

TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM



Funding Agency Overview

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice. OVW administers grant programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation and provides national leadership on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW grants support coordinated community responses to hold offenders accountable and serve victims. 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.

Overview: Ovw Tribal Governments Program

The OVW Tribal Governments Program enhances the ability of Tribes to respond to violent crimes against Indian victims and enhance victim safety.

Funding under the OVW Tribal Governments Program may be used to:

- Provide funding to tribes to develop and enhance effective governmental strategies to curtail violent crimes against and increase the safety of Indian victims consistent with tribal law and custom;
- Increase tribal capacity to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking crimes against Indian women;
- Strengthen tribal justice interventions;
- Enhance services to Indian victims;
- Develop education and prevention awareness campaigns;
- Provide programs for supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children;
- Provide transitional housing for victims;
- Provide legal assistance for victims;

- Provide services for youth victims;
- Develop and promote legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to crimes against Indian women; and,
- Develop, strengthen, and implement policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Indians.

Eligibility Information

OVW will accept applications from a federally recognized Indian Tribe; an authorized designee of a federally recognized Indian Tribe; or a Tribal consortium. All applicants must demonstrate that their proposal was developed in consultation with either: 1) a non-profit, nongovernmental Indian victim services program; 2) a non-profit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or 3) an advisory committee comprised of women from the community that will be served by the project.

Additional Information

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