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Under CTAS, the BJA offers funding through Purpose Area #3: Tribal Justice Systems. BJA has structured Purpose Area 3 to be as broad and flexible as possible to support a variety of Tribal justice programs.

The overall purpose of Purpose Area #3 is to provide key funding to Tribal justice systems to develop, support, and enhance adult and juvenile Tribal justice systems and the prevention of violent crime and crime related to opioid, alcohol, and other substance abuse.

Key partners can include law enforcement, pretrial services, risk and needs assessment development and implementation, diversion programming, Tribal prosecutors, Tribal court services, detention programming, community corrections, re-entry planning and programming, justice system infrastructure enhancement, and justice system information sharing.

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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. CTAS is not a program but is the overarching structure, under which ten separate grant program applications are collected.

Through CTAS, federally recognized tribes and Tribal consortia were able, for the first time, 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 Attorney’s (EOUSA)
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Office of Tribal Justice Programs (OJP)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

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Purpose Area #3 supports the critical and priority needs of Tribal justice systems, to prevent crime and to ensure Tribal safety through the development, implementation, and enhancement of strategies, including, but not limited to the following:

- To enhance the tools and resources for Tribal prosecutors, courts, and corrections agencies, including Tribal probation and Tribal jails, and to effectively respond to crime and related Tribal safety.
- To implement enhanced authorities and provisions under the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 and to support the development of joint jurisdiction courts with state and local courts.
- To ensure safety through coordinated support for the re-entry of returning Tribal members from federal or state prison sentences.
- To develop, enhance, and continue programs to improve the safety and effectiveness of Tribal law enforcement officers such as planning for and developing their own law enforcement agency, law enforcement support as part of a larger strategy in PA #3, or court security issues such adding an officer at the courthouse to improve court security.
- To develop, implement, and enhance substance abuse and crime prevention, interventions, and alternatives to incarceration to address crime related to the opioid epidemic. This can include opioid, alcohol, and other substance abuse and related crime prevention; healing to wellness courts; intervention; or treatment, including those that prevent and address the needs of drug-endangered children.

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TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

BJA has several TTA providers that support #3 grantees and non-grantee tribes that request assistance.

The National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) is the lead TTA provider for PA 3. Additionally, BJA has other TTA providers that can provide assistance on specific topics.

Tribal Courts, and Tribal Justice Systems and Opiates, Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse:

The National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA)
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Tribal Reentry, Probation and Corrections; American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)
Nan Benally | Tribal Program Grants Manager | (859) 244-8056 | nbenally@csg.org

Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Tribal Law and Policy Institute
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Services and Training and Technical Assistance

- Publications, fact-sheets, and model codes
- Code drafting assistance
- Peer-to-peer consultations
- Listserv communications
- Onsite TTA
- Distance Learning TTA via teleconference, videoconference, and email
- Interactive online training modules
- Webinars
- In-person training onsite and at select national conferences.
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 compiled a broad range of information resources that can help law enforcement better address specific crime and operational issues, and help community leaders better understand how to work cooperatively with their law enforcement agency to reduce crime.