



# **OVW Tribal Affairs Division:** *Addressing Violence Against American Indian & Alaska Native Women*

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# Today's Presentation

- OVW Mission and Overview
- Grant Programs and Initiatives Administered by the Tribal Affairs Division Overview
- General Tips for OVW Discretionary Grant Applications
- Available Resources



# OVW Overview

**Mission: OVW provides federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.**

**Grant  
Programs  
Administration**

**Training and  
Technical  
Assistance**

**Coordination  
with other  
Agencies on  
VAW Issues**



# VAWA Discretionary Grant Programs

## Tribal Specific


## Tribal Governments Are Eligible


## Tribal Governments are NOT Eligible – Other tribal serving entities may be




# Tribal Affairs Division (TAD) Role

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- Government-to-Government Consultation on VAWA  
<https://www.ovwconsultation.org/>
- Coordinate with other federal agencies and DOJ offices on violence against Native women
- Partnership with NIJ for the National Baseline Study
- 904 Task Force – [www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force)
- Tribal Specific Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)



# TAD Grant Programs

## Grant Programs

- Tribal Coalitions
- Grants to Indian Tribal Governments (*Tribal Governments Program or TGP*)
- Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (*TSASP*)
- Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program (*Tribal Jurisdiction or TJP*)
- Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorney Program (*Tribal SAUSA*)

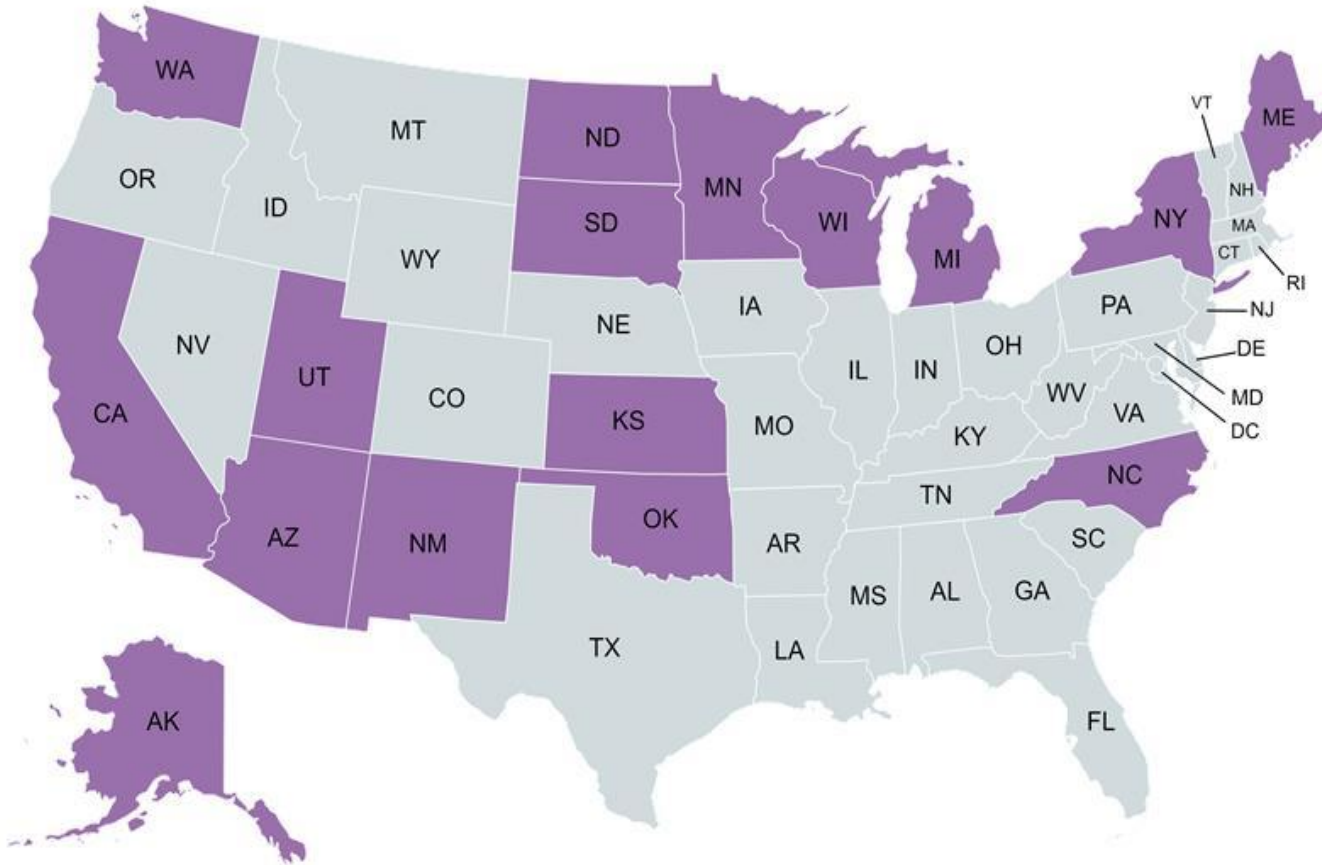


# TAD Special Initiatives

- National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault (NTCSA)
- Inter-Tribal Working Group (ITWG)
- FAST Initiative: *tribal medical forensic exams and victim advocacy*
- Tribal Sex Trafficking Conference
- Urban Populations (TTA-RUN)
- Tribal Campus/Colleges
- Nation Tribal Trial College (NTTC)
- Alaska Capacity Initiative
- Support for the Muscogee Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Seminole and Quapaw Nations in Oklahoma
- Reimbursement Initiative*



# Tribal Coalitions Program



- Currently 19 OVW designated Tribal Coalitions within 16 states.
- Organizations may propose to incorporate and operate a tribal coalition in areas where Indian tribes are located but no tribal coalition exists.
- The ways that tribal coalitions serve their regions is constantly growing and developing. To find out more about each of these organizations, visit [www.atcev.org](http://www.atcev.org).





# Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (Tribal Governments or TGP)

- Nearly 200 tribes and tribal organizations currently funded
- Funded by set asides from seven OVW grant programs: STOP, ICJR/Arrest, Rural, LAV, Transitional Housing, Consolidated Youth, and Justice for Families
- Designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to DV/SA, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking by developing a comprehensive response



# Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP)

- Over 40 tribes and tribal organizations currently funded
- Programs provide **direct services** to sexual assault survivors and their families in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages
- Funded by a statutory set-aside from OVW's Sexual Assault Services Program

## **Prohibited Activities**

- Prevention and Public Education
- Criminal Justice-related – Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts, Forensic Interviewing, etc.
- Providing DV victim services unrelated to IPV
- SA Forensic Medical Examiner
- SART Coordination
- Providing training to allied professionals (law enforcement, courts, CPS, etc.)



# Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program (Tribal Jurisdiction Program)

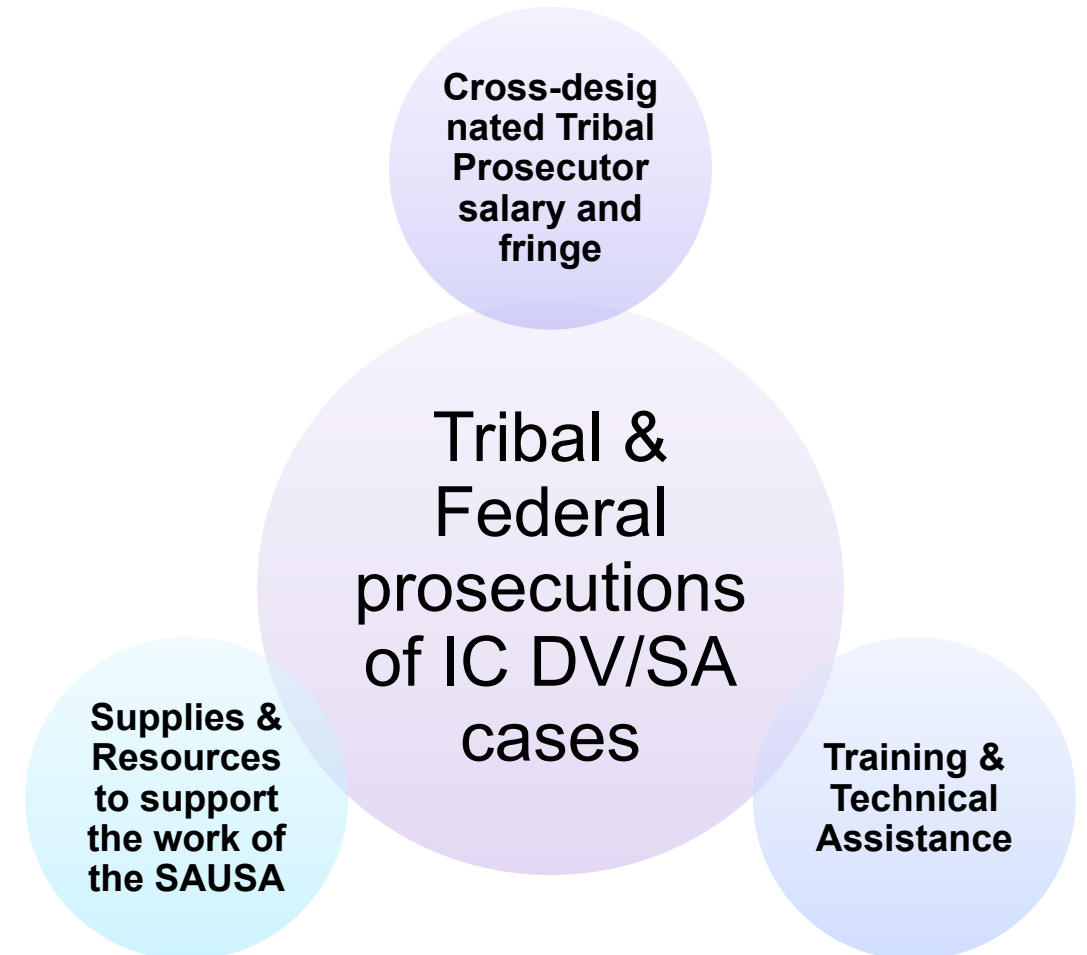


- TJP is designed to assist tribes with exercising tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians that commit certain crimes in Indian country
- Provides monetary and technical support for activities across the planning, implementation, and exercising phases of criminal jurisdiction
- Over 30 tribes currently funded and approximately 18 are exercising jurisdiction; others are in the planning and preparation stages



# Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorney (Tribal SAUSA)

- First piloted in FY14 – FY22 received funding for the program in our appropriation for the first time
- Fill gaps in jurisdictional coverage;
- Increase communication between federal prosecutors and the Tribal community; and
- Improve the quality of IC sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking cases being brought for prosecution.
- Requires strong commitment from both the USAO and the Tribe.



# Training and Technical Assistance Providers/Projects



- Comprehensive for Tribal Governments Program
  - Urban Native Programs
  - Sexual Assault on Tribal Campuses
- [Red-Wind.net](http://Red-Wind.net)



- Comprehensive for Tribal Coalitions  
[www.atcev.org](http://www.atcev.org)



## Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

- Sex Trafficking  
<https://miwsactraffickingconference.com/>
- National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault
- Comprehensive Tribal Sexual Assault Services [www.MIWSAC.org](http://www.MIWSAC.org)



- Comprehensive for Tribal Jurisdiction Program
- InterTribal Technical Assistance Working Group on Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (ITWG)

Email: [TribalVAWA@tlpi.org](mailto:TribalVAWA@tlpi.org)  
Website: [www.home.tlpi.org](http://www.home.tlpi.org)



# Training and Technical Assistance



**SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR LAW AND POLICY**

National Tribal Trial College  
[www.nttconline.org](http://www.nttconline.org)



Native Alliance Against Violence  
Data Collection, Utilization, and Program  
Assessment TA

<https://tribaldataproject.org/>



International Forensic Nurses Association  
Indigenous Sexual Assault & Abuse  
Clearinghouse [www.isaaconline.org](http://www.isaaconline.org)



OVW Training Calendar  
and TA Directory  
<https://ta2ta.org/>



Tribal Coalitions Community Awareness,  
Outreach, and Prevention  
<https://qhinstitute.org/campaign-materials/>



Alaska Native  
Women's  
Resource Center  
[www.AKNWRC.org](http://www.AKNWRC.org)



# Questions



# Applying for Grant Funding!





# Locate Funding Opportunities

## Federal Grants: [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)

- DOJ – Office on Violence Against Women – [www.justice.gov/ovw](http://www.justice.gov/ovw)
- DOJ – Office for Victims of Crime – [www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov)
- DOJ – Bureau of Justice Assistance – [www.bja.gov](http://www.bja.gov)
- DOJ – Tribal Justice and Safety - [www.justice.gov/tribal](http://www.justice.gov/tribal)
- Department of Health and Human Services – FVPSA

## Other resources

- State grants – specifically state STOP grants – Check your state’s funding site
- Foundations



A screenshot of a web browser showing the "Open Solicitations" page on the DOJ OVW website. The browser address bar shows "justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations". The page header includes the DOJ seal and "THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE". A navigation menu has links for "ABOUT", "OUR AGENCY", "OUR WORK", "NEWS", "RESOURCES", "CAREERS", and "CONTACT". The breadcrumb trail reads "Home » Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) » How to Apply for OVW Funding". A sidebar on the left lists various office resources, with "How to Apply for OVW Funding" selected. The main content area has a black banner with "OPEN SOLICITATIONS" in white. Below it, a yellow box with an envelope icon and the text "Email sign up: Get an alert when a new solicitation is released" is circled in red. Underneath is a section for "FY 2023 OPEN SOLICITATIONS" with the text "See below for a list of current open solicitations for fiscal year 2023." A list of solicitations follows, including "Emerging Issues and Training and Technical Assistance", "Justice For Families Program", "Legal Assistance for Victims Program", "Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations", "Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program", and "Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program Expanding Legal Services Initiative (ELSI)". Two red arrows point to the "Open Solicitations" link in the sidebar and the "How to Apply for OVW Funding" breadcrumb. The page is updated as of January 17, 2023.

# Tips for Applying – Before you even write one word or add two digits...

- ✓ Connect with partners early and often.
  - If MOUs, Support Letters, or Documents Demonstrating Authority to Apply are required – get started on them early.
- ✓ Ensure registrations and passwords are current (e.g. SAM, Grants.gov, and JustGrants).
- ✓ Review the JustGrants Training Resources on Application Submission  
<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission>
- ✓ Solicitation - Pre-application information sessions - OVW Solicitation Companion Guide  
<https://www.justice.gov/ovw>
- ✓ Fully understand the grant program, eligibility requirements, and purpose areas.
- ✓ Contact funding agency point of contact if you have questions about the program or any of the requirements.

**Video Series: Leveraging Funding Opportunities  
with TAD**

<https://www.ovwconsultation.org/Leveraging-TAD>



# Tips for Writing Your Proposal

- ✓ Don't underestimate the “easy” stuff.
- ✓ Avoid using acronyms and do not assume the reviewer knows.
- ✓ Use recent and relevant local data-tell your community's story– cite your sources.
- ✓ Address ALL sections and questions.
- ✓ Use the headers, section titles provided; include page numbers and follow formatting guidance.
- ✓ Clearly connect your project goals, objectives, and activities to the program purpose area(s)—**Be consistent throughout the entire application package.**

**Narrative**   **Budget**   **Timeline**   **MOU**   **All Other Supporting Docs**

**TIP** – Turn on “Track Changes” then pass it to a couple other folks for fresh eyes and comments.



# Tips for Applying

- ✓ Utilize: Checklists – Templates – Samples
- ✓ Be in compliance and good standing with current and past awards.
- ✓ Ensure contact information is current, especially email addresses.
- ✓ Use clear file names for electronic documents. Print and keep copies of all online grant application.
- ✓ Submit the application by the due dates!!! **There are two Due Dates.**
- ✓ DO NOT WAIT until the deadline to begin submission.
- ✓ Contact [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov) if you have trouble submitting in JustGrants.
- ✓ For more tips, samples, forms, and archived webinars or closed solicitations, check out: [www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/how-apply)



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