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OVW Fiscal Year 2026 Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: [O-OVW-2026-172811]

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1: Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **December 7, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**

2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **December 9, 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 U.S. 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 FY 2026 Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions (Tribal Coalitions) Program.** This program supports the development and operation of nonprofit, nongovernmental Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to assist Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian communities in responding to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking and stalking. Per 34 U.S.C. § 10441(d)(2), eligible applicants must meet the criteria in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(42), be recognized by OVW, and be invited to apply. See Eligibility and Program Description for more details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.557
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C. §§ 10441(d) & 12511(d)
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172811
Expected Total Amount of Funding	$6,504,802.00
Anticipated Number of Awards	20
Award Type	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to $342,358.00
Expected Award Period	12 months

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	On or about November 5, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Start the process at least 30 days before deadlines
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on December 7, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on December 9, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By February 1, 2027

See Questions? at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

Nonprofit Entities

- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status, as follows:
  - Nonprofits that: (1) meet the statutory definition of a "Tribal coalition"[1]; (2) are recognized by OVW; and (3) provide services to Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian communities. *See* 34 U.S.C § 10441(d)(2)(A).

The following Tribal coalitions have been recognized by OVW and are eligible to apply under this NOFO:

1. Yup'ik Women's Coalition, AK
2. Healing Native Hearts Coalition, AK
3. The Family Wellness Warriors, Nu'iju, Southcentral Foundation, AK
4. Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse, AZ
5. Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, AZ
6. Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Incorporated, CA
7. Midwest Native Coalition for Justice and Peace, KS
8. Wabanaki Women's Coalition, Incorporated, ME
9. Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, MI
10. Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, MN
11. Mending the Sacred Hoop, MN
12. Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition, NE
13. Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, NM
14. Seven Dancers Coalition, NY
15. Reflection of Inspiration, NC
16. First Nations Women's Alliance, ND
17. Native Alliance Against Violence, Incorporated, OK
18. Native Women's Society of the Great Plains, SD
19. Restoring Ancestral Winds, Incorporated, UT
20. Washington State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (WomenSpirit Coalition), WA

Cost sharing: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match).

[1] A "Tribal coalition," is defined as "an established nonprofit, nongovernmental Indian organization, Alaska Native organization, or a Native Hawaiian organization that (A) provides education, support, and technical assistance to member Indian service providers, Native Hawaiian organizations, or the Native Hawaiian community in a manner that enables those member service providers, organizations, or communities to establish and maintain culturally appropriate services, including shelter and rape crisis services, designed to assist Indian or Native Hawaiian women and the dependents of those women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and (B) is comprised of board and general members that are representative of the member service providers, organizations, or communities and the Tribal communities or Native Hawaiian communities in which the services are being provided." 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(42).

Additional Eligibility Factors

501(c)(3) status: Any nonprofit organization applying for this program must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and must maintain that status during the award period.[2]

Disqualifying factors: Applications from entities not on the list above will be removed from consideration. 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.[3]

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C § 10441(d), funds must be used for **one or more of the following purposes**:

1. Increasing awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against Indian or Native Hawaiian women;
2. Enhancing the response to violence against Indian or Native Hawaiian women at the federal, state, and Tribal levels;
3. Identifying and providing technical assistance to coalition membership and Tribal communities or Native Hawaiian communities to enhance access to essential services to Indian or Native Hawaiian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence, including sex trafficking; and
4. Assisting Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian communities in developing and promoting state, local, and Tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian or Native Hawaiian women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.

For Applicants Addressing Sexual Assault

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(d)(2), eligible sexual assault coalitions or dual sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions will receive additional funding if they propose to:

1. Work with local sexual assault programs and other providers of direct services for sexual assault victims to encourage appropriate responses to sexual assault within the Tribe;
2. Work with judicial and law enforcement agencies to encourage appropriate responses to sexual assault cases;

[2] *See* 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(i).
[3] *See* 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(ii).

3. Work with courts, child protective services agencies, and children's advocates to develop appropriate responses to child custody and visitation issues when sexual assault has been determined to be a factor;
4. Design and conduct public education campaigns on sexual assault response;
5. Plan and monitor the distribution of grants and grant funds to their Tribe(s); or
6. Collaborate with and inform public officials and agencies to develop and implement policies to reduce or eliminate sexual assault.

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 activities and costs to help you develop your application and budget consistent with program requirements, see the Application Companion Guide and Budget section of this NOFO.

Agency Funding Priorities

Tribal coalitions are encouraged to develop projects that 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 dedicated to direct victim services and/or 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

Applications missing items marked ***REQUIRED*** below may be delayed or not funded. Refer to the DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist for application instructions.

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 ***REQUIRED***	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information ***REQUIRED***	Online Form
Data Requested with Application • Pre-award Risk Assessment	Online Form
Proposal Narrative ***REQUIRED***	Attachment
Budget ***REQUIRED***	Attachment
Budget/Financial Attachments • Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) • Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable) • Executive Compensation Disclosure (if applicable)	Attachment
Additional Application Components • Updated Lists of Coalition Members and Board Members (if applicable) • Certification regarding out-of-scope activities • Summary Data Sheet • Confidentiality Notice Form • Proof of 501(c)(3) status ***REQUIRED***	Attachment

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

The Proposal Narrative must be:

- No longer than 10 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

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below.

1. **Purpose of the Project**
   - Include a list of the specific Indian Tribes and specific region served by the coalition.
   - Describe the need for services, support, and technical assistance that the coalition plans to meet for these Tribes and their victim service providers.

2. **What Will Be Done**
   - Identify the project's goals/objectives.
   - For each project goal, describe:
     - Activities and who is responsible for them.
     - Which program purpose the goal addresses, e.g., enhancing responses or victim services, developing or enhancing legislation, policies, and best practices.
     - For applications addressing sexual assault, the specific activities that will encourage appropriate responses to sexual assault.
     - Outcomes for assessing whether the goal was achieved and how these outcomes will be tracked.
   - Describe how services, products, etc. will be accessible to anyone who may need them.

3. **Who Will Implement the Project**
   - Identify the people who will implement the project. Provide each person's name, agency/organization, position/title, role and responsibilities on the proposed project, and a description of how they are equipped to fulfill their role/responsibility on the project. Job descriptions of all key personnel must be attached but will not count toward the page limit.
   - For applications addressing sexual assault, identify the project staff or partners who have demonstrated expertise in responding to sexual assault in Tribal communities.
   - Describe how collaborative relationships with key stakeholders in the service area will advance project goals, including relationships with Tribal governments; Tribal victim services programs; Tribal, state, and local criminal justice agencies; healthcare and social services professionals; and other relevant entities.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget *REQUIRED*

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 funding levels for 12 months are:**
  - Tribal domestic violence coalitions are eligible for $300,516.00.
  - Tribal sexual assault only or dual sexual assault/domestic violence coalitions are eligible for an additional $41,842.00 for sexual assault-focused project activities, for a total not more than $342,358.00. The budget must clearly identify which expenses are allocated to address to sexual assault. These expenses must not be under $41,842.00 but may exceed that amount.
- 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.[4]
- Fairly and reasonably compensate project partners, unless a reason not to is explained in a memorandum of understanding or letter of support.
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.[5]
- Set aside a minimum of $20,000 ($25,000 for applicants in Alaska or Hawaii) 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 (required by 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii)).

[4] *See* 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Read information on unallowable costs here.
[5] More information on this is here.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Updated lists of coalition members and board members**, if any changes have occurred since this information was submitted for recognition purposes.
- **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 about the certification requirement, see the notice on OVW's funding opportunities page.
- https://www.justice.gov/ovw/media/1469501/dl?inline, one to four pages.
- **Confidentiality Notice Form**, signed by the Authorized Representative, acknowledging the confidentiality requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2).
- **501(c)(3) status determination letter** from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing the applicant's tax-exempt status, as described in Eligibility. OVW cannot make an award to a nonprofit organization without this letter. ***REQUIRED***

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) applies 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

This is a formula grant program, and applications are not subject to peer review. However, applications are reviewed to ensure that they are complete and meet statutory, regulatory, and other program requirements as described in this NOFO. If any required documents are missing, OVW will contact the applicant to request prompt submission. Failure to include required information at the time of submission may result in a delay in funding.

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?

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