

Purpose Areas—Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Listing of purpose areas

1. Public Safety and Community Policing Tribal Resources Grant Program – Hiring, Equipment/Training (COPS Office), CFDA #16.710

Goals and objectives

- To address the most serious tribal law enforcement needs
- To increase the capacity of tribal law enforcement agencies through prevention strategies, improved criminal investigations (human trafficking, missing or murdered Indigenous persons), and crime control, including illegal drugs (methamphetamine, opioids)
- To implement or enhance community policing strategies
- To develop a crime control plan with the community

Applicants will describe activities and funding needs including strategic planning, hiring, travel, training, and equipment, in one application. Successful applicants may be awarded a Tribal Resources Grant Program—Hiring Grant (TRGP-Hire), a Tribal Resources Grant Program—Equipment/Training Grant (TRGP-E/T), or both. Hiring grants and Equipment/Training grants have different requirements and award periods of performance, as described below.

Applicants may apply for funding to cover the following costs

Strategic planning. Strategic planning activities related to community policing

Hiring.

Sworn. Funding can be requested for approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits (including overtime) of newly hired or rehired full-time sworn career law enforcement officers, tribal/village police officers, and village public safety officers. All newly hired, additional, or rehired officers (or an equal number of redeployed officers) funded under Purpose Area #1 must engage in community policing activities.

A sworn officer is defined as a full-time career law enforcement officer hired on a permanent basis and who is authorized by law or by a state, local, or tribal agency to engage in or oversee the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal laws.

Rehired officers include those who have been laid off by your jurisdiction (at the time of application) as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions, or who are (at the time of application) currently scheduled to be laid off by your jurisdiction on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions.

In the application and budget, your agency will specify which hiring categories it is requesting funding for: new hire, rehire previously laid off, or rehire scheduled for layoff. If, after receiving the award, your agency needs to change one or more of these categories, your agency must request a post-award modification and must receive prior approval before spending Purpose Area #1 hiring funding. To obtain information on modifying the hiring award, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770.

Applicants must budget for and, if awarded, complete background investigations and basic law enforcement officer training for all full-time career law enforcement officers funded by the grant. Background investigations should specifically comply with requirements established by state statute, ordinance, or tribal requirements. In the absence of existing standards for hiring, the background should include as a minimum criminal history checks, screening for domestic violence, sex offender registry, credit checks, resume validation, work history verification, and personal and professional references.

School resource officer (SRO) requirements: Applicants may request SRO positions. If awarded funding for an SRO position, the COPS Office requires a memorandum of understanding between the law enforcement agency and the school. In addition, the funded SRO needs to complete the Basic School Resource Officer Course conducted by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) as part of their training.

Civilian. Salaries and fringe benefits for a full-time methamphetamine and/or anti-opioid coordinators are allowable costs. These positions will be awarded under TRGP-E/T grants.

Equipment. Law enforcement equipment such as uniforms; bulletproof vests; body-worn cameras; standard issue equipment (handcuffs, ammunition carriers, flashlight, duty knife, conducted electrical weapon, etc.); appropriate police vehicles (as needed for law enforcement purposes to include anti-methamphetamine/opioid activities); technology such as computer hardware and software, mobile data terminals, radios, communication systems, and Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons (MMIP) databases. Applicants that do not already have an information-gathering system compatible with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) System are encouraged to request funds for National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)/UCR-compliant crime data systems. Applicants may also request hardware and software required to access national criminal justice related databases (e.g., National Crime Information Center).

Training. Law enforcement training such as basic training at a state academy or the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico, as well as specialized police training, community policing training, crime reporting (e.g., NIBRS) training, and anti-methamphetamine, anti-opioid or human trafficking training.

Applicants must budget for and, if awarded, complete basic law enforcement training for all full-time career law enforcement officers funded by the grant.

Applicants must budget travel costs, including airfare, lodging, mileage and per diem for training costs associated with a required DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation meeting in year 1 of the award. For budgeting purposes, please include costs for attendance by two staff members designated with grant

implementation, monitoring, and reporting at this two-day meeting using Washington, D.C., as the location. Please see the GSA web site for determining allowable per diem travel costs:

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

Travel. Airfare, lodging, and mileage reimbursement for meeting or training costs related to Purpose Area #1 activities, including costs associated with any DOJ-required training. Please determine costs based on your agency's travel policy and in absence of a policy, please follow the GSA website to determine travel costs. See the GSA web site for information on the FY 2021 federal per diem rates that should be used in calculating lodging and per diem costs: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

Overtime. Overtime for sworn officers engaging in community policing-related activities is an allowable cost; however, any overtime expenses requested for sworn officer positions must be listed in the "Other Costs" section of your application's budget. Overtime expenses must exceed the expenditures that your agency is obligated or funded to pay in its current budget. Overtime requests are limited as follows:

- Sworn force of fewer than 10: No more than \$25,000 total
- Sworn force of 10 to fewer than 20: No more than \$50,000 total
- Sworn force of 20+: No more than \$75,000 total

Type, amount, and length of awards (federal award information)

Maximum award amount. The maximum award amount for FY 2021 awards under Purpose Area #1 is based on the number of sworn officers as follows:

- Sworn officers of fewer than 10: Maximum amount of \$500,000 (combined TRGP-Hire and TRGP-E/T)
- Sworn officers of 10 to fewer than 20: Maximum award amount of \$700,000 (combined TRGP-Hire and TRGP-E/T)
- Sworn officers of 20+: Maximum award amount of \$900,000 (combined TRGP-Hire and TRGP-E/T)

The COPS Office will use the staffing numbers provided on the demographic questions (budgeted number of sworn officers) to determine the maximum size of the award. The budgeted number is the number of sworn officer positions funded in your agency's budget, including funded but frozen positions as well as state, BIA, and or locally funded vacancies.

Award period of performance:

- TRGP-Hire grants: Five-year implementation period. TRGP hiring grants cover the entry-level salary and approved benefits of full-time awarded officer positions incurred during the 60 months following the grant award start date, unless an extension for additional time is granted.
- TRGP Equipment and Training grants, including civilian full-time anti-methamphetamine and/or anti-opioid coordinator positions: Three-year (36-month) implementation period.

Specific requirements

CTAS new grantee orientation. All applicants must budget for travel and accommodation costs for two staff members designated with grant implementation, monitoring, and reporting to attend the required annual CTAS new grantee orientation (see “training” above”).

Background investigations. Applicants must budget for and, if awarded, conduct background investigations for all full-time career law enforcement officers funded by the grant.

Basic law enforcement training. Applicants must budget for and, if awarded, complete basic law enforcement training for all full-time career law enforcement officers funded by the grant.

Retention. Applicants requesting funding for hiring must plan to retain grant-hired career law enforcement officers and grant-hired school resource officers for 12 months after the expiration of the grant.

Failure to comply with the requirements and all COPS Office award requirements will result in legal sanctions including suspension and termination of award funds, repayment of expended funds, ineligibility to receive additional COPS Office funding, and other remedies available by law.

Focus areas

The COPS Office will provide additional consideration to applicants that identify Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and or Human Trafficking as a problem or challenge they are addressing in their Purpose Area #1 application. An applicant may request funding for efforts to address human trafficking and/or MMIP prevention or investigation such as training or officer salaries, including officers requested to be part of cold case MMIP task forces or teams.

To build your Purpose Area #1 narrative, use the template located at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.

2. Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (BJA, COPS Office, OJJDP, and OVC), CFDA #16.608

Overview

The strategic planning program is supported by four DOJ offices. It provides that Purpose Area #2 grantees that submit approved strategic plans will receive priority consideration for CTAS funding to implement the strategic plan in whole or in part in a future fiscal year or years following submission of applications under purpose areas directly connected to the strategic plan.

Goals and objectives

To engage in comprehensive, justice system–wide strategic planning to improve tribal justice and safety including improving services for victims of crime, improving community wellness, increasing capacity to prevent crime, and addressing violent crime. Activities can include strategic planning and development of a Tribal Action Plan (TAP) as outlined in the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA). This planning process will be guided and supported by a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider provided by DOJ.

The strategic plan should address improving public safety through community-oriented strategies that are victim centered such as violent crimes, murder of Indigenous people, domestic violence, human trafficking, community courts, community prosecution, community corrections, and community policing. It should include organizational strategies to reorient the mission and activities of law enforcement toward the community policing philosophy (<https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157>) and 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. DOJ welcomes incorporating traditional elements into the planning process and overall strategic plan as well as restorative and problem-solving approaches that seek to understand and address the risk factors for future crime.

Applicants may apply for funding to cover the following costs

Strategic planning. Develop a justice system-wide strategic plan that identifies the priority needs facing the applicant's justice system and outline a detailed, strength-based, victim-centered strategy that includes the following:

- Addressing juvenile justice needs from prevention through re-entry
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Collaborative strategies to address serious and violent crime
- Community corrections
- Community resources that support alternatives to incarceration and re-entry into the community following incarceration (i.e., jail, prison, etc.)
- Courts
- Crime victims' rights and services for all victims of crime, including services to promote safety for victims of child abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Law enforcement
- Strategies to address crime related to substance and alcohol abuse, including opioids and stimulants
- Tribal jails programming

Enhance capacity to collect and analyze data. Build ongoing capacity to better understand and define priority crime and tribal safety issues. By accessing accurate and robust data related to the nature and extent of criminal offenders and offenses, human trafficking, the incidence of domestic violence, victim services, child abuse, and other crime issues (along with other tribal data), applicants can assess risk and distress in tribal nations. In addition, the planning process should build capacity to review data that will track the implementation of the strategic plan and assess its outcomes.

Personnel. It is recommended to engage a full- or part-time (approximately 75 percent full-time employee [FTE]) project manager to facilitate the planning process and work with the Purpose Area #2-identified technical assistance provider to coordinate daily activities.

Training and technical assistance. DOJ will fund a training and technical assistance (TTA) provider at **no cost** to grantees to assist in the strategic planning process. This includes extensive on-site and office-based support for facilitating the strategic planning process, forming a strategic planning team, conducting a comprehensive needs assessment, identifying community strengths and resources, defining community challenges, developing strategies to strengthen the applicant’s justice system and promote community wellness and safety, and completing the final written strategic plan to be submitted to DOJ. Costs for outside TTA providers or outside organizations to create a strategic plan for the tribe will **not** be an allowable expense.

Equipment. No equipment should be budgeted for this project. Costs of general office equipment such as computers, fax machines, printers, scanners, and tools to support data collection and analysis should be included in the “Supplies” or “Other” categories.

Travel. Applicants should budget for airfare, lodging, mileage, and per diem associated with regional and national meetings or strategic planning trainings, including costs associated with DOJ-required trainings.

Applicants must budget travel costs, including airfare, lodging, mileage, and per diem for training costs associated with a required DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation meeting in year 1 of the award. For budgeting purposes, please include costs for attendance by two staff members designated with grant implementation, monitoring and reporting at this two-day meeting using Washington, D.C., as the location. Please see the GSA web site for determining allowable per diem travel costs:

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

Other costs. To support the development of the strategic plan, costs related to the printing and distribution of the plan, community outreach, and data collection may be expensed. Funds may **not** be used for stipends, incentive items, food, or beverages.

To build your Purpose Area #2 narrative, use the template located at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.

3. Tribal Justice Systems Program (BJA), CFDA #16.608

Goals and objectives

BJA’s Tribal Justice Systems Program supports tribal efforts to develop, support, and enhance adult tribal justice systems and prevent crime including crime related to opioid, alcohol, stimulant, and other substance abuse and related violent crime. This funding supports a broad range of needs in the adult tribal justice system from law enforcement to courts to corrections, and it is consistent with the areas of activity outlined below.

Purpose Area #3 projects that incorporate a research component will receive special consideration. Applicants are encouraged to be strategic in requesting funding focused on a limited number of key areas that will have the greatest impact, rather than seeking to expand many new areas of focus or services.

Applicants may apply for funding to cover the following costs

Tribal courts. Plan new or enhance existing tribal courts. Support staffing of prosecutors, attorneys, advocates, probation and pretrial service officers, tribal court judges and other court staff, and clerical support staff including indigent defense services. Support activities relating to implementation of the enhanced sentencing authority provisions of the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) or the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Alternative justice courts. Plan new or enhance existing peacemaking courts, healing to wellness courts, veterans treatment courts, sentencing circles, and other traditional or alternative justice courts.

Risk and needs assessment. Develop and integrate the use of risk and needs assessment tools into the tribal justice system decision-making process. To follow up on results, coordinate access to key social services, tracking and case management of services, and ongoing risk assessment reviews.

Diversion and alternatives to incarceration. Employ decision-making models and programming to divert low risk offenders, including juveniles at high risk for involvement in the adult system, from incarceration. This includes law enforcement diversion, community supervision, mental health services and drug abuse treatment, electronic alcohol and offender monitoring, job training and placement, housing assistance, education, and family, peer, and community supports.

Prevention. Protect communities from crime related to alcohol and drug abuse and production including opioids, methamphetamine, and prescription drugs. Support culturally relevant and appropriate evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs (see <https://www.samhsa.gov/nrepp>). Enhance security by addressing issues such as lighting, surveillance equipment, and community emergency alert and telephone systems.

Treatment. Integrate tribal, federal, state, and local services with culturally appropriate treatment for individuals who are at risk of justice system involvement, diverted from the tribal justice system, or involved in the tribal justice system (including the incarcerated population) as well as re-entering individuals and their families.

Corrections (institutional and community). Develop, implement, and enhance programming for tribal members incarcerated in tribal, federal, state, or local correctional facilities or under community supervision to reduce their risks for reoffending and support successful rehabilitation. Programming could include collaborations to address behavioral health needs, effective treatment such as cognitive behavioral therapy, education and vocational services, and other programming that will reduce the risk for recidivism.

Re-entry. Develop, implement, and enhance culturally appropriate re-entry programs. This can include providing treatment, aftercare, and other re-entry supportive services to individuals re-entering communities from tribal, local, state, and federal correctional facilities.

Law enforcement. Identify, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who illegally transport, distribute, and abuse illegal substances in tribal communities (subject to existing legal authority). Support programming to improve officer safety and improve the delivery of law enforcement services related to opioid, stimulant, and other substance abuse-related crimes in the tribal community.

Equipment. Purchase general office equipment such as computers, fax machines, printers, scanners, surveillance cameras, digital cameras, office furniture, courtroom furniture, computer networks, court management systems, electronic alcohol and offender monitoring devices, and related equipment.

Strategic planning. Develop tribal action plans (see <https://www.samhsa.gov/tribal-ttac/training-technical-assistance/tap>) for alcohol and substance abuse. Increase coordination with relevant nontribal agencies and organizations, and among all levels of the tribe, engage in strategic planning efforts to address the needs of the tribe’s justice system. Comprehensively address alcohol and substance abuse-related crime.

Training. Budget for registration fees and lodging costs associated with training events related to Purpose Area #3 activities and costs associated with obtaining expert knowledge to assist with the development or enhancement of the program such as culturally appropriate training, technical assistance, treatment, and information technology. In planning their training needs, applicants should note that training will also be offered at no cost to grantees as part of the funded projects.

Travel. Applicants should budget for airfare, lodging, mileage and per diem for training costs related to Purpose Area #3 activities, including costs associated with DOJ-required training. Applicants must budget travel costs, including airfare, lodging, mileage, and per diem for training costs associated with a required DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation meeting in year 1 of the award. For budgeting purposes, please include costs for attendance by two staff members designated with grant implementation, monitoring, and reporting at this two-day meeting using Washington, D.C., as the location. Please see the GSA web site for determining allowable per diem travel costs: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

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4. Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program – TJSIP (BJA), CFDA #16.596

Goals and objectives

The overall goal of BJA’s Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (TJSIP) is to strengthen tribal justice system capacity by addressing physical infrastructure needs. TJSIP provides site-based funding to federally recognized tribes to renovate, expand, or replace existing tribal justice–related facilities or build new prefabricated or permanent modular tribal justice–related facilities. The facility types supported by this program include police departments, courts, detention centers, multipurpose justice centers (including police departments, courts, and/or corrections), transitional living facilities (halfway houses), correctional alternative or treatment facilities, and domestic violence shelters/safe homes/transitional living facilities/advocacy programs.

Important note: New construction projects are not allowable under this program. Applicants seeking to use grant funds for renovation, expansion, replacement, or completion of construction projects should describe any additional resources that may be leveraged to complete the projects. As a result of past experience funding these facilities, DOJ realizes that the maximum amount available under Purpose Area #4 may not be sufficient to complete projects of this nature without supplemental funding sources.

Purpose Area #4 funding may be used to supplement other funding sources (e.g., federal, tribal) to complete these efforts. Should Purpose Area #4 funding not be sufficient to complete the entire project, applicants must detail the additional funding source(s) and provide documentation certifying that the funding has been secured.

Applicants may apply for funding to cover the following costs

Renovation, expansion, or new prefabricated/permanent modular. Renovate, expand, or replace existing single jurisdiction or regional tribal justice-related facilities or build new single jurisdiction or regional prefabricated or permanent modular facilities where there are no existing permanent structures available or sufficient to address staff/resident/detainee/inmate safety and security issues; add capacity for recidivism reduction programming; enhance facility service/function capacity; provide capacity, equipment, or infrastructure to support staff training, fitness, and wellness; and/or complement efforts to implement the enhanced authorities and provisions under the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Please note that temporary modular facilities are not allowable under Purpose Area #4.

Temporary modular facilities are for short-term needs (e.g., natural disaster relief) and are not recommended for permanent applications.

Other costs associated with renovation/expansion of a facility or the completion of existing construction projects. Provide for infrastructure costs such as roads, sewer and water hook-ups, land preparation, and other costs normally associated with construction site work; items associated with managing the planned construction or renovation process; construction materials necessary to construct or renovate facilities and associated infrastructure; furniture, surveillance cameras, or other items affixed or integral to the facility; staff housing; or other costs associated with the completion of a renovation, expansion, or construction project funded through other confirmed funding sources.

Specific requirements

Purpose Area #4 Narrative (Operations and Maintenance Assistance). If applicants are requesting assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Health Services, or another agency external to the tribe to meet facility operations and maintenance needs, applicants should describe the existing request(s) for staffing, operations, and maintenance of the proposed renovated or expanded facility.

Applicants should also provide the status of these requests. A tribe may submit, by authorizing resolution or other satisfactory evidence of legal authority, a commitment to fund the future staffing, maintenance, and operation of the renovated facilities in lieu of BIA or other agency funding support letters if the tribe chooses to be responsible for this ongoing cost.

Purpose Area #4 Narrative (Regional Projects). Applicants interested in pursuing regional projects that involve two or more tribes will be required to submit memoranda of understanding, letters of support, or other documentation that demonstrate the support from the other participating tribes.

Requests for funding to support regional projects will not be awarded without supporting documentation.

Purpose Area #4 Narrative (Project Feasibility). All applicants requesting funding for renovation or expansion projects will be required to indicate in the program narrative whether the existing building proposed for improvements appears to be a viable structure for renovation and/or expansion with a design developed and approved by a qualified architect/engineer/contractor. If your tribe receives an award, the BJA TJSIP training and technical assistance (TTA) provider will conduct a visual tour and surface inspection of the proposed facility to verify project feasibility. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that using grant funds to renovate or expand the existing facility is justifiable. Award funds will be placed on hold until the BJA TJSIP TTA provider has completed the project feasibility verification process.

Purpose Area #4 Narrative (Staffing Levels). Applicants requesting funds for renovation or expansion of prefabricated or permanent modular projects must specify whether the tribe is going to maintain current staffing levels or require new staff as a result of the facility modification. In the event that additional staff members or other operational and maintenance funding will be needed as a result of the renovation or expansion, applicants must provide a staffing budget for the necessary operational staff and indicate how the new staff members will be funded as part of the facility operational plan. If funding for the new staff members is not in place at the time of application submission, the tribe must provide a tribal resolution or legal equivalent that indicates the source of funding that will be used to support the new staff members and the time frame for when the tribe expects to have funding in place to support the new staff members. In instances where renovation or expansion projects will result in additional bed space for corrections or community-based facilities, applicants must provide data in their applications that clearly substantiate the need for enhanced capacity.

Purpose Area #4 Narrative (Planning Process). Applicants must demonstrate that they have completed a planning process that supports the need for renovation or expansion funding under TJSIP. Applicants must certify the extent of planning completed and present all relevant documents related to the completed planning activities with their applications. Applicants that have completed a formal or structured justice system planning process, such as the BJA Planning Alternatives and Correctional Institutions for Indian Country or the National Institute of Corrections Planning of New Institutions process, should attach documentation such as a master plan or needs assessment to receive priority consideration for funding under TJSIP. If applicants are seeking to renovate, expand, or replace, they should describe the development of a plan that explores building options to ensure a cost-effective design and provide the status of any requests to other agencies regarding the staffing, maintenance, and operation of the facilities being planned or renovated.

Travel budget requirement. Applicants must budget for airfare, lodging, and mileage reimbursement for training costs related to purpose area activities, including costs associated with the DOJ-required training.

Applicants must also budget travel costs, including airfare, lodging, mileage, and per diem for training costs associated with a required DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation meeting in year 1 of the award. For budgeting purposes, please include costs for attendance by two staff members designated with

grant implementation, monitoring, and reporting at this two-day meeting using Washington, D.C., as the location. Please see the GSA web site for determining allowable per diem travel costs:

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Real property requirement: In accordance with DOJ real property standards (2 C.F.R. §200.311), BJA will continue to monitor facility usage and capacity levels once the grant ends. BJA and OJP retain a financial interest in funding the acquisition or improvement of real property because interest accrues with acquisition of land or buildings and improvements to land or buildings such as new construction or renovation. This extends solely to property use. So that the intent of the funding statute or authority is met throughout the useful life of a facility, even after a grant closes, BJA will require the grantee to submit regular reports on the status of the real property in which the Federal Government retains an interest. If a grantee ceases to need a grant-funded facility for the originally authorized purpose during its useful life, the grantee is obligated to request property disposition instructions from OJP/BJA, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §200.311 (c).

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) budget allocation. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Public Law 90-190; 42 U.S.C. § 4371, et seq.) established a national policy to promote the protection and enhancement of the environment. This policy was in response to growing concerns about the ecological balance and preservation of wildlife in America while meeting the demands of a growing population. Any BJA grantee with a project involving construction, expansion, renovation, facility planning, site selection, site preparation, and security or facility upgrades must be in compliance with NEPA requirements during the initiation of the project as part of its planning, site selection, and site preparation. The BJA grantee must complete the NEPA process prior to actual construction, expansion, renovation, or remodeling (including security upgrades).

A categorical exclusion, a class of actions which either individually or cumulatively would not have a significant effect on the human environment and therefore would not require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement under NEPA, may be available for some projects where the NEPA impact is minimal. An environmental assessment (EA) assesses the need for a project or proposed action, alternatives to the project/action, and the environmental impacts of the proposed and alternative project/action. If a grantee is required to conduct an EA, BJA will provide this service free of charge to the grantee. Applicants do not need to allocate funding for this process in their grant applications. For more information regarding NEPA, please visit <https://bjaojp.gov/national-environmental-policy-act-nepa-guidance>.

Project insurance. New construction and major renovation projects create unique insurance challenges, and property owners need to understand the obligations and responsibilities they assume when contracting with their preferred builders or contractors. It is best to consult with an experienced independent insurance agent to assess the scope of a construction project and determine which policy is best suited to protect the owner's interests. BJA will require proof of project insurance prior to releasing funds to commence the construction/renovation/expansion project.

Authorization for real property use. Applicants must include documentation from the tribe’s appropriate tribal governing body authorizing the use of tribal land or facilities for the purpose of renovation, expansion, or replacement. The documentation must specify the proposed facility(s) and/or area of land to be used for the project.

Permanent modular facility construction minimum requirements: Considering the significant investment in these projects, BJA provides minimum requirements that permanent modular structures must meet to ensure that grantees opt for structurally sound permanent modular structures. For more information on these requirements visit <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.

Grant project Pperiod: Program planning should include a determination of the period of performance, not to exceed 60 months, necessary to complete the renovation, expansion, or replacement project without a no-cost grant extension.

To build your Purpose Area #4 narrative, use the provided template located at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.

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[Purpose Area #5 is not included in this year’s CTAS.]

6. Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities – CJA (OVC), CFDA #16.583

Goals and objectives

The goal of the CTAS Purpose Area #6, Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (CJA) program, is to provide funding to help American Indian and Alaska Native communities develop, establish, and operate programs designed 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. The statutory authority for the CJA program is the Children’s Justice Act, 34 U.S.C. § 20101(g).

Projects funded under this purpose area will improve (a) the handling of child abuse cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse, in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child victim and (b) the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse. Project activities should focus on trauma-informed, multidisciplinary approaches to the investigation, prosecution, and management of cases by improving coordination among tribal, state, and federal professionals.

The objectives of Purpose Area #6 are as follows:

- Provide emergency and crisis intervention services to aid child abuse victims and their family members in recovering from abuse and neglect.¹

¹ For purposes of the CJA program, “family members” refers to (1) members of the abused or neglected child’s family or individuals acting as the child’s legal guardian or caregiver, (2) individuals who are providing care and support to the child, and (3) individuals who are NOT the accused or actual perpetrators of the abuse or victimization for which the child is receiving services.

- Provide support services to child abuse victims and their nonoffending family members. Such support services might include, for example,
 - establishing or supporting child advocacy centers to provide a neutral and child-friendly area for trained professionals to conduct forensic interviews;
 - providing victims of child sexual abuse with access to sexual assault forensic medical exams performed by medical professionals with specialized training in conducting pediatric exams;
 - providing advocates to accompany the child victim to court to provide emotional support;
 - preparing child victims to participate in the judicial process by using developmentally appropriate language and resources;
 - facilitating victim impact statements;
 - implementing appropriate practices within the court setting to mitigate the trauma for child victims testifying in the physical presence of the accused;
 - 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 trauma-focused counseling for child victims, families, secondary victims (such as siblings or grandparents), and for groups of victims as appropriate.
- Support strategies for investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim, such as
 - creating a multidisciplinary team to work on child abuse cases;
 - using a multidisciplinary team approach to forensic interviewing of child victims;
 - dedicating specific police investigators or prosecutors (or both) for child abuse cases, particularly child sexual abuse cases.

Required deliverables

Award recipients under this purpose area will be required to submit quarterly performance measure data and semiannual reports detailing project activities, outcomes, and challenges.

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 the following:

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

Applicants may apply for funding to cover the following costs

Personnel/Staffing. Funding may support the salary and fringe benefits for personnel involved in investigation, prosecution, and victim services focused on cases of criminal child abuse and neglect.

Staffing may include dedicated prosecutors, law enforcement investigators, child protection services personnel, forensic interviewers, case managers, clinical mental health professionals, pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE), and other victim assistance and allied professionals.

Victim assistance. Funding may support victim assistance services that are linked to the child's victimization. Victim assistance may include developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed counseling for primary victims and secondary victims (such as siblings or grandparents); family therapy; group therapy; case management services; aid with participating in traditional healing ceremonies or other cultural activities; assistance with emergency food, clothing, and transportation costs; emergency shelter services; assistance with crime victim compensation claims; and medical and dental care.

Coordination/outreach. Funding may support multidisciplinary team meetings, community forums, and the development, production, and distribution of awareness materials such as public service announcements, posters, brochures, fact sheets, etc., designed to increase the public's awareness and understanding of child abuse and neglect and the availability of grant-funded services.

Development of policies/procedures/protocols. Funding may support the development and distribution of written response protocols, policies, and standard operating procedures manuals that promote trauma-informed approaches to the delivery of services to victims of child abuse and neglect and their family members. Funds may also be used to develop or update tribal codes related to defining and expanding victims' rights and crimes against children.

Cultural and traditional practices. Funding may support the inclusion of cultural and traditional practices in proposed activities—e.g., smudging, sweat lodges, or other traditional healing ceremonies—for victims of child abuse and neglect and their family members.

Expanding services. Funding may support expanding existing victim service programming to provide a more comprehensive array of services to child victims and their families. Funds may also be used to support outreach and education activities that educate the community about child abuse and neglect and how to access the services that are available.

Travel. Funding may support airfare, lodging, per diem, and other allowable incidental costs for meetings or trainings related to purpose area activities, including costs associated with travel for at least two appropriate staff to attend DOJ-required trainings (i.e., one CTAS grantee orientation, one OVC mandatory training, and the biennial OVC-sponsored National Indian Nations Conference).

Training. Funding may be used for costs associated with developing and conducting local in-service trainings relevant to the investigation and prosecution of criminal child abuse and neglect cases. Funding may also be used to send grant-funded staff—and, upon approval from your OVC grant manager, staff from collaborating partner agencies and organizations—to local, tribal, state, and regional training events that address the handling, investigation, and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases or address the provision of trauma-informed services to the victims and their families.

Equipment and supplies. Funding may be used for equipment and technology related to allowable activities. Costs may include supplies for play therapy, forensic interviewing recording equipment, digital cameras, rape kits, medical equipment for a pediatric SANE program, office furniture and equipment (e.g., printers and scanners, child-friendly furnishings), and materials for traditional crafts and healing ceremonies.

Procurement contracts and consultants. Funding can be used for a wide range of contracted services or individuals to carry out approved program activities. Award funds can also be used to procure goods or services for the benefit of the grantee. Examples include telemedicine/telemental health access; cell phone service; or leasing a vehicle, photocopier, or other equipment essential to the operation of the project. Allowable consultant costs include tribal code development, cultural experts, and trauma-informed care trainers/presenters.

Note: Costs associated with programs focused solely on prevention activities are not allowable.

Specific requirements

Eligibility. (1) For Purpose Area #6 Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities, federally recognized Indian tribes (as defined in footnote 1) are eligible to apply. In addition, an organization that is acting as the authorized designee of a federally recognized Indian tribe may apply.

In addition, under this purpose area, FY 2019 and FY 2020 Purpose Area #6 CJA program awardees are not eligible to apply for the FY 2021 Purpose Area #6 CJA program.

Budget. The proposed budget should not exceed \$450,000 for a 36-month project period and must be consistent with activities described in the program narrative.

Travel budget requirement. Applicants must budget travel costs, including airfare, lodging, mileage, and per diem for training costs associated with a required DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation meeting in year 1 of the award. For budgeting purposes, please include costs for attendance by two staff members designated with grant implementation, monitoring, and reporting at this two-day meeting using Washington, D.C., as the location. Please see the GSA web site for determining allowable per diem travel costs: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

Training and technical assistance activities. Upon award, OVC will provide access to free training and technical assistance (TTA) to assist with developing and implementing grant-funded projects. This may include professional development training, specific training for project staff and staff members from collaborating partner agencies and organizations or other experts on how to serve victims of child abuse and neglect, assistance with establishing mechanisms to capture required performance measurement data, development of project deliverables, or other TTA needs that may be identified. OVC expects all awardees to actively participate in activities and services offered through OVC and to use the OVC-designated TTA providers as their primary training and technical assistance resource.

□ Award information. OVC expects to make any award under this purpose area in the form of a grant. See the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide (<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP grants.

OVC expects to make up to six awards of up to \$450,000 each. Each award is for a 36-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2021, and end on September 30, 2024.

The funds for this program are authorized by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984. VOCA states that the funds are available for award recipients to use during the federal fiscal year that the award was made, plus three additional federal fiscal years (e.g., VOCA funds awarded in FY 2021 are available for use through the end of FY 2024). Therefore, OVC cannot approve any project extensions for this award.

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[Purpose Area #7 is not included in this year’s CTAS.]

8. Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP), CFDA #16.585

Purpose

The purpose of this grant program is to support tribes seeking to establish a Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court or to enhance an existing Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court. Enhancements to existing Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness courts can focus on court operations and/or the implementation of programs and the delivery of services. All grant recipients will be required to work with their OJJDP grant manager and OJJDP’s training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to work through key objectives and deliverables over the course of the five-year award period.

Overview of Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts

Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts are special courts like drug courts that combine judicial supervision, substance abuse treatment, case management, drug testing, and graduated incentives and sanctions to help individuals with substance use disorders achieve sustained recovery and avoid reoffending. Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts use a team approach that includes the judge, attorneys, probation, law enforcement, treatment providers, educational and vocational services, and other partners. In addition, Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court teams can incorporate tribal elders, traditional healers, and other culturally appropriate resources to promote participants’ healing and reintegration into the tribal community. The 10 Key Components to of a Healing to Wellness Court can be found at <http://www.wellnesscourts.org/tribal-key-components/index.cfm>.

Goals and objectives

- Conduct a community strengths and needs assessment to help define the need for a Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court or the enhancement(s) for an existing Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court, identify existing resources and partners that can support the establishment of the court or the proposed enhancement(s), and identify resource gaps and other areas of need that should be addressed during the planning and implementation of the court.

- Obtain support from tribal council, tribal court judges, prosecutor's office, defense counsel, probation, law enforcement, treatment providers, schools, vocational programs, other service providers, tribal elders, tribal community members, and others as appropriate.
- Develop or enhance Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court policies and procedures, which should address eligibility criteria, screening and assessment procedures and tools, phased treatment, supportive services, compliance monitoring, and graduated sanctions and incentives.
- Hire any staff needed for the Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court team.
- Participate in TTA activities as directed by OJJDP. Activities may include training and technical support implemented through a guided strategic planning framework and use of the Juvenile Healing to Wellness Handbook (<http://www.wellnesscourts.org/files/Tribal%20Healing%20to%20Wellness%20Courts%20The%20Key%20Components.pdf>). **Please note that OJJDP will designate a TTA provider for this project. Grantees should not propose to use grant funds to hire consultants for this purpose.**
- Complete or update a Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court policies and procedures manual.
- Develop or enhance written bench books, screening and assessment tools, participant contracts, participant handbooks, and any other resources needed to implement the Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court.
- Develop a strategic plan for implementation, following the outlined goals, objectives, action steps, and timeline.
- Develop a written data collection protocol describing how the data outlined in the strategic plan will be collected, stored, and analyzed to measure project success and make any needed adjustments to the project design.
- Develop and implement an appropriate data collection system (or an existing system) to support the project.
- Collect data pursuant to the performance measures outlined in the strategic plan.
- Screen court-involved juveniles and young adult under age 21 for eligibility.
- Conduct a process evaluation with assistance from the OJJDP-designated TTA provider.

Applicants may apply for funding to cover the following costs

Staffing. Salary and fringe benefits for positions to support the design and implementation of the program and oversee staff that provide direct assistance to youth participants.

Equipment and supplies. Computer hardware and software for internet access and email capability, cell phones, telephones, pagers, printers, fax machines, and copiers as needed for program implementation; general office supplies, postage, and other necessary program and outreach supplies.

Training. Off-site specific training for identified program staff to attend in order to improve or develop skills in the areas related to operating a Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court. **Note:** While funds may be allocated for program staff to attend training, all grant recipients will receive on-site and cluster trainings from the OJJDP-selected training provider. Funds are **not** allowed for additional consultants.

Travel. Airfare, lodging, and mileage reimbursement for meeting or training costs related to program activities, including costs associated with DOJ-required training (see “Specific requirements” in the following section).

Court operations and services. Administrative, management, and operational activities that support the court and treatment and services for youth.

Specific requirements

Important note: Federally recognized tribes that are seeking to establish a Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court or enhance an existing Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court are eligible to apply.

Opioid abuse. Applicants must include a strategy to create comprehensive diversion and alternatives to incarceration programs for those impacted by the opioid epidemic.

Limitation on participation of violent offenders. Per 34 U.S.C. § 10612, any drug treatment court that receives funds under this program may not permit participation by violent offenders. For the purposes of this solicitation, the term “violent offender” includes a juvenile who has been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a felony-level offense that (1) has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or the possession or use of a firearm or (2) by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense. See 34 U.S.C. § 10613. Funding will be immediately suspended if DOJ determines that violent offenders are participating in any program funded under this solicitation.

Technical assistance. A TTA provider has already been identified by OJJDP to support Purpose Area #8 grantees. Applicants should **not** include requests for funding to support onsite consultants as this will be managed by the existing TTA provider.

Establishing a Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Court. Funding will support a planning period not to exceed 12 months and will focus on educating the Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness team about the components of a Healing to Wellness Court and develop a program that integrates court and treatment functions. OJJDP expects the court to be operational and providing services at the conclusion of the planning period.

Travel. Applicants should budget for attendance at the following Purpose Area #8-specific OJJDP trainings:

1. One two-day Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training for up to four people (for budgeting purposes, please use Palm Springs, CA, as the location of this meeting)
2. Two Purpose Area #8-specific training events for two people (for budgeting purposes, please use Washington, D.C., as the location for these two-day meetings)

Applicants must budget travel costs, including airfare, lodging, mileage, and per diem for training costs associated with a required DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation meeting in year 1 of the award. For budgeting purposes, please include costs for attendance by two staff members designated with grant implementation, monitoring, and reporting at this two-day meeting using Washington, D.C., as the location. Please see the GSA web site for determining allowable per diem travel costs:

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

Other. Recipients of grant funds will be required to participate in one Program Area #8–specific, web-based new grantee orientation.

Performance measurement. In addition to collecting the appropriate project-specific data, grantees will be required to submit data to OJJDP for performance measurement. See <https://ojjppmt.ojp.gov/>.

To build your Purpose Area #8 narrative, use the provided template located at

<https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.

9. Tribal Youth Program – TYP (OJJDP), CFDA #16.731

Purpose

OJJDP’s Tribal Youth Program (TYP) seeks to support and enhance tribal efforts to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and strengthen a fair and beneficial juvenile justice system response for American Indian and Alaska Native youth. The funding in this purpose area enables tribes to develop, expand, or strengthen approaches along the juvenile justice continuum that can range from prevention to intervention and treatment. This program enhances public safety, ensures that youth are held appropriately accountable to both victims and communities, and empowers youth to live productive, law-abiding lives.

Note: The population of youth served under this grant must not include youth who are age 18 or older.

Goals and objectives

Applicants may choose to address any of the following eligible activities described below and should choose from the following two categories.

Category 1. Develop a new tribal youth program. Applicants are limited to those tribes that have **not** been awarded a Purpose Area # 9 award from OJJDP in FY 2020, FY 2019, or FY 2018.

Category 2. Enhance an existing OJJDP-funded youth program. Funding for this activity is intended for current grantees who have developed and are implementing a tribal youth program that they would like to enhance or expand. Those tribes that have Purpose Area # 9 grants awarded from OJJDP that have a project period end date in 2021 are eligible to apply.

Prevention

- **Prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency and promote protective factors.** This may include mentoring, youth development, anti-gang education, truancy and school dropout prevention programs, after-school programs, and anti-bullying and parenting education programs.

- **Prevention, intervention, and treatment for children exposed to violence.** This includes development and implementation of trauma-informed practices in programs and services that address child abuse and neglect and the effects and issues of childhood trauma or exposure to violence. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the DOJ report on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence (<https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/defendingchildhood/pages/attachments/2014/11/18/finalaiianreport.pdf>).
- **Development and implementation of tribal best practices and traditional healing methods to support tribal youth.** This may include engaging youth in activities centered on cultural preservation, land reclamation, green or sustainable tribal traditions, and language preservation.

Intervention

- **Interventions for court-involved tribal youth.** This may include therapeutic services, mentoring, graduated sanctions, restitution, diversion, home detention, foster and shelter care, and other alternatives to detention.
- **Intervention and treatment services for children exposed to sex trafficking.** This may include the development of or implementation of programs and services for children who are victims of sex trafficking. Please see the OJJDP Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children/Sex Trafficking Literature Review at: <https://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/litreviews/CSECSexTrafficking.pdf>.

Treatment

- **Treatment services for at-risk and high-risk youth.** This may include alcohol and drug abuse treatment and prevention programs; mental health treatment (counseling, referral, and placement); and development of comprehensive screening tools, crisis intervention, intake assessments, treatment team planning, and therapeutic services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders.
- **Services for youth in detention or out-of-home placement.** This may include green or sustainable tribal traditions, risk and needs assessments, educational and vocational programming, mental health and substance abuse services, family strengthening, recreational activities, and aftercare and re-entry services to help successfully reintegrate the youth into the tribal community.

Effective use of data

- **Improvement on or establishment of data collection systems.** This may include efforts to create or improve abilities to track youth in detention, placement, or community-based programs with the goal of improving understanding of and responses to youth and community needs.

Applicants may apply for funding to cover the following costs

Staffing. Salary and fringe benefits for positions to support implementation of the program and other costs for professional support services and for evaluation.

Equipment and supplies. Computer hardware and software for internet access and email capability, cell phones, telephones, printers, and copiers as needed for program implementation; general office supplies, postage, and other necessary program and outreach supplies.

Travel. Airfare, lodging, and mileage reimbursement for meeting or training costs related to program activities, including costs associated with DOJ-required training (see “Specific requirements” in the following section).

Programs and services. Prevention and intervention programs, services, and strategies that support youth, families, and the tribal juvenile justice system.

Specific requirements

Important note: Please review eligibility requirements for Category 1 (developing a new tribal youth program) or Category 2 (enhance or expand an existing tribal youth program) carefully to ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria.

Technical assistance. A training and technical assistance (TTA) provider has already been identified by OJJDP to support Purpose Area #9 grantees at no cost to the grantees. Applicants should **not** include requests for funding to support onsite consultants as this will be managed by the existing TTA provider.

Travel. Applicants must budget travel costs for attendance at the following Purpose Area #9-specific trainings:

1. One three-day OJJDP strategic planning session for up to four people (for budgeting purposes, please use Washington, D.C., as the location of this meeting).
2. Two Purpose Area #9–specific training events for two people (for budgeting purposes, please use Washington, D.C., as the location for these two-day meetings).

Applicants must budget travel costs, including airfare, lodging, mileage, and per diem for training costs associated with a required DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation meeting in year 1 of the award. For budgeting purposes, please include costs for attendance by two staff members designated with grant implementation, monitoring, and reporting at this two-day meeting using Washington, D.C., as the location. Please see the GSA web site for determining allowable per diem travel costs:

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

Other. Recipients of grant funds will be required to participate in one Program Area #9–specific, web-based new grantee orientation.

Performance measurement. In addition to collecting the appropriate project-specific data, grantees will be required to submit data to OJJDP for performance measurement. See <https://ojjdppmt.ojp.gov/>.

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<https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations>.