The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, supports law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, victim services, technology, and prevention initiatives that strengthen the nation’s criminal justice system. BJA provides leadership, services, and funding to America’s communities by emphasizing local control; building relationships in the field; developing collaborations and partnerships; promoting capacity building through planning; streamlining the administration of grants; increasing training and technical assistance; creating project accountability; encouraging innovation; and ultimately communicating the value of justice efforts to decision makers at every level.

BJA works with the Office of Tribal Justice, the Office of Justice Program’s American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Desk, and other federal agencies, in addition to many culturally-appropriate organizations, to maintain focus with the field and to ensure the program’s goals and objectives are achieved.

Established in 1988 through an amendment to the Victims of Crime Act (VCOA) of 1984, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) is charged by Congress with administering the Crime Victims Fund (the Fund) through OVC, the Fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on victims of crime in communities across the Nation.

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) was created through the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The COPS Office is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation’s state, local, territory, and Tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. The COPS Office has also produced and disseminated information about juvenile justice issues, disseminates information about juvenile justice issues, and awards funds to states to support local programming.

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is component of the United States Department of Justice. In recognition of the severity of the crimes associated with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA 1994) as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. VAWA is a comprehensive legislative package designed to end violence against women and was reauthorized in both 2000 and 2005. The legislative history of VAWA indicates that Congress seeks to remedy the legacy of laws and social norms that serve to justify violence against women. Since the passage of VAWA, there has been a paradigm shift in how the issue of violence against women is addressed nationwide.

OVW was created specifically to implement VAWA and subsequent legislation. OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities around the country to facilitate the creation of programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) launched its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) in Fiscal Year 2010 in direct response to concerns raised by Tribal leaders about the Department’s grant process that did not provide the flexibility tribes needed to address their criminal justice and public safety needs.

Through CTAS, federally recognized tribes and Tribal consortia were able, for the first time ever, to submit a single application for most of DOJ’s Tribal grant programs. DOJ designed this comprehensive approach to save time and resources and allow tribes and DOJ to gain a better understanding of the tribes’ overall public safety needs. CTAS is currently operated through collaborative efforts across many department components, bureaus, and offices, including:

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Executive Office for United States Attorneys’ (EOUSA)
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison (OIPL)
- Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
- Office of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Office of Tribal Justice (OTI)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
**OVERVIEW**

TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

The following chart describes BJA’s grant funding for TJSIP:

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The TJSIP assists tribes with building justice system infrastructure capacity by providing funding to support the renovation and/or expansion of existing single jurisdiction or regional Tribal:

- correctional facilities,
- correctional alternative/treatment facilities,
- multipurpose justice centers (including police departments, courts, and corrections),
- transitional living facilities (halfway houses).

Also, TJSIP funding is a resource that can be used to complement efforts to implement enhanced authorities and provisions under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 by enhancing justice system infrastructure.

Funding may be used to support the following activities as it relates to justice system needs:

Renovation and/or expansion: Renovation and/or expansion of a new or existing facility to provide new or continued services such as a correctional/detention facility including adult and juvenile incarcerated populations, multipurpose justice centers (including police departments, courts, and corrections) and alternatives to incarceration; renovation of correctional facilities that are no longer considered safe and secure to serve as holding facilities or multipurpose justice centers; renovation of regional detention centers on Indian land for incarceration of offenders subject to Tribal jurisdiction; renovation of a new or existing facility to provide community-based correctional alternative services; renovation of a new or existing facility to serve as transitional living facilities (halfway houses).

Prefabricated or permanent modular buildings: To build prefabricated or permanent modular buildings where there are no existing permanent structures available or sufficient to address the tribe’s justice system infrastructure needs.

Other costs associated with renovation of a facility or the completion of existing construction projects includes:
- Infrastructure costs such as roads, sewer and water hook-ups, land preparation, and other costs normally associated with construction site work;
- Items associated with managing the planned construction or renovation process and construction materials necessary to construct or renovate facilities and associated infrastructure; furniture, surveillance cameras, or other items affixed or integral to the facility; staff housing;
- Travel: Airfare, lodging, and mileage reimbursement for meeting or training costs related to purpose area activities, including costs associated with DOJ-required training. This should include travel for two people to one PA-specific training event in addition to the CTAS orientation. Please use Washington, D.C., as the destination when calculating the estimated costs for required travel.

Ongoing Support

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) partners with the University of North Dakota Tribal Judicial Institute (UND TJI) and WH-H Nisqually to provide technical assistance (TA) for CTAS Purpose Area 4 grant recipients. TA services are composed of onsite, telephonic, and webinar technical assistance.

While UND TJI services focus on operational planning activities such as operational programming, operational budgeting, staffing assessment, and project feasibility, WH-H Nisqually is available to provide construction management technical assistance services. TA activities include: project management technical assistance including bidding, design, and construction, National Environmental Policy Act assistance, and review of construction/renovation budgets, delivery approach, schedules, contractor selections, contract agreements, invoicing, progress, and construction closeout.

**FUNDING AND ELIGIBILITY**

Only federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply for funding under Purpose Area 4 (Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program). This includes Alaska Native Villages and Tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes. BJA provides renovation/extension funding for approximately $1 million per award for a single jurisdiction facilities and approximately $2–$4 million per award per award for regional (two or more Tribes) facilities.

**STRATEGIES**

Tribes are encouraged to explore community-based options for addressing offender rehabilitative needs. Community-based, non-secure facilities are generally less expensive to renovate than more secure facilities. As a result of funding under this program, tribes have renovated existing facilities to serve as halfway houses and treatment facilities. Tribes are also encouraged to seek other funding sources to supplement and/or complement TJSIP projects.