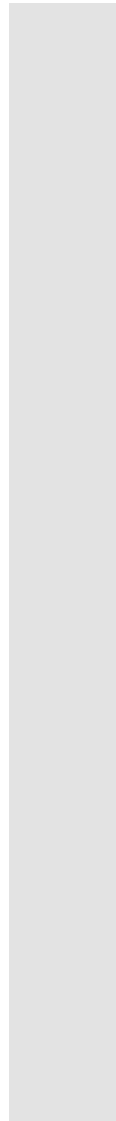


**OVW FY 2023
Grants to Tribal Sexual
Assault Services
Program
Pre-Application
Information Session**



**Welcome and thank
you for joining us
today!**

Introduction and Goals

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Email questions to OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov or call 202-307-6026.

The focus today is on key aspects of the TSASP solicitation rather than a comprehensive companion guide.

It may be helpful to have the TSASP solicitation in front of you for reference.

You can find the solicitation on the OVW open solicitations page, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>.

Session Overview

- Important solicitation deadlines
- Brief overview of the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program
- Registration and submission process
- Award periods, amounts and eligibility
- Types of applications
- Program requirements and unallowable activities
- Optional Program and OVW Priorities
- Application package
- Financial information
- Application tips
- Helpful contact information

About the OVW Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

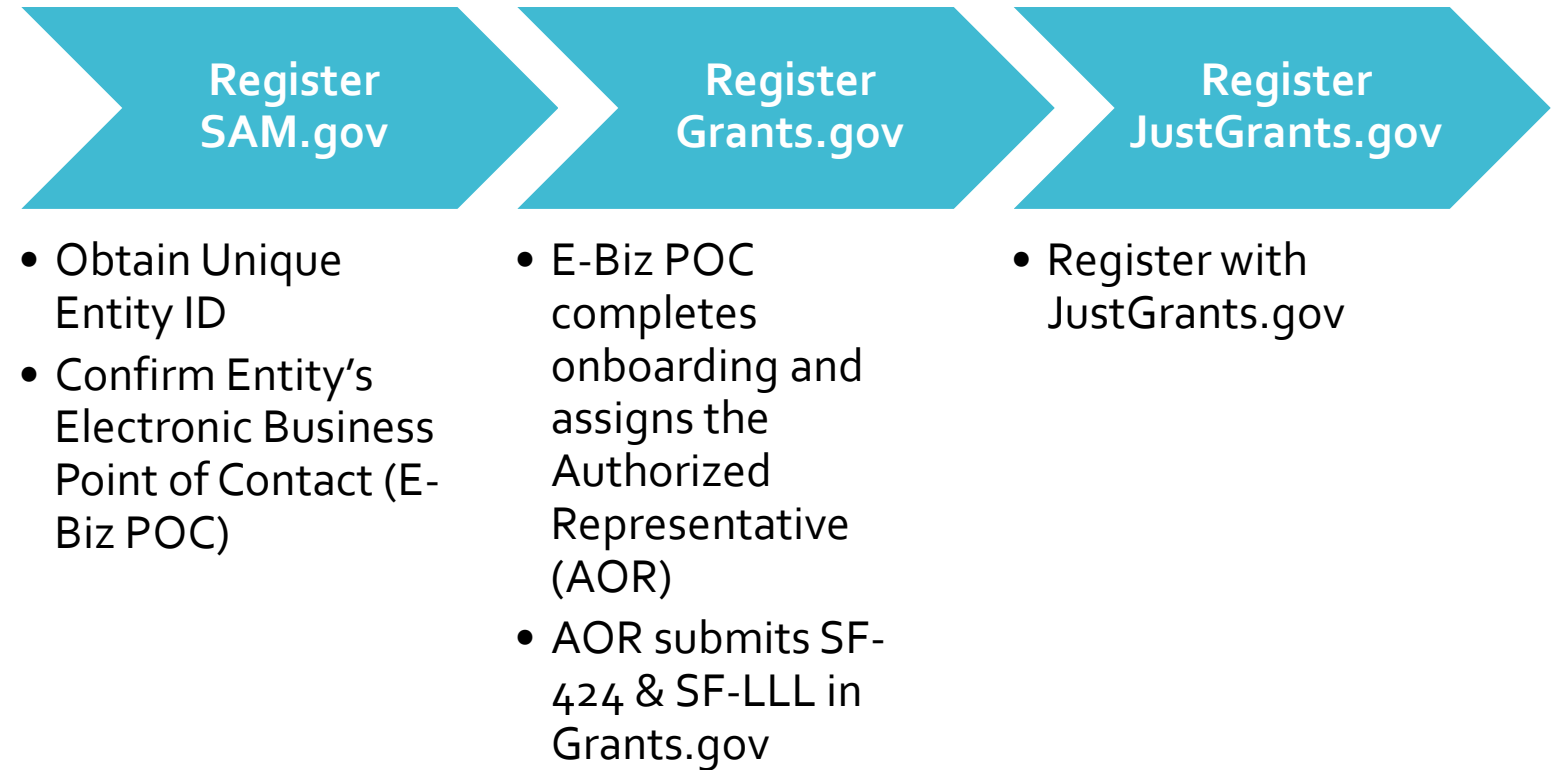
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The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) supports efforts to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by Tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations within Indian country and Alaska Native villages. TSASP supported projects provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment (e.g., accompanying victims to court, medical facilities, or police departments), support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

Important Deadlines

- Letter of Intent deadline, **Tuesday, April 4, 2023.**
- Register with SAM.gov, **Monday, April 10, 2023.**
- Grants.gov deadline, **Monday, May 1, 2023 – 11:59 p.m. EST**
- Just Grants deadline, **Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 8:59 p.m. EST**
- Late submissions are **not** accepted except in **very limited** circumstances. Refer to pages 32-34 of the solicitation for more information.
- Current registered applicants should ensure Universal Entity ID and SAM registrations have not expired.

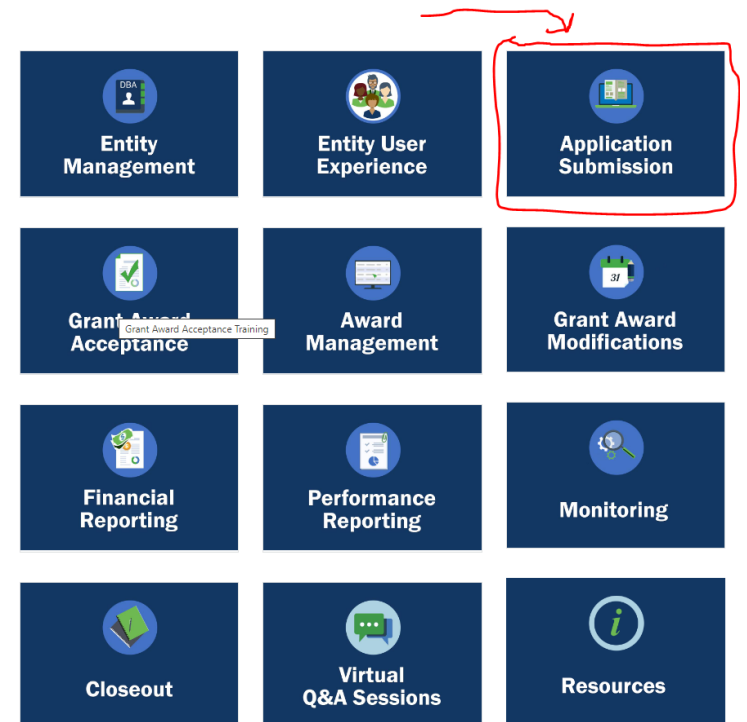
Three Step Registration Process for DOJ Federal Awards



JustGrants Training

➤ Recorded webinars and short videos are available to assist you with the application and submission process.

➤ Visit the JustGrants website for more information:
<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training>



Technical Challenges

- Refer to pages 32 to 34 of the solicitation.
- If you experience challenges, continue writing your proposal and gathering all the necessary information while waiting for assistance and/or the issue to be resolved.
- Give yourself plenty of time.
- Helpful contact information on the last slide.

JustGrants Submission Process

The following are major elements of the application and are required to be uploaded as attachments in JustGrants:

1. Proposal Narrative
2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative
3. Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply (not required for Indian Tribes)
4. Data Requested with Application (formerly the Summary Data Sheet)
5. Pre-Award Risk Assessment

Award Period and Amounts

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Funding Type: Grant awards

Estimated Total Funding: \$7.800,000

Expected # of Awards: 15

Project Types: Standard
Improving Tribal Responses to Sexual Assault (ITRSA)

Length of Award Periods: 36 months

Project Types: Standard - \$500,000
Improving Tribal Responses to Sexual Assault (ITRSA) - \$525,000

Eligibility

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- Tribal Governments
- Tribal Consortiums
- Tribal Organizations
- Tribal Non-Profit Organizations

With **PROGRAMS** and **ACTIVITIES** in Indian country and Alaska Native Villages.

Current grantees with 50% or more of funds remaining in the existing award, as of March 31, 2022, may not be considered for funding, or may receive a reduced award amount if selected for funding in FY 2023.

Project Types

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- Standard project
 - Applicants must propose activities under the TSASP statutory purpose areas.
- Improving Tribal Responses to Sexual Assault (ITRSA) Capacity-Building project
 - Applicants will engage in a comprehensive assessment process that identifies the strengths and gaps of their community's responses to sexual assault
 - Following the assessment, a customized project implementation plan will be developed in consultation with an OVW-designated Technical Assistance Provider(s).

Note: OVW retains discretion to move standard project applicants into ITRSA or vice versa.

Purpose Area

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- Funds under this program must be used to **support** the **establishment, maintenance, and expansion** of programs and projects within Indian country and Alaska native villages to provide **intervention and related assistance** to those victimized by sexual assault.

- **Intervention and related assistance** includes:
 - Crisis intervention services and referral.
 - Accompaniment and advocacy
 - Short-term individual and group support services, service coordination
 - Information and referral
 - Culturally specific services
 - Development and distribution of materials related to the services 1-5.

Purpose Area (continued)

DIRECT VICTIM SERVICES to survivors of sexual violence and their non-offending family/household members.

Not restricted by **GENDER** or **AGE** or when the **SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENED**.

Pay attention to what is not listed in the purpose areas and what is out of scope.

TSASP Out of Scope Activities

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Activities focused on prevention efforts and public education.

Criminal justice-related projects, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and forensic interviews.

Providing domestic violence or dating violence victim services unrelated to intimate partner sexual violence.

Sexual Assault Forensic Medical Examiner programs.

Sexual Assault Response Team coordination.

Providing training to allied professionals and the community.

If your application proposes out-of-scope activities, points may be deducted from your application score, or it may be eliminated from consideration entirely.

Victim Safety and Confidentiality

pages 6-7

- OVW does not fund activities that jeopardize victim safety, deter or prevent physical or emotional healing for victims, or allow offenders to escape responsibility for their actions.
- Refer to the [Solicitation Companion Guide](#) on the OVW website for the full list of activities.

TSASP-specific activities include:

- Procedures or policies that deny individuals access to services based on their relationship to the perpetrator.
- Couples counseling, family counseling, or any other joint victim-offender counseling as a routine or required response to sexual assault.
- Materials that are not tailored to the dynamics of sexual assault or to tribal communities.

OVW Priority Area

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- In FY 2023, OVW is interested in supporting the following priority area. Applications proposing activities in the following areas will be given special consideration.
 - Improve outreach, services, and support for survivors of sexual assault from underserved communities, particularly LGBTQ and immigrant communities.

What's New This Year?

- The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 added “direct payments” to the list of items that may constitute “intervention and related assistance” for victims of sexual assault under the TSASP statute.
- No more web-based documents or surveys. Specifically, the data-requested with application and budget will be attachments.

Application Information

The following are major elements of the application and are required to be uploaded as attachments in JustGrants:

1. Proposal Narrative
2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative
3. Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply (not required for Indian Tribes)
 - a. Tribal Consortium – documentation of authority (page 28)
 - b. Tribal Organization or Nonprofit Tribal Organization – letter of support (page 29)

Applications that do not include all the following documents will be considered substantially incomplete, which may result in removal from consideration for funding, or if awarded, may result in award conditions precluding access to funds.

Proposal Narrative

pages 20-23

STANDARD

- Purpose of the Proposal, 20 points, describes the need for the project
- What Will Be Done, 45 points, describes what you will do
- Who Will Implement, 20 points, describes the expertise of key individuals and organizations

ITRSA CAPACITY BUILDING

- What Will Be Done, 80 points, describes:
 - Service Area
 - New or Expanded Sexual Assault Services
 - Victim Safety Needs
 - Expertise of Key Individuals and Organizations and

Note: It can be helpful to use each question as a section header and to respond to each question.

Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative

pages 23-26

The award period is 36 months

OVW required TA and Travel - \$35,000 MINIMUM

Include funds to address accessibility needs

Compensate all project partners

Upload the budget as an excel document, and include a budget narrative

Example budget on OVW website [How to Apply for Funding / Resources for Applicants / Budget Information and Sample Budget Detail Worksheet](#)

Document(s) Demonstrating Authority to Apply

pages 28-29

- Not required for Indian Tribes
- Tribal consortiums must provide demonstration of authority to apply from each member.
- Tribal organizations and Tribal nonprofits must provide a letter(s) of support LOS from the tribe(s) to be served.
- A sample letter is on the [OVW resources for applicants](#) website.

Note: make sure your letter has all the pieces noted in the solicitation.

Grants Management Financial Division Documents

pages 17-19 and 27

Data Requested with Application

- Upload answers as attachment in the proposal narrative section
- Single Audit (threshold and fiscal year)
- IRS three-step safe-harbor procedure, Executive Compensation
 - Sample Disclosure Letter
 - Address all four parts

Pre-Award Risk Assessment

- Upload attachment in the proposal narrative section.
- Eleven questions; Multiple parts to each question
- Most Common issues:
 - Brief list of policies and procedures not provided
 - Budgeted vs. Actual process not provided
 - Record Retention policy not provided
 - Knowledge of rules and regulations

GFMD Resources

Creating a Budget: Training for OVW Applicants,
<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>

Youtube Video - <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/video/creating-budget>

Uniform Guidance - 2 CFR Part 200, <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1>

DOJ Financial Guide, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants>

Program Specific Solicitation, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>

**GFMD
Contact
Information**

OVW GFMD Helpdesk

888-514-8556

OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov

Tips for Submitting a Strong and Responsive Application

- Read the Solicitation in its entirety.
- Utilize the resources linked in the solicitation such as the FY 2023 Solicitation Companion Guide.
- Applications must include a proposal narrative, a budget detail worksheet and narrative, and if necessary, documents demonstrating authority to apply.
- LOAs that do not contain signatures are considered incomplete.
- Utilize the Application Checklist (page 40) when submitting application.
- Ensure that project designs and budgets account accessibility issues.

Tips (continued)

- Plan ahead and give yourself time to develop the application.
- Submit application as far in advance of the deadline as possible.
- Make the application easy to read and follow for all of the reviewers.
- JustGrants only accepts three formats, Microsoft Word, PDF, or Text Document format.
- Print out your application before submitting.
- Number the pages in the application, specifically the project narrative.
- Monitor your email for alerts that the application was submitted successfully or rejected.

Solicitation

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations>

Registration for SAM / Grants.gov /
JustGrants

Confirm registrations are current and active or begin registration process AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Grants.gov Info

Monday, May 1, 2023 – 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time

CFDA Number: 16.024 - Grants.gov Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2023-171514

For technical assistance with Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov Applicant Support at

1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov

www.grants.gov

JustGrants Info

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time

For technical assistance with JustGrants, contact OVW JustGrants Support at

1-866-655-4482 or OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov

www.justicegrants.gov

Programmatic Questions

Join the TSASP Solicitation Office Hours Live

[Click here to join the meeting](#) . From your computer

Or call in (audio only) [+1 202-235-7900, 826083391#](tel:+12022357900)

Phone Conference ID: 826 083 391#

Every Thursday starting April 6 until April 27, 2023

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Eastern Time

Or email:

OVW.Tribal.SASP@usdoj.gov

Financial Questions

OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov or 1-888-514-8556



Thank you!