

Applicant Name:

Purpose Area #6 Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)

Narrative

Purpose Area #6 Narrative (15-page limit including template text; answers should be double-spaced)

1. Identify one or more obstacles that your community faces providing victim assistance services to victims of child sexual and physical abuse. Use the Tribal Community and Justice Profile to describe the problem(s) with as much additional detail, including data as necessary to clearly describe the nature and extent of the problem(s).
2. Describe how your communities respond to reports of child abuse. Are your officers (whether tribal, BIA contract or other) specially trained to investigate child abuse and exploitation crimes? Does your community have a multi-disciplinary team that responds to child abuse reports? Is any staff trained in forensic interviewing? Does your community have or use a children's advocacy center? Does your community have a tribal court with a designated or specially trained prosecutor to handle child abuse cases?
3. Describe any current gaps in services related to the problem(s) identified in items #1 and # 2 above that will be addressed through this grant application. For each identified problem in item #1, identify the specific goals and objectives of the proposal that will be accomplished in 36 months. Provide details about the specific tasks and activities necessary to accomplish each goal and objective.
4. Identify plans to develop a new program or use funds to enhance and sustain an existing program. The plans must address how the proposed program will support improving the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of cases of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and severe physical abuse in a manner that minimizes trauma to abused child victims. Other focus areas beyond the investigation and prosecution should include forensic interviewing, victim advocacy, forensic interviewing rooms, multidisciplinary teams, child advocacy centers, training, and shelter/housing and mental health treatment. How will your child abuse/child sexual abuse case load change as a result of the project? How do you plan to establish a child protection team or multidisciplinary team? How will cases be staffed?

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5. Describe any existing resources you plan to use to enhance or support this project on behalf of child victims? Identify current government and community initiatives that will complement this proposed program. What partnerships will be created or enhanced as a result of this funding. Describe the roles of each identified partner. Examples may be advisory boards, multidisciplinary teams, child protection teams, not for profits, private organizations etc.
 - a. Describe how these partnerships/resources will be used to facilitate a long-term strategy to sustain the project when the federal grant ends.
 - b. Describe any challenges you anticipate in sustaining the program beyond the grant funding.
6. What methods will be used to ensure that child abuse victims receive trauma informed care including medical mental health, and social services needed to support them from the initial investigation to the resolution of the case? Please describe.
7. Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete each of the proposed projects, and any organizational changes that may result if funding is awarded.
8. Provide an explanation of the data collection methodology that you will utilize to collect the performance measurements required for projects funded under this solicitation,
 - a. What will be measured?
 - b. How will data be collected?
 - c. Who is responsible for collecting the data?
 - d. How is success defined?
9. Address the tribe's need for financial assistance and the inability of the agency to implement the proposed plan without federal funding. This should be linked to the issues identified in the Tribal Narrative Profile.
10. Identify needs for training and technical assistance from the OVC-funded tribal training and technical assistance provider.
11. Applicants awarded FY 2014 funds for the CTAS CJA Program must describe the strengths and challenges associated with that project, and how new funding will complement the work under the existing project.

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12. If you are requesting funding in multiple purpose areas, is the receipt of OVC Purpose Area #6 funding required for the implementation of any other purpose area being requested? If so, explain. *Examples of this may be requesting an officer from BJA Purpose Area #3 and equipment for that officer from COPS Office Purpose Area #1.*

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