



FACT SHEET

Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2019 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

What is the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)?

In Fiscal Year 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) launched the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) initiative, which combined most of the Department's available Tribal government-specific grant programs under one solicitation. Through CTAS, the Department has awarded over 2,000 grants totaling more than \$940 million to hundreds of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The Tribes are using these funds to enhance law enforcement, combat domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking, bolster justice systems, prevent and control juvenile delinquency, strengthen the juvenile justice system, serve sexual assault and elder victims, and support other efforts to address crime. **Note: CTAS is not a program but an overarching structure under which tribes can apply to ten separate grant programs, from five program offices, through a single application.**

How does it work?

CTAS is managed by the DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), who manage awards by program, subject to available funding. Each Tribal government-specific grant program is referred to as a "Purpose Area." Applicants select the Purpose Area(s) that best address their individual public safety, criminal and juvenile justice and victimization needs.

The solicitation is open from Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, until 9 p.m. EST on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Applications submitted after this deadline will *not* be considered for funding. Grant funds for CTAS are subject to available funding. Tribes or Tribal consortia may be eligible for other, non-Tribal specific DOJ grant funding and are encouraged to apply. More information on those opportunities is available on the Department of Justice website, www.justice.gov/tribal.

What are the advantages for submitting grant applications in this manner?

- Tribal government-specific funding across many DOJ components is available and described at one time, so that Tribes can see many funding opportunities, and based on specific needs, request funding that is best aligned with such needs.
- CTAS provides the opportunity for Tribes and Tribal Consortia to engage in comprehensive planning, and be strategic in their request for funding. The application process provides the opportunity for Tribes to identify their needs and gaps in services that CTAS can address. In reviewing the application, DOJ will have a better understanding of the Tribal government's overall public safety and related needs.
- Only one budget worksheet and narrative form is required.
- One system for submitting grants electronically is used.
- One Response Center to call or e-mail for programmatic questions is available.
- Only one complete and comprehensive application needs to be submitted.
- Enhanced consistency in the DOJ application peer review system across all DOJ components.
- DOJ is better able to make award decisions to address Tribes' needs on a more comprehensive basis.



Why is this necessary?

American Indians and Alaska Natives experience disproportionate rates of violence and victimization and often encounter significant obstacles to identifying and accessing culturally relevant services. Tribal grants funded through the CTAS process help tribes to develop and strengthen tribal justice systems' response to crime, while significantly increasing programs and services available to them.

Eligibility:

Only federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, may apply. This includes Alaska Native villages and Tribal Consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes. Tribal designees are eligible participants only for certain activities related to the DOJ's OVW and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Additional eligibility criteria and exceptions by Purpose Area are available in the [FY 2019 CTAS Solicitation](#).

Tribal Community & Justice Profile:

Before applying for funding, applicants should review their community, public safety and justice systems to identify gaps in services that grant programs can fill. The Tribal Narrative Profile portion of the application should show specific characteristics of a Tribe, including community strengths, resources, challenges and needs. Applicants should identify problem(s) the Tribe will address, a strategy for addressing the problem(s), and the purposes area(s) funding will be requested.

Projected CTAS Funding for FY 2019			
Purpose Area	Estimated Amount Of Funding Available	Estimated Number Of Awards To Be Made; Estimated Award Amounts	Length Of Award
1. Public Safety And Community Policing (<i>Office of Community Oriented Policing Services</i>)	\$20 million	Approximately 50 awards	3 years
2. Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (<i>Bureau of Justice Assistance</i>)	\$750,000	Approximately 5 awards; up to a maximum of \$150,000 per award	3 years
3. Tribal Justice Systems (<i>Bureau of Justice Assistance</i>)	\$16.8 million	Approximately 20–30 awards; approximately \$250,000–750,000 per award	3 years
4. Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (<i>Bureau of Justice Assistance</i>)	\$7.5 million	Approximately 3-6 awards; approximately \$1-\$4 million per award	3 years
5. Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (<i>Office on Violence Against Women</i>)	\$34 million	Approximately 55 awards	3 years
6. Children's Justice Act Partnerships For Indian Communities (<i>Office for Victims of Crime</i>)	\$2.7 million	Approximately 6 awards; up to a maximum of \$450,000 per award	3 years
7. Tribal Victim Services Program (<i>Office for Victims of Crime</i>)	TBD	Several award to be made up to a maximum of \$500,000 per award	3 years
8. Juvenile Tribal Healing To Wellness Courts (<i>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i>)	\$1.75 million	Approximately 5 awards; up to a maximum of \$350,000 per award	3 years
9. Tribal Youth Program (<i>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i>)	\$7.8 million	Approximately 19 awards; up to a maximum of \$400,000 per award	3 years
10. Addressing Violent Crime in Tribal Communities (<i>Bureau of Justice Assistance</i>)	\$2 million	Approximately 4 awards; up to a maximum of \$500,000 per award	3 years
For each purpose area listed above, all awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Additional information for Estimated Number of Awards and Amounts can be found within the FY 2019 CTAS Solicitation .			

Changes to CTAS from FY 2018:

DOJ incorporated feedback from the tribal meetings and consultations, as well as the assessment tool, to make the following changes to the CTAS for FY 2019:

- OVC's Purpose Area # 7 is now entitled the Tribal Victim Services Program. This may be funded through a tribal victim services set-aside, if enacted as part of an appropriations act or other statutory authority.
- BJA has added a new purpose area, Purpose Area #10 Addressing Violent Crime in Tribal Communities.
- The question-and-answer templates have been further coordinated and refined across purpose areas to ensure greater clarity and reduce duplication.
- The demographic form, as it relates to Purpose Area #1 (COPS Office), and its submission requirements have been updated. The demographic form applies only to applicants applying for Purpose Area #1 (COPS Office).
- The budget detail worksheet has been updated in order to be more user-friendly.
- The solicitation has been updated to be more streamlined and user-friendly, by reducing page limit requirements for both the Tribal Community and Justice Profile and the Purpose Area narratives and integrating the timeline into the Purpose Area narratives.

FY 2019 CTAS Application Resource Guide:

The CTAS Committee has streamlined the FY 2019 Solicitation and created a separate tool to help guide applicants through the application process. The FY 2019 CTAS Application Resource Guide will serve as the primary reference manual to assist CTAS applicants in preparing and submitting applications for funding. For details on CTAS purpose area statutory authorities, what an application should look like, budget details and restrictions, DOJ's policy on late submissions, as well as a host of other frequently asked questions, please refer to the online [DOJ FY19 CTAS Application Resource Guide](#).

Registration & Application:

To register and apply:

- 1) Register in GMS
- 2) Complete and submit the application in GMS.

All applications are submitted through DOJ's online Grants Management System (GMS) at: <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/gmsexternal/>

DOJ Response Center

For programmatic and general assistance with the solicitation requirements, contact the Response Center at 800-421-6770 or via e-mail at tribalgrants@usdoj.gov. The Response Center's hours of operation are Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GMS Help Desk

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the GMS Help Desk 24/7 at 1-888-549-9901 and dial 3 when prompted or email the GMS Help Desk at gms.helpdesk@usdoj.gov.

Attention! Applicants should begin the registration process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time using the system. It is strongly recommended that applicants register early (we recommend no later than Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019) in order to resolve difficulties ahead of the application deadline.