

Office on Violence Against Women: Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Reimbursement Program

Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Reimbursement of Expenses from Calendar Year 2025

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172440

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 7, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 9, 2026, by 4:59 PM ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice. OVW administers Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) programs designed to prevent and respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

This is a notice of reimbursement opportunity (NORO) for the **Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Reimbursement Program (Tribal Reimbursement Program)**. This program reimburses Tribal governments for expenses incurred in exercising “Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction” (STCJ) over non-Indians who commit certain covered crimes (assault of Tribal justice personnel; child, dating, sexual and/or domestic violence; obstruction of justice; sex trafficking; stalking; and protection order violations) in Indian country pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1304 (or in Alaska Native Villages pursuant to a DOJ pilot program established by 25 U.S.C. § 1305(d)).

Reimbursements under this NORO will be based on applying Tribes’ actual calendar year 2025 STCJ expenses. The amount each Tribe receives will be calculated using the process and applicable calculations described in the program regulations.¹ More information about STCJ, the Tribal Reimbursement Program, and its implementing regulations is available on the [OVW website](#).

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.059
Statutory Authority	25 U.S.C. § 1304(h)(1)
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172440
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$4,400,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	20
Award Type	Reimbursement
Anticipated Award Amount	Determined by each applying Tribe’s expenses
Reimbursement Period	January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

¹ See 28 C.F.R. §§ 90.34 & 90.35.

Key Dates and Times

NORO Release Date	June 3, 2026
Office Hours	June 15, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Start the process at least 30 days before deadlines
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on July 7, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on July 9, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By September 30, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NORO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government Entities

- Tribal governments²
 - All applicants must have exercised STCJ over at least one of the covered crimes during calendar year 2025. Exercise of jurisdiction over all covered crimes is not required.
 - Tribes that exercised STCJ over some covered crimes during 2025 but were in the planning phase for additional covered crimes are eligible for reimbursement for exercising expenses, but not for planning expenses.

Cost sharing: This NORO does **not** require cost sharing (match).

Additional Eligibility Factors

Certification of Eligibility

To apply for a reimbursement award, applicants will have to check a declaration and certification in JustGrants that certifies to the following:

- (1) The applicant is a federally recognized Tribe exercising Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ), as defined by 25 U.S.C. § 1304(a)(14) or section 812(5) of Public Law 117-103, over non-Indian offenders who commit any covered crime, as defined by 25 U.S.C. § 1304(a)(5) or section 812(1)(A) of Public Law 117-103; and

² Governments of Tribal entities, recognized by and eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs by virtue of their status as Indian Tribes, that exercise STCJ as defined by 25 U.S.C. § 1304(a)(14) or section 812(5) of Public Law 117-103 (“participating Tribes”). See 28 C.F.R. § 90.31(a). See *also* 25 U.S.C. § 1301(1) (defining “Indian tribe” as “any tribe, band, or other group of Indians subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and recognized as possessing powers of self-government”).

- (2) Expenses described in the application for reimbursement are only those incurred in, relating to, or associated with the exercise of STCJ and do not include costs incurred in planning to exercise STCJ.

Disqualifying Factors: Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#).

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Under the Tribal Reimbursement Program statute (34 U.S.C. § 1304(h)(1)(B)), eligible expenses for reimbursement include expenses and costs incurred in, relating to, or associated with the following:

- i. Investigating, making arrests relating to, making apprehensions for, or prosecuting covered crimes (including costs involving the purchasing, collecting, and processing of sexual assault forensic materials);
- ii. Detaining, providing supervision of, or providing services for persons charged with covered crimes (including costs associated with providing health care);
- iii. Providing indigent defense services for one or more persons charged with one or more covered crimes; and
- iv. Incarcerating, supervising, or providing treatment, rehabilitation, or reentry services for one or more persons charged with one or more covered crimes.

Examples of Expenses Eligible for Reimbursement

Per 28 C.F.R. § 90.36, Tribes may request reimbursement for expenses incurred in response to a report of a covered crime committed by a non-Indian such as:

- Law enforcement expenses, such as officer time, sexual assault kits and other evidentiary supplies, and testing, analysis, and storage of evidence.
- Prosecution expenses, such as staff time, expert witness fees, exhibits, witness costs, and copying costs.
- Defense counsel expenses, such as staff time, competency evaluations, exhibits, witness costs, and copying costs.
- Court expenses, such as judge and court staff time, jury fees, and court-ordered evaluations.
- Incarceration expenses, such as prison and jail costs and prisoner transportation costs, whether through contract or tribally owned facilities.
- Community supervision or re-entry expenses, such as probation, parole, offender evaluation and treatment, pre-sentence investigation costs, and monitoring fees.
- Offender medical and dental expenses not otherwise covered by insurance or federal sources.
- Indirect costs based on a current federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.
- Other costs incurred in, relating to, or associated with exercising STCJ.

Expenses incurred in response to a reported crime that did not result in an arrest or prosecution are still eligible for reimbursement.

Unallowable Costs

The following expenses are not reimbursable under this program:

- Expenses associated with planning to exercise STCJ, such as code drafting
- Training, including costs for training criminal justice personnel, court personnel, or others
- Expenses incurred in exercising STCJ prior to or after calendar year 2025
- Any expenses not incurred in, relating to, or associated with exercising STCJ
- Purchase of real property, construction, or physical modifications to buildings
- Lobbying or fundraising

Reimbursement vs. Grant Funding

Some STCJ-related expenses not eligible for reimbursement may be supported with [Tribal Jurisdiction Grant Program](#) funding. The following table illustrates the types of expenses that may be covered by reimbursement, a grant, or both:

Examples of costs	Grant	Reimbursement
Planning how to include non-Indians in jury pools	X	
Hiring consultant to draft/revise criminal code to implement STCJ	X	
Training criminal justice personnel on new code provisions	X	
Hiring a project coordinator to plan STCJ implementation	X	
Putting code online/making it publicly available	X	
Travel to ITWG meetings	X	
Paying for indigent defense counsel	X	X
Corrections costs for housing offender	X	X
Health care for offender in custody	X	X
Salary of personnel for time spent working on STCJ cases	X	X
Victim services	X	X
Offender treatment (e.g., batterer intervention programs, sex offender management)	X	X
Paying compensation to jurors on STCJ cases	X	X

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

Applications for reimbursement must include the required items below. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the [OVW website](#).

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information	Online Form
Data Requested with Application : Pre-award Risk Assessment	Online Form
Budget and Associated Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Expenses by Category • Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) 	Attachment
Additional Application Components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary Data Sheet 	Attachment

Standard Applicant Information ***REQUIRED***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the [SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov](#) and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the reimbursement request.

Data Requested with Application: Pre-award Risk Assessment

Complete this questionnaire in JustGrants. The questions are available [here](#).

Budget and Associated Documentation

Summary of Calendar Year 2025 Expenses

Upload in JustGrants a summary of actual STCJ-related expenses from calendar year (CY) 2025 (in categories such as law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, pre-trial services, corrections, and probation). The summary must show how expenditures for each category were calculated. You may use this [sample Summary of Expenses template](#) to submit your actual expenses, but you are not required to use this format.

Award amount: OVW will use this summary to calculate the reimbursement amount for each applicant, which will be a combination of the annual maximum and waiver

amounts as described in the program regulations.³ OVW has approximately \$4.4 million available for CY 2025 reimbursements and will allot 25 percent of this amount (\$1.1 million) for annual maximums, calculated by dividing \$1.1 million by the number of eligible applicants. Each eligible applicant will receive this annual maximum, not to exceed their CY 2025 actual expenses.

Tribes with expenses above this maximum also will receive a waiver amount, included in their total award under this NORO. If there are sufficient funds available, all Tribes eligible for a waiver amount will be fully reimbursed. If not, each Tribe will be reimbursed for the same percentage of their remaining expenses. The final award amount will be the total of the annual maximum plus any waiver amount. Tribes will not be required to submit a separate waiver application; OVW will use the submitted summary of actual CY 2025 expenses to identify those eligible for a waiver amount.

Documentation: Reimbursement requests must be based on actual costs attributed to STCJ cases and in line with the funding statute and applicable regulations.⁴ Applicants are not required to submit supporting documentation for claimed expenses but must retain all such documentation on file, as described in program regulations.⁵ Recipients must retain documentation adequate for an audit for three years from the end of calendar year 2025.

Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the summary of actual CY 2025 expenses includes indirect costs, upload your current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.

Additional Application Components

Attach the [Summary Data Sheet](#) in JustGrants.

Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the disclosures, assurances, and certifications for the Tribal Reimbursement Program in JustGrants. The declaration and certification at application submission includes the [certification of eligibility](#) as described in the Eligibility section of this NORO.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) does not apply to this funding opportunity. OVW's [How to Apply](#) page has a

³ See 28 C.F.R. § 90.33-90.35. The regulatory structure for calculating reimbursements is based on provisions in the program statute requiring OVW to set a maximum allowable reimbursement each calendar year and to establish conditions for waiving this maximum. See 25 U.S.C. § 1304(h)(1)(C).

⁴ See 25 U.S.C. § 1304(h)(1), [28 C.F.R. Part 90, Subpart C](#), and [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#).

⁵ See 28 C.F.R. §§ 90.34, 90.35, & 90.39.

policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disaster.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

All applications for reimbursement awards will be subject to a programmatic review. The programmatic review consists of assessing the application for eligibility, compliance with the program's statute, regulations, and scope, and review of eligible expenses.

Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 90.41, if reimbursement of specific expenses is denied, the participating Tribe may request review of the denial via a letter to the OVW Director stating the reason why the denied expense was eligible for reimbursement. OVW must receive the letter within 30 calendar days of the denial. The OVW Director will review the letter and notify the participating Tribe of a final decision within 30 days of receipt of the letter.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process on OVW's [website](#).

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Guide to Post-award Requirements for the Tribal Reimbursement Program](#) for more information about the standard [terms and conditions](#), administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements..

9. QUESTIONS?

NORO Contact	Phone: 202-307-6026 Email: OVW.TribalJurisdiction@usdoj.gov
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: https://sam.gov/content/help Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday – Friday
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 866-655-4482 Email: OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday – Friday