TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM

- The Tribal Governments Program is administered through the DOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). CTAS is not a program but an overarching structure under which tribes can apply to ten separate grant programs, from five program offices, through a single application. OVW’s Tribal Governments Program is Purpose Area #5.

- The Tribal Governments Program provides funding to tribes to develop and enhance effective governmental strategies to curtail violent crimes against and increase the safety of Indian women consistent with tribal law and custom; increase tribal capacity to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking crimes against Indian women; strengthen tribal justice interventions; enhance services to Indian women victims; work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed towards these crimes; provide programs for supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children; provide transitional housing for victims; provide legal assistance for victims; provide services to address the needs of youth victims; and develop and promote legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to these crimes against Indian women.

- Program funds can be used for strategic planning, staffing, victim services, children and youth services, criminal justice interventions, training and travel, prevention, equipment and supplies, cultural and traditional practices, and programming for underserved populations.

- Eligible applicants are limited to: federally-recognized tribes or an organization that is acting as the authorized designee of a federally-recognized Indian tribe.

- In 2020, the Tribal Governments Program gave out 55 awards, totaling over $39.9 million.

- The solicitation to apply for this program can be found on DOJ’s Tribal website here: https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations. Grant announcements are also posted to OVW’s Twitter at twitter.com/OVWJustice.

- This program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 10452.

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