



# FACT SHEET

## Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2021 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. 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. Through CTAS, the Department has awarded over 2,500 grants totaling more than \$1.1 billion 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 is a single solicitation, under which tribes can apply to seven separate grant programs, from four grant-making offices, through a single application.**

### How does it work?

CTAS is managed by the DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Office of Justice Programs (OJP), 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, January 19, until 9 p.m. EST on March 30, 2021.** Applications submitted after this deadline will *not* be considered for funding. The deadline for applicants to register for Grants.gov and submit an SF 424 via Grants.gov is March 16, 2021. 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](http://www.justice.gov/tribal).

### What are the advantages of CTAS for applicants?

- 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.
- Applicants can call or email the DOJ Response Center with programmatic questions.
- Only one complete and comprehensive application needs to be submitted.
- This process leads to 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.



### 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 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) programs. Additional eligibility criteria and exceptions by Purpose Area are available in the <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.

### 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) for which funding will be requested.

| Projected CTAS Funding for FY 2021  |                                       |  |  |
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| 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 (Office of Community Oriented Policing Services)   | \$24 million                          | Approximately 40 awards  | 5 years - Hiring / 3 years - Equipment |
| 2.Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office for Victims of Crime)  | Up to \$600,000                       | Approximately 4 awards; up to \$150,000 per award  | 5 years                                |
| 3.Tribal Justice Systems (Bureau of Justice Assistance)   | \$20.6 million                        | Approximately 25–33 awards; approximately \$250,000–900,000 per award  | 5 years                                |
| 4.Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (Bureau of Justice Assistance)   | \$8 million                           | Approximately 6-9 awards; up to \$1.2 million per award (single jurisdiction projects) and up to \$4.8 million (regional projects) | 5 years                                |
| 6.Children’s Justice Act Partnerships For Indian Communities (Office for Victims of Crime)  | \$3 million                           | Approximately 6 awards; up to a maximum of \$450,000 per award   | 3 years                                |
| 8. Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)   | \$2 million                           | Approximately 5 awards; up to a maximum of \$400,000 per award   | 5 years                                |
| 9.Tribal Youth Program (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)  | \$8.5 million                         | Approximately 17 awards; up to a maximum of \$500,000 per award. This includes both Category 1 and Category 2.                     | 5 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 2021 CTAS solicitation at <a href="https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations">https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations</a> . |                                       |  |  |

### Changes to CTAS from FY 2020:

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 2021:

- Purpose Area 5 is not included in CTAS this year. OVV will be funding the Tribal Governments Program in FY 2021, but it will be a separate solicitation not included in CTAS.
- Purpose Area 7 is not included in CTAS this year. OVC will be funding the Tribal Victim Services in FY 2021, but it will be a separate solicitation not included in CTAS.
- The Tribal Community and Justice Profile and the Purpose Area Narrative templates have been further streamlined and refined across Purpose Areas to ensure greater clarity and reduce duplication.
- The CTAS solicitation will be completed and submitted through the new JustGrants system.

### FY 2021 CTAS Solicitation Tools:

There are additional tools to help guide applicants through the application process. Please see the individual Purpose Area Fact Sheets (insert individual Purpose Area Fact Sheet links), as well as a host of other frequently asked questions, <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>. Additionally, applicants can view JustGrants training materials at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources>.

### Registration & Application:

To register and apply:

- 1) New this year, applicants will submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. To register in Grants.gov, applicants will need to obtain a Data Universal Numeric System (DUNS) and System for Award Management (SAM) registration or renewal.

- 2) Register in JustGrants
- 3) Complete and submit the application in JustGrants at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>

#### 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](mailto:tribalgrants@usdoj.gov). The Response Center’s hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

#### JustGrants Help Desk

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the JustGrants Help Desk at 1-833-872-5175 or e-mail the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov). The JustGrants Service Desk hours of operation are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

**Attention!** Applicants should begin the registration process immediately to meet the JustGrants system registration deadline, especially if this is their first time using the system. It is strongly recommended that applicants register early (we recommend no later than Friday, February 26, 2021) in order to resolve difficulties ahead of the application deadline.