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Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)
Webinar Series

Purpose Area 6 (OVC)

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- Information and resources for upcoming and recorded CTAS webinars
- Links to the Accessing Grants Workshop recordings
- JustGrants links and resources
- Important links and contact information that will be helpful during your submission process



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Presentation Outline

Section 1: Background on the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

Section 2: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Program

Section 3: Application Requirements

Section 4: How to Apply for Funding

Section 5: Tips and Resources

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Overview of OVC

Section 1



What is the Office for Victims of Crime?

OVC supports programs that assist all victims in the aftermath of crime and provides funding for:

- Providing critical direct services
- Analyzing emerging needs and existing gaps in victim services
- Identifying and replicating best practices
- Implementing data-driven and technical innovations in victim services



Tribal Division Grant Award Programs

- Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Purpose Area 6: Children's Justice Act
- Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Formula Program
- Increasing Services for American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Human Trafficking in Urban Centers Program



Purpose Area 6: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Program

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Section 2

What is CTAS?

CTAS is the overarching structure under which Tribes can apply for up to **eight** separate grant programs through **one single application.**



CTAS Purpose Areas

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office	Public Safety and Community Policing (PA #1)
COPS Office, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office for Victims of crime (OVC), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)	Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (PA #2)
BJA	Tribal Justice Systems Program (PA #3)
BJA	Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (PA #4)
BJA	Adult Tribal Treatment Courts (PA#5)
OVC	Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (PA #6)
OJJDP	Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (PA #8)
OJJDP	Tribal Youth Justice Program (PA #9)



Who is Eligible to Apply Under CTAS PA 6?

Under PA 6, the following applicants are eligible to apply:

- Federally recognized Tribes as determined by the Secretary of the Interior
- Alaska Native Villages and Corporations
- Tribal Consortium consisting of two or more federally recognized Tribes
- Tribal designees are eligible participants and must provide a current tribal resolution or other satisfactory legal enactment from the tribe as part of the application.

Applicants who received Purpose Area 6 funding in FY 2024 or FY 2025 ARE NOT eligible to apply for the FY 2026 Purpose Area 6 funding

Children’s Justice Act Partnership for Indian Communities (PA 6)

Important Award Information:

- Maximum Award Amount: **$450,000**
- Number of Awards to be Made: **Approximately 3–6**
- Period of Performance Start Date: On or after **January 1, 2027**



Purpose Area 6: Goal

To improve the investigation, prosecution, and handling of cases of criminal child abuse and neglect (particularly child sexual abuse cases) in a manner which lessens trauma for child victims.



Purpose Area 6: Objectives

1. **Establish or enhance a legal system** to conduct criminal investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.
2. Support strategies for **criminal investigation, prosecution**, and judicial handling of cases of child and neglect in a manner that **limits additional trauma to the child victim.**
3. Provide **emergency and crisis interventions** to aid child abuse victims and their family members in recovering from abuse and neglect.
4. Provide **support services** to criminal child abuse victims and their non-offending family members.



What Type of Projects Can Purpose Area 6 Support?

- Developing or updating policies and procedures to support the criminal investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases
- Establishing or supporting child advocacy centers to conduct forensic interviews
- Preparing child victims to participate in the judicial process
- Providing advocates to accompany the child victim to court to provide emotional support
- Creating a multidisciplinary team to work on child abuse cases



What Type of Projects Can Purpose Area 6 Support? (cont.)

- Ensuring that child victims and their family members receive access to victim assistance, medical, mental health, and social services from the initial report through the judicial process and recovery.
- Providing counseling for child victims, families, secondary victims (such as siblings or grandparents), and for groups of victims, as appropriate.
- Dedicating specific police investigators and/or prosecutors for child abuse cases.



Allowable Activities Under CJA

Staffing and Fringe Benefits Costs

- Specialized prosecutors and/or investigators, forensic interviewers, mental health professionals, etc.

Victim Assistance

- Counseling for victims, family therapy, group therapy, assistance for emergency/short-term needs, and case management services. **Services must be linked to the child's victimization.**

Coordination/Outreach/Awareness/Education

- PSAs, posters, brochures; fact sheets sharing information about types of victimization, how to report, and how to seek help; and information about your specialized program.



Allowable Activities Under CJA (cont.)

Equipment and Supplies Related to Serving these Crime Victims

- Computers, leasing a vehicle, office furniture, information sharing database, supplies for outreach materials.

Training

- Training for project staff



Allowable and Unallowable Cost List Activities

OVC has created a chart that highlights what is allowable and unallowable under this NOFO.

Guiding Questions:

1. Is this cost related to supporting or assisting victims of child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse?
2. How is this cost related to the proposed project?
3. How does this expense help child abuse victims?

https://www.justice.gov/tribal/media/1453846/dl?inline

Unallowable Costs and Activities



While these funds can be used to provide a wide range of services to victims of crime, there are some statutory limitations on how the funds can be used.

These funds **cannot** be used to pay for costs associated with:

- Services for criminal offenders
- Primary crime prevention activities (before abuse occurs)
- Construction

Project Deliverables

For award recipients proposing to establish a ***new*** child advocacy center or ***new*** programs for serving victims of child abuse and neglect, deliverables will include:

- A written plan for conducting a community needs assessment
- A written strategic plan outlining steps to establish and sustain the new program

Required Reporting

All award recipients must complete the following reports:

- Semi-Annual Performance Reports
- Quarterly Financial Status Reports

Purpose Area 6: Application Requirements

Section 3



Applications Must Include

The following information **must be submitted** in the application:

- **Tribal Community and Justice Profile Question Set** (20% of the application score)*
- **Purpose Area Narrative Question Set** (60% of the application score)*
- **Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative** (15% of the application score)*
- **Purpose Area Timeline** (5% of the application score)



Note: If you fail to submit any of the documents with an *asterisk, your application will not be considered for funding!

Application Submission should Include:

The following documents **should be included** in the submission:

(See the CTAS FY 2026 NOFO for specific requirements by Purpose Area)

- Project Abstract (JustGrants web-based form)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (under the Disclosures and Assurances in Just Grants)
- Tribal Authority to Apply Documentation/ Tribal Resolution (tribal consortia and designees only)
- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (web-based form in Just Grants)



Proposal Abstract

The proposal abstract must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. It should include the following information:

- **Name of the applicant's proposed project**
- **Purpose** of the proposed project
- Project **activities** to be performed
- **Expected outcomes**, deliverables, or milestones of the proposed project
- **Service area or where the project will take place**
- **Who will be served** by the proposed project
- **Subrecipient activities** (if known, list entities and project activities)



Purpose Area 6 Narrative Question Set (60% of the application score)

- Explain the issue(s) funding will address
- Describe current activities and/or services provided to victims of criminal child abuse and neglect
- Describe the goals and objectives for the proposed project
- Describe what activities will be funded and how they will achieve the goals and objectives of the proposed project
- Who will lead/manage the program? Highlight partnerships and resources to sustain the project when the federal grant ends

*Download **Purpose Area 6 Question Set** at:*
https://www.justice.gov/tribal/media/1453956/dl?inline



Purpose Area 6 Question Set (cont.)

*The **Program Design and Implementation** section should include goals, objectives, and activities that are aligned with* activities and/or services provided to victims of criminal child abuse and sexual abuse

- Be brief, concise, and clear
- Make sure the information is consistent throughout your proposal
- Create solid goals and **SMART** objectives:
    - *Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound*
- Focus on setting a realistic timeline to complete your project



Budget Detail Worksheet (15% of the application score)

The proposed budget should not exceed **$450,000** and must be **consistent** with the program narrative question set and a 3-year project period.

- Use the CTAS Budget Detail Worksheet to create the budget. Available at *https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities*.
- Ensure that the Budget Detail Worksheet aligns with the Program Narrative!



Budget Detail Worksheet

All costs must be: *reasonable, allowable, consistent, allocable*.

- **Do the Math** – Provide calculations and total cost for each expense
- **Support your Request** – Clearly link the expenses to the proposal
- **Stay within Budget** – Do not exceed $450K
- **Know the Timeline** – All awards are 3-year projects!

Still not sure if a cost is allowable? *Remember to use the DOJ Financial Guide and list of allowable and unallowable costs in the FY 2026 PA6 allowable/unallowable cost list.*

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CTAS Timeline
(5% of application score)

Your timeline should:

- Cover the entire project period
- Include performance goals, project milestones, and activity completion dates
- Assign responsibility and expected completion of each task by year and then month or quarter of the award

Download the template: https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities



Application Tips

- ✓Use simple and concise language
- ✓Be realistic about how you will achieve goals
- ✓Get feedback from those who may run the project
- ✓Make sure the proposal is consistent with the NOFO
- ✓Check, recheck, and check again—budget, program narrative question set, deadlines, reference to application resources
- ✓Refer to the Application Checklist on page 56 of the NOFO



How to Apply for Funding

Section 4



Application Submission Overview



Before You Apply for Funding:

- SAM.gov Registration - Entities must register or renew with SAM.gov

Apply for Funding:

- Step 1: Grants.gov - Apply in Grants.gov (By October 15, 2026)
- Step 2: JustGrants - Apply in JustGrants (By October 22, 2026)

Application Submission Reminders



Applicants have **two** application submission deadlines:

1. Grants.gov (submitting the SF-424) – **October 15, 2026 11:59 p.m. ET** [complete ***at least*** 48 hours before deadline in NOFO]
2. JustGrants (submitting the full application) – **October 22, 2026, 8:59 p.m. ET** [complete ***at least*** 48 hours before deadline in NOFO]

It is OK to enter programmatic data in Grants.gov and update later in JustGrants.

Your JustGrants submission should include all items defined in the NOFO.

JustGrants Office Hours: Application Submission

- **Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application Training**
- ***Key Audiences:*** *Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, Authorized Representative*

- Preparing to apply
- Completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov
- Entity onboarding and JustGrants access
- JustGrants roles and responsibilities
- Assigning users' roles to applications
- Completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting a JustGrants application
- Attendee questions about application submission

- **Every Wednesday** from 2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
- Click the link to register for the session you wish to attend

Check website for updates: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-virtual-sessions



Additional Tips and Resources

Section 5



Education, Outreach, and Support

- Visit the Department's dedicated CTAS website for up-to-date information: https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities
- Webinars are scheduled during the open period of the NOFO
- Sample successful applications are available for review on the website

Resources

Office for Victims of Crime: https://ovc.ojp.gov

JustGrants: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/

Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide: https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide



Q&A

DOJ Response Center
tribalgrants@usdoj.gov
800-421-6770



CTAS Application Resources

JustGrants
833-872-5175 | justgrants.support@usdoj.gov
Monday – Friday | 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM ET
Saturday – Sunday | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET
justicegrants.usdoj.gov

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline
800–518–4726 | support@grants.gov
Sunday – Saturday | 24 hours/day
Closed on federal holidays
grants.gov/web/grants/support.html

Response Center
800-421-6770 | tribalgrants@usdoj.gov
Monday – Friday | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET

CTAS Website
Resources, Application Templates, FAQs:
https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities



Upcoming FY 2026 CTAS Webinars

To register, visit: **www.ncjtc.org/ctasresources**	
PA 8 & 9 Youth Healing to Wellness Courts and Tribal Youth Justice Program	9/28/2026 – 1 to 2:30 pm ET
Application Checklist Review	9/30/2026 – 1 to 3 pm ET
FY 2026 CTAS JustGrants Final Upload Q&A	10/5/2026 – 1 to 3 pm ET



Post-Webinar Information

- Find webinar recordings and additional CTAS information and resources at https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities
- Please complete the evaluation when the webinar closes



FY 2026 CTAS Deadlines

Step 1: GRANTS.GOV Application Deadline:
OCTOBER 15, 2026 (11:59 PM ET)

Step 2: JUSTGRANTS Application Deadline:
OCTOBER 22, 2026 (8:59 PM ET)



Thank you!

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