U.S. Department of Justice
Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)
Webinar Series

Purpose Areas 8 & 9 (OJJDP)

September 28, 2026

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https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities

Zoom Webinar Technical Overview



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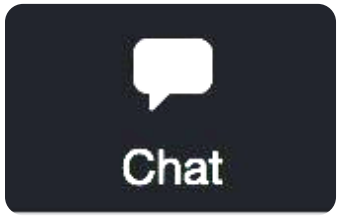

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CTAS Application Resources

Visit Tribal Justice and Safety | Funding Opportunities to find:

- 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.



Today's Presenters



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Important Information

Questions about the presentation? Submit questions at any time by using the Q&A box. Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation.

A recording of this and all CTAS webinars will be made available at this link: Tribal Justice and Safety | Funding Opportunities

Which Offices are Participating?

- Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
  - ✓ Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
  - ✓ **Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)**
  - ✓ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)



Poll Questions

1. *Which purpose area are you interested in applying for?*
2. *Have you ever applied for Purpose Area (PA) 8 and/or PA 9 funding before?*
3. *If you are applying for PA 9, which category are you interested in?*



Anticipated OJJDP Funding for FY 2026

- PA 8 - $7,950,000
  - Approximately 10 awards; up to $750,000; per award
  - 5 years

- PA 9 - $12,695,000
  - Approximately 25 awards; across two categories.
  - Seeding Change Planning Grant (Category 1) up to a maximum of $100,000 per award for 2 years.
  - Harvesting Change Implementation and Expansion Grant (Category 2) up to $500,000 per award for 5 years.



What is New in FY 2026 for PA 8?

- PA 8: Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (YHWC) is solely focused on enhancement of existing YHWCs.
    - Applicants must attach a copy of their most recent OJJDP Youth Healing to Wellness Court strategic plan or sustainability plan to the application.

What is New in FY 2026 for PA 9?

- PA 9: Tribal Youth Justice Program was streamlined from three categories into two:
  - Category 1: Seeding Change Planning Grant.
  - Category 2: Harvesting Change Implementation and Expansion Grant.
    - ✓ Category 2 applicants must attach a copy of their recent Tribal Youth Justice Program strategic plan or sustainability plan to the application.



Overview of Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (PA 8)

- YHWCs effectively integrate substance use treatment, drug testing, graduated incentives, sanctions, and case management in judicially supervised Tribal court settings that have jurisdiction over youth who have a substance use disorder or co-occurring mental health disorder to reduce recidivism, increase access to treatment and recovery support services, and prevent overdose fatalities.

Federal Award Information for PA 8

- Estimated $7.95 million is available.
- Approximately 10 awards; up to a maximum of $750K per award.
- Period of performance: 5 years.

Eligibility for PA 8

Federally recognized Indian tribes or consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian Tribes, who propose to continue, expand, or enhance a current Youth Healing to Wellness Court to respond to alcohol and substance abuse issues (including opioid use) of juveniles and young adults younger than the age of 21.

PA 8: Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts

Goal: The overall purpose of this grant program is to support Tribes seeking to **enhance an existing** Youth Healing to Wellness Court to respond to the alcohol and substance use issues (including opioid use) of juveniles and young adults younger than the age of 21.

PA 8 Objectives

The objectives of this purpose area are to ensure that all grantees, over the 5-year project period, have access to the OJJDP treatment court resources, including OJJDP-funded training and technical assistance.

Apply for Funding – PA 8

Applicants may apply for funding to include the following:

- Staffing
- Expand treatment workforce
- Equipment and supplies
- Training
- Court operations and services

Note: While funds may be allocated for program staff to attend training, all successful applicants will receive virtual, on-site, and cluster trainings from the OJJDP-funded technical assistance and training provider for the EnhancingYouth Healing to Wellness Courts program. Funds are not allowed for additional consultants.



Additional Requirements for PA 8

- Limitation on participation of violent offenders.
- Strategic planning:
  - ✓ Awardees will be required to participate in strategic planning training and submit an updated comprehensive plan for the continuation, expansion, or enhancement of their program.
  - ✓ The strategic plan will include a sustainability plan.

Mandatory DOJ CTAS New Grantee Orientation

All FY 2026 award recipients are required to attend the new grantee orientation virtually. Applicants must:

- Participate in the DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation, scheduled during Year 1 of the award period.
- Ensure that two staff members–the program manager and fiscal manager–attend this training for each funded purpose area.
- Ensure both required staff members are present and engaged for the full duration of the training.

Match Requirement Waived for PA 8

- The match required at 34 U.S.C. 10616 is waived for grantees under Purpose Area 8. See 34 U.S.C. 10616(a).
- Applicants are not required to submit a match waiver request.
- Any match amount proposed by an applicant and incorporated into an approved budget will be treated as a voluntary match and becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

To Apply for PA 8

- Applicants will provide written answers to the Tribal Community and Justice Profile and Purpose Area Narrative Question Sets in JustGrants.
- A copy of Question Sets can be found at Tribal Justice and Safety | Funding Opportunities.



PA 9: Tribal Youth Justice Program

Goal: This program will support and enhance Tribal efforts to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and strengthen juvenile justice systems for American Indian and Alaska Native youth. The program supports Tribes to build and sustain juvenile justice systems that are effective in reducing the number of Tribal youth entering or returning to the justice system, and empowering Native youth to lead healthy, safe, and productive lives.

**Note: The population of youth served under this award must be younger than the age of 21 at the time of entering the Tribal Youth Justice Program.*



PA 9: Tribal Youth Justice Program

The objective of PA 9 is to ensure that all grantees have access to the OJJDP Tribal youth justice resources needed to:

- Develop or enhance prevention and early intervention strategies that reduce risk factors for juvenile delinquency among Tribal youth.
- Increase the availability and use of diversion programs for low- and moderate-risk youth, as determined by the program.



PA 9: Tribal Youth Justice Program

The objective of PA 9 is to ensure that all grantees have access to the OJJDP Tribal youth justice resources needed to:

- Enhance access to mental health and substance use screening, assessment, and treatment services for youth.
- Improve outcomes for Tribal youth returning to the community from detention or residential placement.
- Enhance Tribal capacity to administer, monitor, and sustain juvenile justice programming.



Tribal Youth Justice Program Category 1 (PA 9)

Seeding Change Planning Grant (Category 1)
This category will support a dedicated planning period for Tribes to develop strategies to improve and/or enhance Tribal juvenile justice systems that include prevention, intervention, and treatment programs and services for youth.

Eligibility: This grant is intended for Tribes that are new to receiving OJJDP funding for Purpose Area 9; therefore, Tribes that have an active TYP Purpose Area 9 award at the time of application are not eligible to apply for this grant award.



Tribal Youth Justice Program Category 2 (PA 9)

Harvesting Change Implementation and Expansion Grant (Category 2)
This category will support the continuation, expansion, or enhancement of a new Tribal Youth Justice Program for Tribes that seek funding to support programs, services, and/or system improvements.

Eligibility: Tribes that have an OJJDP-funded Purpose Area 9 award with a project period end date in 2026 or Tribes that had an OJJDP-funded Purpose Area 9 award that ended in 2025.

PA 9: Tribal Youth Justice Programs

Applicants may propose projects under Category 1 and Category 2 that address one or more focus areas: prevention, intervention, treatment, and system improvement.

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To Apply for PA 9

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Tribal Youth Justice Resource Center

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to all OJJDP Tribal grantees through the Tribal Youth Justice Resource Center (TYJRC), operated by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

www.tribalyouth.org

Two-Step Process for Applying

- Information on the process is outlined in the Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines section on page 44 of the solicitation.
- Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants.

Timeline

- Grants.gov deadline: Thursday, October 15, 2026, by 11:59 PM EST
- JustGrants deadline: Thursday, October 22, 2026, by 8:59PM EST
- DOJ expects to send out award notifications by September 30, 2027
- All project START dates should be on or after October 1, 2026*



*Note: *Successful awardees MAY NOT begin work until the budget has been reviewed and officially approved by OJP. Additional information and or restrictions may be outlined in the award package.*

Please don’t wait until the last day to submit the application in Grants.gov or in JustGrants.*

Step 1: Apply in Grants.gov

- All Applicants should complete the following steps on or before Thursday, October 15, 2026:
  - After registering with SAM.gov, the applicant must submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov at https://grants.gov/register by the Grants.gov deadline.
  - To leave time to address any technical issues that may arise, an applicant should submit the SF-424 as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline.

Step 2: Apply in JustGrants

- Applicants will submit the full application including uploading attachments into JustGrants at justicegrants.usdoj.gov.
- This step must be completed on or before Thursday, October 22, 2026.



Available Tools & Resources



Education, Outreach, Training & Technical Assistance

Visit DOJ's dedicated CTAS website for up-to-date information at https://www.justice.gov/tribal/grants for:

- Webinars scheduled during the open period of the NOFO
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Downloadable Purpose Area-Specific Narrative and Tribal Community and Justice Profile Question Sets Templates
- Prior year NOFO

Important Technical Assistance Contact Information

- Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.gov (Step 1)
  800–518–4726 | 606–545–5035 | support@grants.gov.
- Submitting the full application into JustGrants (Step 2)
  833–872–5175 | JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov.
- Programmatic Questions contact the DOJ Response Center
  800–421-6770 | tribalgrants@usdoj.gov.



Q&A

DOJ Response Center

tribalgrants@usdoj.gov

1-800-421-6770



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JustGrants

833-872-5175
| justgrants.support@usdoj.gov

Monday – Friday | 7:00a.m. – 9:00p.m. ET
Saturday – Sunday | 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. ET

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

800–518–4726 | support@grants.gov
Sunday – Saturday | 24 hours/day

Closed on federal holidays



CTAS Application Resources

Response Center

800-421-6770 | tribalgrants@usdoj.gov

Monday – Friday | 9:00AM – 5:00p.m. ET

CTAS Website

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

Upcoming FY 2026 CTAS Webinars

To register or view recorded webinars, visit Tribal Justice and Safety | Funding Opportunities

September 30, 2026 | 1:00p.m. ET
Application Checklist Review

October 5, 2026 | 1:00p.m. ET
FY 2026 CTAS JustGrants Final Upload

Upcoming FY 2026 CTAS Open Office Hours

To register, visit [Tribal Justice and Safety | Funding Opportunities]

*Join us for **open question and answer sessions** as you prepare your final CTAS grant submission documents!*

- Drop-in discussions are encouraged.
- One-on-one conversations in a virtual breakout room available upon request.

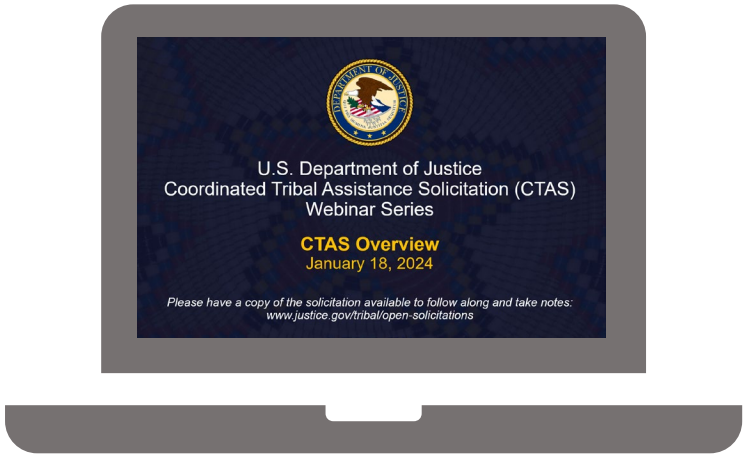
Thursday, March 13, 2025 | 12:00p.m. ET

Thursday, March 20, 2025 | 12:00p.m. ET



Post-Webinar Information

- Find webinar recordings and additional CTAS information and resources at [Tribal Justice and Safety | Funding Opportunities](#).
- Webinar recordings will be posted.
- Please complete the evaluation when the webinar closes.



FY2026 CTAS Deadlines

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

Step 2: JUSTGRANTS Application Deadline:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026 (8:59p.m. ET)



Thank you!

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