

TRIBAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY PROGRAM

OVW Tribal Affairs Division



Through this initiative, OVW partners with U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs) and the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) to support Tribes and USAOs with Indian country jurisdiction in the investigation and prosecution of Indian country cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking, and stalking.

About the TSAUSA Program



Tribes receive funds to work with their USAO partner to hire or retain a mutually agreed upon attorney to be cross-designated as both a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) and a Tribal prosecutor. Eligibility for the TSAUSA Program is by invitation only.



The Tribal SAUSAs are appointed to a grant-funded position, to be divided between the USAO and Tribal prosecutor's office, as agreed between the USAO and the Tribe, provided the SAUSA spends sufficient time at the beginning of the award period at the USAO to be trained as a federal prosecutor. The cross-designated prosecutors maintain an active caseload, while also helping to promote higher quality investigations and better inter-governmental communication.



Grant funding supports salary and fringe benefits for a Tribal SAUSA, as well as training, travel, and other resources needed to support the work of the Tribal SAUSA.

Requirements

Required Partnership

Recipients must enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the USAO for their district. The MOU contains the terms of the partnership between the USAO and the Tribe.

Training and Technical Assistance Participation

Recipients must participate in training offered by the U.S. Department of Justice National Indian Country Training Initiative at the National Advocacy Center in addition to other OVW training and technical assistance opportunities.

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