



**BIA-SAFE-FY23-ICWA
FY23 ICWA OFF-RESERVATION GRANT**
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Funding Opportunity Number:	BIA-SAFE-FY23-ICWA
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY23 ICWA OFF-RESERVATION GRANT
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)
Category Explanation:	FY23 FUNDING FOR TWO YEAR ICWA OFF-RESERVATION PROJECT GRANT
Expected Number of Awards:	
CFDA Number(s):	15.144 -- Indian Child Welfare Act Title II Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

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Original Closing Date for Applications:	Sep 15, 2023 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Sep 15, 2023 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., ET, on the listed application due date.
Archive Date:	
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$2,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$200,000
Award Floor:	\$80,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:	Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification) Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
Additional Information on Eligibility:	Authorized Tribal organizations, as defined at 25 U.S.C. 5304(l) may apply individually or as a consortium for a grant under this notice. Indian Organization, solely for purpose of eligibility for grants, means any legally established group, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity which is owned or controlled by Indians, or a majority (51 percent or more) of whose members are Indians. A consortium is created by an agreement or association between two or more eligible applicants who enter into an agreement to administer a grant program and to provide services under the grant to Indian residents in a specific geographical area when its administratively feasible to provide an adequate level of service within the area. An applicant may not submit more than one application nor be the beneficiary of more than one grant under this notice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Description:

The BIA is the Federal agency charged with administering ICWA funding to Federally recognized Tribes. In FY 2023, the Congress appropriated \$2.0 million to fund off-reservation programs authorized by section 202 of the ICWA (25 U.S.C. 1932). The BIA will distribute the FY 2023 funding through the competitive grant process outlined in 25 CFR § 23.31-23.35, Subpart D., Grants to Off-Reservation Indian Organizations for Title II Indian Child and Family Services Programs (subject to fund availability), to assist Indian Organizations in establishing and operating off-reservation Indian child and family service programs, which may include, but are not limited to:(1) a system for regulating, maintaining, and supporting Indian foster and adoptive homes, including a subsidy program under which Indian adoptive children may be provided support comparable to that for which they would be eligible as Indian foster children, taking into account the appropriate State standards of support for maintenance and medical needs;(2) the operation and maintenance of facilities and services for counseling and treatment of Indian families and Indian foster and adoptive children;(3) family assistance, including homemaker and home counselors, day care, afterschool care, and employment, recreational activities, and respite care; and(4) guidance, legal representation, and advice to Indian families involved in child custody proceedings, 25 U.S.C. 1932.

BackgroundOn January 13, 1994, Indian Affairs (IA) published in the Federal Register (59 FR 2248) regulations revising 25 CFR part 23, the rules that govern the Title II ICWA grant program. The announcement converted the previous competitive ICWA grant award process to initiate a noncompetitive award system for eligible Federally recognized Tribes. In FY 1995, the eligible Tribes began to continuously access their recurring ICWA funds in the Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) budget Sub activity section of the Tribe's budget system. The funding process managed centrally by IA for off-reservation Indian Organizations was discontinued after the conversion to the noncompetitive process for eligible federally recognized Tribes. The BIA last awarded the ICWA off-reservation grants to Indian Organizations in FY 1994. Rather, some federally recognized Tribes have contracted with off-reservation Indian Organizations, if and where needed. In FY 2020, the Congress appropriated \$1.0 million specifically to fund off-reservation programs authorized by section 202 of the ICWA (25 U.S.C. 1932). In FY 2021, the Congress allocated again \$1.0 million for the ICWA, to fund off-reservation programs authorized by section 202 of the ICWA (25 U.S.C. 1932) for the second consecutive fiscal year. In FY 2022, Congress allocated \$1.5 million for the ICWA, to fund off-reservation programs authorized by section 202 of the ICWA (25 U.S.C. 1932) for the third consecutive fiscal year. In FY 2023, Congress allocated 2 million, additional \$500,000 for the ICWA, to fund off-reservation programs authorized by section 202 of the ICWA (25 U.S.C. 1932) for the fourth consecutive fiscal year. These are considered one-time funding for the earmark as included in the four consecutive fiscal year appropriations act.

Items to Consider Before Preparing an Application, Funding Limitations, 2-year Timeframes and No-Cost Extensions Awards are subject to available funding. The BIA's obligation under this solicitation notice is contingent on receipt of available appropriated funds. No liability on part of the U.S. Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the awarding officer for this grant. No liability may arise until the recipient receives notice of such availability and is confirmed in writing by the grants officer.

Link to Additional Information: See Related Documents**Grantor Contact Information:** If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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