content/help</a><br>Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday – Friday                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Grants.gov Help Desk</b> | Phone: 800-518-4726<br>Email: <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a><br>Website: <a href="https://www.grants.gov/support">https://www.grants.gov/support</a><br>Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays) |
| <b>JustGrants Help Desk</b> | Phone: 866-655-4482<br>Email: <a href="mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov">OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov</a><br>Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday – Friday                                                                                   |