

Office on Violence Against Women: FY 2026 Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2026-172630

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **September 1, 2026 by 11:59 PM, ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **September 3, 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) grants designed to prevent and respond to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP)**. Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(a)(1), TSASP assists Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and nonprofit Tribal organizations in providing “intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of such victims, and those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization.” See [Eligibility](#) and [Program Description](#) for more details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.024
Statutory Authority	34 U.S.C. § 12511(e)
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-OVW-2026-172630
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$7,600,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	16
Award Type(s)	Grants
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$500,000
Expected Award Period	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	June 4, 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 September 1, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	4:59 p.m. ET on September 3, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By December 31, 2026

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government Entities

- Indian Tribes¹
- Tribal consortia²

Nonprofit Entities

- Tribal organizations³
- Tribal nonprofit organizations⁴

Recipients with grants ending by September 30, 2026, may apply but are unlikely to be funded if they have enough funds to carry the project through September 30, 2027.

Cost sharing and application limit: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match). You may submit only one application under this NOFO. If you submit multiple applications, only the most recent system-validated version will be reviewed.

Additional Eligibility Factors

501(c)(3) status: Any nonprofit organization applying for this program must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and must maintain that status during the award period.⁵

Eligible service area: Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(e)(2)(B), eligibility is limited to Indian Tribes, Tribal consortia, Tribal organizations, and Tribal nonprofit organizations with programs and activities within Indian country⁶ and Alaska Native villages.⁷

Disqualifying factors: Factors that may result in removal during the review process are described on the [OVW website](#). In addition, any nonprofit organization that holds money

¹ Must be federally recognized, see 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(22).

² A Tribal consortium is a coalition of two or more separate Indian Tribes that join together for the purpose of participating in self-governance.

³ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(45).

⁴ Defined at 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(44).

⁵ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(i).

⁶ Defined as (a) all land within the limits of any Indian reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States government, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and, including rights-of-way running through the reservation, (b) all dependent Indian communities within the borders of the United States whether within the original or subsequently acquired territory thereof, and whether within or without the limits of a state, and (c) all Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through the same. See 18 U.S.C. § 1151.

⁷ The term “Alaska Native village” has the same meaning given that term in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.). See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(2).

in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code is ineligible.⁸

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority/Program Goals and Objectives

Per 34 U.S.C. § 12511(e), funds must be used to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects within Indian country and Alaska Native villages that provide direct intervention and related assistance to those victimized by sexual assault. For the purposes of this program, direct intervention and related assistance may include 24-hour hotline services, accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice, and social support systems, crisis intervention, direct payments to assist victims and family/household members, sexual assault forensic exams, and multidisciplinary teams focused on improving the response to sexual assault crimes.⁹

Expected outcomes: OVW will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data, and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO. See the [VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative](#) for more information.

Unallowable activities: For information on program-specific unallowable activities and costs to help you develop your application and budget consistent with program requirements, see the [Application Companion Guide](#) and [Budget](#) section of this NOFO.

Agency Funding Priorities

OVW may give priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the following public-safety priorities (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO):

1. Combatting human trafficking and transnational crime, particularly crimes linked to illegal immigration, transnational criminal organizations, and cartel operations, including projects that strengthen law enforcement investigation and prosecution while supporting safety and justice for trafficking victims who have also suffered domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
2. Projects primarily dedicated to direct victim services, particularly in small towns and rural, remote, and Tribal communities.

Note: Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that OVW considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

⁸ See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(ii).

⁹ See, e.g., 34 U.S.C. § 12511(b)(2)(C) (providing a non-exhaustive list of services that may constitute intervention and related assistance).

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

OVW will only consider applications that contain parts marked ***REQUIRED*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. 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 *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Data Requested with Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-award Risk Assessment 	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget/Financial Attachments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire (if applicable) Executive Compensation Disclosure (if applicable) 	Attachment
Additional Application Components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter(s) of Support – ONLY for Tribal Organizations or Tribal Nonprofit Organizations *REQUIRED* Certification regarding out-of-scope activities Summary Data Sheet Confidentiality Notice Form Proof of 501(c)(3) status (if applicable) 	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 project.

Data Requested with Application: Pre-award Risk Assessment

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

Proposal Narrative ***REQUIRED***

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Use the [Proposal Narrative Template](#) on the OVW website. It must be:

- No longer than 15 pages, single-spaced
- In a font no smaller than 11-point
- On correctly numbered pages with one-inch margins
- In a file format openable in Microsoft Word or Adobe Reader
- In a table format or use headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections listed below
- Written in plain language

If you do not follow this format, OVW may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below. If you want priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which priority(ies) your project will advance and describe how it will do so.

1. Purpose of the Project (weighted at 30%)

- Describe the communities that will be served.
- Say why you are applying for the grant.

2. What Will Be Done (weighted at 35%) Describe:

- Project goals: Summarize why the goals/objectives were selected, e.g., how the project complements other services, improves services, fills service gaps, and/or responds to a need.
- Activities: List activities that will be completed for each goal.
- Deliverable(s): List any deliverables that will be created for each activity, if applicable (e.g., materials, policies, etc.).
- Project timeline: By year, then month or quarter (ex: 2027, January – March).
- Outcomes: How will you know you have achieved this goal?
- How the applicant will ensure victim safety.

3. Who Will Implement the Project (weighted at 20%)

Provide for key staff:

- Name of staff member (if known) or partner organization.
- Position/title.
- Percentage of time allocated to the project.
- Summary of duties/responsibilities.
- Qualifications, including key staff experience in providing services to sexual assault victims.
- Job descriptions must be attached but do not count against page limit.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget ***REQUIRED*** (weighted at 15%)

Use the [Sample Budget Narrative](#) (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Refer to [Budget Information](#) and the [Creating a Budget](#) webinar for more information:

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category. **Total funding requested for 36 months must be no more than \$500,000.**
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.¹⁰
- Fairly and reasonably compensate project partners, unless a reason not to is explained in a memorandum of understanding or letter of support.
- Distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any grant funds to other entities.¹¹
- Set aside a minimum of \$20,000 on the Travel line to participate in training and technical assistance.

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs, upload your current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement.
- [Applicant Financial Capability Questionnaire](#) (if applicable): Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations that have not previously (or within the last three years) received funding from OVW must complete and upload this form.
- [Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation](#) (nonprofits only): Nonprofit organizations that use the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Safe Harbor Procedure must submit a special disclosure to OVW.¹²

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- [Letter\(s\) of Support](#) Tribal organization or Tribal nonprofit organization applicants must submit a letter of support (LOS) from each of the Tribes to be served. An LOS is a document from federally recognized Tribe(s), demonstrating support for the applicant organization's proposed project. The LOS must be

¹⁰ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on unallowable costs [here](#).

¹¹ More information on this is [here](#).

¹² See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(15)(B)(iii). More information is [here](#).

dated and signed by the Authorized Representative of the Tribe during the development of the application. **The LOS must:**

- Address whether the Tribe is familiar with the types of services provided by the applicant AND whether these services are available and provided to Tribal members;
- Say whether the Tribe has previously worked or partnered with the applicant organization, and, if so, under what circumstances; and
- Clearly explain why the Tribe supports the proposed project.
- **[Certification regarding out-of-scope activities](#)** letter signed by the Authorized Representative.
 - Note: This certification is the subject of federal litigation. For the most up-to-date information about the certification requirement, see the notice on OVW's [funding opportunities page](#).
- **[Summary Data Sheet](#)**, one to four pages.
- **[Confidentiality Notice Form](#)**, signed by the Authorized Representative, acknowledging the confidentiality requirements of 34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(2).
- **501(c)(3) status determination letter** from the Internal Revenue Service recognizing the applicant's tax-exempt status, as described in [Eligibility](#). OVW cannot make an award to a nonprofit organization without this letter.

Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the [disclosures](#), [assurances](#), and [certifications](#) in JustGrants.

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

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OVW's [Discretionary Grant Application Review Process](#) page explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

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

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the [Application Companion Guide](#) for more information about [standard award terms and conditions](#), administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Phone: 202-307-6026 Email: OVW.Tribal.SASP@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