

SYNOPSIS

COVID-19/Violence Against Women Assistance to Tribes

Total Available Funding: \$5,000,000

Expected Number of Awards: 75

Estimated Award Range: \$50,000-\$100,000

Registration Due: 9/10/2020

Application Due: 9/16/2020

Length of Award: 12-18 Months

Purpose: Tribes may apply for either or both of the opportunities below.

1. Tribal Governments Program: Respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking in tribal communities, for example:
 - Operate domestic violence court services online or create physical distancing in courts.
 - Implement cleaning protocols in shelters.
 - Purchase hotel vouchers to meet additional shelter needs.
 - Provide personal protective equipment for law enforcement officers responding to domestic violence calls or advocates providing in-person victim services.
 - Provide COVID-19 testing and medical treatment for inmates convicted under Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction or for victims in domestic violence shelters.
 - Increase staffing on a short-term basis to respond to increased calls for services related to the COVID-19 national emergency.
2. Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP): Create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by tribes, tribal organizations and non-profit tribal organizations within Indian Country and Alaska Native villages; for example:
 - Provide personal protective equipment for sexual assault victim advocates.
 - Purchase equipment needed to offer online sexual assault victim services, including equipment for staff to work remotely.
 - Purchase Plexiglas shields for separation during in-person sexual assault victim services.
 - Add victim advocate time, temporarily, to address increased calls for sexual assault victim services related to the COVID-19 national emergency.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST PROPOSE ACTIVITIES THAT ADDRESS TRIBAL NEEDS IN RESPONDING TO VIOLENCE CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN THAT HAVE ARISEN AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

Applications must include only activities that fit within the statutory program purposes listed below for the specific grant program for which the applicant is applying.

Tribal Governments Program

The Tribal Governments Program provides funding to tribal governments or their designees to:

1. Develop and enhance effective governmental strategies to curtail violent crimes against women.

2. Increase tribal capacity to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and sex trafficking crimes against Native women.
3. Strengthen tribal justice interventions including tribal law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, and correctional facilities.
4. Enhance services to victims.
5. Develop prevention and education strategies.
6. Provide supervised visitation services.
7. Provide transitional housing and related support services to victims.
8. Provide legal assistance to victims.
9. Provide services to youth victims and children and youth exposed to these crimes.
10. Develop and promote legislation and policies to respond to violent crimes against Indian women.

TSASP:

1. 24-hour hotline services providing crisis intervention services and referral.
2. Accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, including medical facilities, police, and court proceedings.
3. Crisis intervention, short-term individual and group support services, and comprehensive service coordination and supervision to assist sexual assault victims and family or household members.
4. Information and referral to assist the sexual assault victim and family or household members.
5. Community-based, culturally specific services and support mechanisms, including outreach activities for underserved communities.
6. The development and distribution of materials on issues related to the services described in (1) – (5).

CONTENT OF APPLICATION

1. Project Narrative – Two to five pages, double-spaced
 - a. Need for Project (20 points)
 - b. What will be done (50 points)
2. Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (25 points)
3. Summary Data sheet (5 points)
 - a. See pages 10-12 of NOFO
4. Additional requirements
 - a. SF 424
 - b. Assurances and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
 - c. Tribal Resolution
 - d. Confidentiality Notice Form
 - e. Pre-Award Risk Assessment
 - f. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
 - g. Letter of Non-Supplanting