

TRIBAL COALITIONS



Program Overview

The Tribal Affairs Division (TAD) within OVW is responsible for the administration of tribal specific grant programs and initiatives, management of tribal specific training and technical assistance, and coordination with other federal departments and DOJ offices on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sex trafficking, and stalking in tribal communities.

The Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program (Tribal Coalitions Program) builds the capacity of survivors, advocates, Indian women’s organizations, and victim service providers to form nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Tribal Coalitions Program grants are used to: increase awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking against American Indian and Alaska Native women; enhance the response to violence against women at the tribal, federal, and state levels; and identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services.

Program Eligibility

- Grant funds support tribal non-profit organizations to establish or sustain domestic violence and/or sexual assault tribal coalitions that operate within their designated service areas to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.
- Eligible applicants include current OVW designated tribal coalitions or new non-profit domestic violence and sexual assault organizations that have successfully fulfilled the certification requirements and have been invited to apply.

Tribal Coalition Grant Funding Can Be Used To:

- Increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against Indian women;
- Enhance the response to violence against Indian women at the Federal, State, and tribal levels;
- Identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services to Indian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence, including sex trafficking; and,

- Assist Indian tribes in developing and promoting State, local, and tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.

Tribal Coalitions strive to offer the best services possible to support tribes, tribal programs, and individuals that provide direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence within their designated service areas. The coalitions know that the most difficult and valued work in the field of domestic and sexual violence advocacy is done at the ground level. When the tribal programs succeed, victims are being served and tribal communities are being supporting in speaking out against and responding to violence against women.

Examples of How Tribal Coalitions Serve Their Communities:

- Provide trainings for advocates and community professionals to build and strengthen the skills needed to serve victims;
- Assist with community awareness and education outreach ideas and events;
- Provide guidance on programmatic and financial reporting requirements to keep tribal programs grant compliant so that they may continue to receive critical funding;
- Share research, best practices, forms and policies to help build program capacity;
- Help facilitate relationships with tribal and non-tribal colleagues and agencies;
- Facilitate technical assistance on difficult issues and help address barriers to service and justice; and,
- Provide self-care tips for dealing with vicarious trauma to make sure that tribal program personnel remain healthy in order to continue to provide valuable services.

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.