

U.S. Department of Justice FY26 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Notice of Funding Opportunity

Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Funding Opportunity: \$107,245,000

Anticipated Award Ceiling: varies by Purpose Area

Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 24-60 months

Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2026-172662

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: **October 15, 2026, by 11:59 PM Eastern Time**

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: **October 22, 2026, by 8:59 PM Eastern Time**



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BASIC INFORMATION

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) is accepting applications for funding in response to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

DOJ is committed to advancing work that furthers DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights. DOJ provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

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For responses to frequently asked questions, please click [here](#).

Executive Summary

This funding opportunity will support federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to improve public safety and victim services in tribal communities. Many of DOJ's existing tribal government-specific programs are included in and available through this single coordinated funding opportunity.

Please see the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for the eligibility criteria.

Funding Categories

- **Purpose Area 1:** Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS)
- **Purpose Area 2:** Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (BJA, COPS, OJJDP, OVC)
- **Purpose Area 3:** Tribal Justice Systems Program (BJA)
- **Purpose Area 4:** Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (BJA)
- **Purpose Area 5:** Adult Tribal Treatment Courts (BJA)
- **Purpose Area 6:** Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)
- **Purpose Area 8:** Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP)
- **Purpose Area 9:** Tribal Youth Justice Program (OJJDP)

Please note, Purpose Area #7 is not included in the FY 2026 CTAS NOFO.

Key Dates

Funding Opportunity Release Date	July 24, 2026
Pre-Application Webinars	https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Recommend beginning process no later than September 14, 2026.
Step 1: Deadline to Submit SF 424 in Grants.gov	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on October 15, 2026
Step 2: Deadline to submit application in JustGrants	8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on October 22, 2026
Award Notification Date	Generally, by September 30, 2027

Funding Details

- **Competition ID, PA 1: Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS Office)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: 50*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling: [\$900,000]*
 - Sworn force of less than 20: No more than \$700,000
 - Sworn force of 20+: No more than \$900,000
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 36 months for equipment and training awards and 60 months for hiring awards*

- **Competition ID, PA 2: Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (BJA, COPS, OJJDP, OVC)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: 10*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$150,000*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 60 months*

- **Competition ID, PA 3: Tribal Justice Systems Program (BJA)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: 33*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 60 months*

- **Competition ID, PA 4: Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (BJA)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: 6-8*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling: Single Jurisdiction \$2,000,000; Regional (two or more tribes) up to \$5,600,000*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 60 months*

Funding Details continued

- **Competition ID, PA 5 Tribal Adult Treatment Courts (BJA)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: 10-13*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 60 months*

- **Competition ID, PA 6 Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: 6*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$450,000*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 36 months*

- **Competition ID, PA 8: Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: up to 10*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$750,000*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 60 months*

- **Competition ID, PA 9: Tribal Youth Justice Program (OJJDP)**
 - *Anticipated Number of Awards: up to 25*
 - *Anticipated Award Ceiling:*
 - *Seeding Change Planning Grant (Category 1): \$100,000*
 - *Harvesting Change Enhancement/Expansion Grant (Category 2): \$500,000*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/2026*
 - *Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: Category 1 – 24 months; Category 2 - 60 months*

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are subject to the availability of funding and any changes or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this NOFO is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States or its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, agents, or any other person. The table below provides the anticipated amount of funding available and governing statutory authority.

<u>Purpose Area #</u>	<u>Anticipated Amount of Funding Available</u>	<u>Statutory Authority</u>
1	\$29,000,000	Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 as amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq.
2	\$1,500,000	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74)
3	\$33,000,000	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74)
4	\$10,000,000	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74)
5	\$10,100,000	Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part EE (codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10611 - 10619); Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74)
6	\$3,000,000	34 U.S.C. § 20101(g)
8	\$7,950,000	Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part EE (codified at 34 U.S.C. §§ 10611 - 10619); Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74)
9	\$12,695,000	34 U.S.C. §§ 11171–11172; Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74)

Agency Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this funding opportunity:

DOJ Response Center

Phone: 800-421-6770 or 301-240-6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only)

Email: tribalgrants@usdoj.gov

Hours of operation: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 8:59 p.m. ET on the funding opportunity closing date.

For assistance with **SAM.gov** (registration/renewal):

SAM.gov Help Desk

Web: sam.gov/help

Live Agent Chat: https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp

For assistance with **Grants.gov** (registration, submission of the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424):

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

Phone: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035

Email: support@grants.gov

Web: [Grants.gov Customer Support](https://grants.gov/customer-support)

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays

For assistance with **JustGrants** (registration, submission of full application):

JustGrants Service Desk

Phone: 833-872-5175

Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Hours of operation: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see [Experiencing Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application \(Technical Waivers\)](#).

Resources for Applying

Pre-Application Webinar: A series of webinars will be held to assist applicants on the NOFO process. Preregistration is required for all participants. The full list of available webinars and

registration link are available at: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities> Submit any questions in advance to tribalgrants@usdoj.gov with the subject “Questions for CTAS NOFO Webinar.” Sessions will be recorded and available at: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities>

[Grant Application Resource Guide](#): Referred to as the Application Resource Guide throughout the NOFO, this resource provides guidance to DOJ applicants on how to apply for funding and prepare and submit their applications.

[JustGrants Application Submission Training Webpage](#): Offers helpful information and resources on the grant application process.

Note: If this NOFO requires something different from any guidance provided in the [Application Resource Guide](#), the difference will be noted in this NOFO and the applicant should follow the guidance in this NOFO.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity are listed below:

Government Entities

- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- **Other**
 - Consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian Tribes
 - Tribal designees are eligible for certain activities related to OVC PA #6

Indian tribe: For the purposes of this NOFO, “Indian tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688) [43 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.], which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

Limit on Number of Applications

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Each tribe, tribal consortium, or tribal designee may submit only **one** application. A tribe may apply as part of a consortium and submit its own independent application provided that the independent application is for funding of activities that are different from those activities for which the tribal consortium has applied.

Cost Sharing/Match Requirement

For this opportunity, a match **is not** required.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

General Purpose of the Funding

The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) responds to tribal leaders' requests to improve and simplify the DOJ grant-making process. Since fiscal year (FY) 2010, DOJ has combined many of its tribal government-specific competitive funding opportunities into one notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) and requires only one application from each tribe or tribal consortium under CTAS. This approach provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues.

The FY 2026 CTAS NOFO refers to the DOJ's tribal government-specific competitive grant programs as purpose areas (PA). Applicants may select the PA(s) that best address their tribe's concerns related to public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, substance use related crime(s) and access to treatment and recovery support, including Tribal healing to wellness courts, and the needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The DOJ components offering tribal government grant resources through this NOFO are listed below. Applicants should refer to the PA-specific information on focus areas, funding priorities, and allowable and unallowable costs to inform the development of their project design.

Agency Funding Priorities

DOJ may provide priority consideration in awarding funding for the following areas in alignment with the DOJ's mission and goals:

- CTAS Purpose Area 2 grantees that submit an approved strategic plan may receive one-time priority consideration for CTAS funding in future fiscal years. This priority consideration applies when an application is submitted under purpose areas directly connected to the approved strategic plan and allows for the implementation of the strategic plan in whole or in part. Applicants may receive this priority consideration only once per purpose area.
- Individual Purpose Areas may also include focus or priority areas for additional priority consideration. This will be noted in the Purpose Area descriptions.

Note: These priorities are one of many factors that DOJ considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee an award.

Program Goals and Objectives

Please refer to the purpose area-specific sections for the goals and objectives under each Purpose Area.

Purpose Areas

For detailed information on the eight purpose areas funded under CTAS and the managing DOJ component office, please refer to the section below, **Purpose Area Specific Information**.

Please note, Purpose Area #7 is not included in the FY 2026 CTAS NOFO.

Funding Requirements

The following applies to all purpose areas:

Mandatory DOJ CTAS New Grantee Orientation Virtual Training - All FY 2026 award recipients are required to attend this virtual training. Applicants must:

- Participate in this DOJ-wide CTAS new grantee orientation, scheduled during Year 1 of the award period.

Ensure that two staff members-the program manager and fiscal manager-attend this training for each funded purpose area.

Ensure both required staff members are present and engaged for the full duration of the training.

PURPOSE AREA SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Purpose Area 1: Public Safety and Community Policing Tribal Resources Grant Program – Hiring and Equipment/Training (COPS Office), ALN #16.710

Goals and Objectives

The Public Safety and Community Policing Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP), administered by the [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS Office\)](#), will increase public safety, expand the implementation of community policing, and meet the most serious needs of law enforcement in Tribal Nations through a broadened comprehensive program. As community policing is common sense policing, throughout the CTAS NOFO materials, the terms ‘community policing’ and ‘common sense policing’ are used interchangeably, unless otherwise specified.

TRGP supports tribal law enforcement efforts to:

- 1) implement or enhance community policing strategies by hiring or rehiring career law enforcement officers, tribal/village police officers, village public safety officers, and school resource officers; and
- 2) increase capacity through strategic planning, hiring, travel, training, equipment, and supplies. This includes improved capacity for prevention strategies and criminal investigations (human trafficking, missing or murdered Indigenous persons), combatting domestic terrorism, and crime control, including illegal drugs (methamphetamine and opioids).

Funding Maximums (Combined Tribal Resources Grant Program Hiring (TRGP)-Hiring and Tribal Resources Grant Program equipment and training (TRGP-E/T))

The COPS Office will have maximum award amounts in FY26 as follows:

- Sworn force of fewer than 20 officers: No more than \$700,000 total
- Sworn force of 20+ officers: No more than \$900,000 total

Funding Areas

Applicants may apply for funding to cover costs outlined below. For detailed information on the allowable costs and fundable requests, please refer to the COPS Office Purpose Area 1 FY 2026

Allowable/Unallowable Costs List at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/CTAS> and the [FY26 Tribal Resources Grant Program \(TRGP\) Application Resource Guide](#). TRGP-Hiring and TRGP-E/T grants have different requirements and award periods of performance, as described below.

1. TRGP-Hiring

TRGP-Hiring grants provides 5 years (60 months) of funding for entry-level salaries and benefits for full-time newly hired or rehired sworn career law enforcement officers, including tribal/village police officers village public safety officers, and school resource officers hired or rehired on or after the award start date. Hiring requests must reflect the actual entry-level salaries and fringe benefits for a newly hired sworn officer. Any costs higher than the entry-level salary and fringe benefits must be paid by your tribe with local funds. If the total cost of one entry-level full-time officer is greater than the funding maximum, the COPS Office will review these hiring requests on a case-by-case basis.

Funded position(s) must be filled for the entire 60-month period of performance of the grant. If a position(s) is vacated during the award period, the tribe must take active and timely steps consistent with the agency's hiring policies and procedures to backfill the position with a new officer to complete the remainder of the 60-month term.

All newly hired or rehired officers (or an equal number of redeployed officers) funded must engage in community policing and public safety activities.

- **“Career Law Enforcement Officer” Defined**

A “career law enforcement officer” is a person hired on a permanent basis who is authorized by law or by a state, local, or tribal agency to engage in or oversee the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal laws. 34 U.S.C. §10389(1). The State of Alaska, and any Indian tribe or tribal organization in that state, may also use hiring funds for village public safety officers defined as “an individual employed as a village public safety officer under the program established by the State pursuant to Alaska Statute 18.65.670. Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, Pub. L. 111-211, title II, § 247 (a)(2).”

- **Hiring Categories**

In the application and budget, your agency will specify which hiring categories it is requesting funding for:

- **Hire new officers**, which includes filling existing officer vacancies that are no longer funded in your agency's budget. These positions must be in addition to your current budgeted (funded) level of sworn officer positions, and the officers must be hired on or after the official award start date on the notice of award.
- **Rehire officers laid off** by any jurisdiction as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions. The rehired officers must be rehired on or after the official award start date on the notice of award. Documentation must be maintained showing the date(s) that the positions were laid off and rehired.
- **Rehire officers who are (at the time of application) currently scheduled to be laid off** by your jurisdiction on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions.

- **TRGP-Hiring Specific Requirements**

In addition to the requirements below, see the [FY26 TRGP Application Resource Guide](#) which describes the award terms and conditions, and additional requirements that applicants should

be aware of before applying to Purpose Area 1 for sworn career law enforcement officer positions.

- **Background Investigations**

Applicants must budget for and, if awarded, conduct background investigations for all full-time career law enforcement officers or village public safety officers funded by the grant. Background investigations should specifically comply with requirements established by state statute, ordinance, or tribal requirements. In the absence of existing standards for hiring, the background check should include, as a minimum, criminal history checks, screening for domestic violence, sex offender registries, credit checks, resume validation, work history verification, and personal and professional references. See the [External Background Investigations FAQs](#) for additional information.

- **Basic Law Enforcement Training**

Applicants must budget for and, if awarded, complete basic law enforcement training for all full-time career law enforcement officers funded by the grant. For Alaska hiring recipients, training such as Alaska State Trooper Academy in Sitka, University of Fairbanks Police Academy, and Basic Village Police Officer (VPO)/Tribal Police Officer (TPO) Academy offered by Yuut Elitnaurviat in Bethel, AK, is available on a regular basis. See the [Basic Training Condition Requirements FAQs](#) for additional information.

- **Retention**

Applicants requesting funding for sworn officer positions must affirm that it plans to retain the awarded position(s) for at least 12 months following the conclusion of 60 months of federal funding for each position(s) with state or local funds.

- **Understaffed Law Enforcement Agencies Operating Below Budgeted Strength**

A law enforcement agency operating below its budgeted strength is eligible to apply for TRGP-Hiring funding so long as the applicant attests that awarded funds will be used in compliance with the nonsupplanting requirement and not used to supplant state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs funds that are already budgeted for sworn law enforcement officer positions. Budgeted strength is the maximum number of sworn law enforcement officers that a law enforcement agency is authorized to employ in their budget. See the [Guidance for Understaffed Law Enforcement Agencies Operating Below Budgeted Strength Fact Sheet](#).

- **School Resource Officers (SRO) Requirements**

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** Recipients awarded TRGP-Hire funding to hire and/or deploy SROs into schools will be required to submit to the COPS Office a signed MOU between the law enforcement agency and the school partner(s) within 90 days of the date shown on the award congratulatory letter. See the [School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding Fact Sheet](#) for additional information.
- **Mandatory Training:** Funded SROs must complete a 40-hour basic training course from a list of COPS Office approved training providers. Training must be completed no later than nine months after the date shown on the award congratulatory letter or six months from the SRO hire date, whichever

comes first. The COPS Office will pay the training fee directly to the provider as well as allowable travel costs (airfare, hotel, and per diem) up to \$1,000 per COPS Office-funded SRO. See the [School Resource Officer Mandatory Training Fact Sheet](#) for additional information.

2. TRGP Equipment and Training

TRGP-E/T grants have a 3-year (36 month) implementation period including funded civilian positions. Funding may be used for the following:

- **Civilian Positions**

Salaries and fringe benefits for full-time anti-methamphetamine and/or anti-opioid coordinators are the only allowable civilian positions fundable and will be awarded under the TRGP-E/T grant program.

- **Strategic Planning**

Community policing activities to be initiated or enhanced by applicants. Funds can be used for a consultant to support strategic planning for law enforcement activities.

- **Overtime**

Overtime for sworn officers engaging in community policing-related activities is allowable and must be listed in the “*Other Costs*” section of your application’s budget worksheet. Overtime expenses must exceed the expenditures your agency is obligated or funded to pay in its current budget. Overtime requests are limited as follows:

- Sworn force of fewer than 20 officers: No more than \$50,000 total.
- Sworn force of 20 or more officers: No more than \$75,000 total.

- **Training**

Approved law enforcement training includes basic training at a state academy or the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico; specialized police training; community policing training; crime reporting (e.g., National Incident Based Reporting System) training; anti-methamphetamine/anti-opioid training; and human trafficking training.

- **Equipment, Supplies, and Technology**

Allowable costs for law enforcement equipment, supplies, and technology includes, but is not limited to:

- Uniforms and standard issue law enforcement supplies such as handcuffs, flashlights, duty knives, and conducted electrical weapons.
- Ballistic resistant body armor¹.
- Body worn cameras.
- Police vehicles and basic vehicle accessory packages, special conveyances such as sport utility vehicles, bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles.
- Computer hardware and software, mobile data terminals, radios, and communication systems such as those used for crime reporting and accessing national databases.

¹ Ballistic Resistant body armor vests purchased with TRGP funds must be tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice ballistic resistant body armor standards and appear on the [NIJ Compliant Products List](#).

- Maintenance/service agreements purchased within the three-year E/T project period that does not exceed 36 months.
- **Contracts/Consultants**
 - Procurement contracts should describe the product or service to be procured by the contract and an estimate of the cost. Recipients must follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurements with nonfederal funds. If none exist, recipients must follow procurement standards in 2 CFR 200.318 through 2 CFR 200.327. [2 CFR § 200.317 Procurements by States and Indian Tribes](#).
 - Consultant fees in excess of the DOJ grant-making component's maximum rate for an 8-hour day (currently \$650) require additional justification and prior approval from the COPS Office. See Budget Information in the Other Attachments section for additional information.
- **Indirect Costs**

Indirect costs are allowable under PA 1. See the Budget Information in the Other Attachments section for more information on indirect costs.

Focus Areas and Additional Consideration

The COPS Office may provide additional consideration to applicants that identify Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) or human trafficking as a challenge they are addressing in their PA 1 application. An applicant may request funding to address human trafficking and/or MMIP prevention and/or investigations, such as training or assigning sworn officers to specialized task forces, including officers to be part of unresolved (cold) case MMIP task forces or teams. Note: If awarded, applicants that choose one of these focus areas must devote 100 percent of their funded positions to that focus area and may not be permitted to change the scope of their project to remove the activities associated with the focus area(s) once the award has been issued.

Additional consideration may also be given to applicants that meet any of the following criteria:

- **Combatting Domestic Terrorism**

Projects that focus on detecting, preventing, and protecting against domestic terrorism.
- **Homeland Security Task Force Coordination and Participation**

Applicants that coordinate and participate with the [Homeland Security Task Force \(HSTF\)](#) or, if awarded, plan to coordinate and participate with the HSTF (law enforcement applicants only).
- **Staffing Levels and Crime Rates**

Certain demographic information including law enforcement staffing levels, such as officers per population and officers per square mile, and reservation crime rates.
- **Unfunded in Previous Year**

Applicants that applied for and did not receive a TRGP award in FY25 due to the limited availability of funding and submit a quality application in FY26.
- **McGirt v. Oklahoma Impact**

Tribes in Oklahoma describing a law enforcement impact due to the *McGirt v. Oklahoma* and similar jurisdictional cases.
- **Alaska TRGP Hiring Applicants**

Tribes in Alaska that request a law enforcement officer position(s) due to the unique challenges and lack of current law enforcement services in Alaska.

- **Alaska Pilot Program**
Alaska Tribes that are part of Track 2 of the Alaska Pilot Project to Implement Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction applicants.
- **Public Law 280 Impact**
Tribes that do not receive direct services or law enforcement funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- **Purpose Area 2 Strategic Plans**
Tribes that request to implement the law enforcement portions of their CTAS Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning Purpose Area 2 plans.
- **NIBRS Race and Ethnicity Data**
Tribes that submit accurate race and ethnicity information in NIBRS for each offender, victim, and arrestee involved in each incident.

Note: Applicable priority consideration(s) is only one of many factors in making COPS Office funding decisions and does not guarantee an award.

Please **do not** include any content, including attachments or language within your application, commenting, modifying, challenging, and/or editing the grant requirements including the terms and conditions. Such content, if included, will not be **reviewed or considered** when evaluating your application nor will any attachment from an applicant unilaterally change the terms of a grant if awarded.

Purpose Area 2: Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning Program (BJA, COPS, OJJDP and OVC), ALN #16.596

Goals and Objectives

The Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning Program, supported by the following four DOJ offices: BJA, COPS Office, OJJDP, and OVC, will support tribes' efforts to develop justice system-wide strategic plans to improve coordination and functioning of the Tribal justice system and support the systematic use of partnerships to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to crime and social disorder.

A DOJ-provided technical expert will guide grantees through the strategic planning process at no cost to them to: establish a planning team representing the full justice system; develop and administer a comprehensive needs assessment; gather and interpret data; translate those into a strategic plan with relevant strategies to prevent crime in general and respond to violent crime in particular. Applicants are encouraged to harness proven approaches. Problems may include violent crime, murder of Indigenous people, domestic violence, overdose- and drug-related crime, human trafficking, and services for victims of crime. Strategies may include but are not limited to: community-oriented approaches, community courts, community prosecution, community corrections, and community policing.

In addition to developing a comprehensive justice system wide strategic plan, activities can also include development of a [Tribal Action Plan](#) as described in the Tribal Law and Order Act.

A final written strategic plan must be submitted to DOJ by the end of the award.

NOTE: Successful Purpose Area 2 grantees will receive priority consideration for other CTAS Purpose Area funding in future years to implement their strategic plans as a whole, or in part, following submission of applications connected to the approved strategic plan. Priority consideration for CTAS funding will be granted one time per purpose area.

Funding Areas

1. Strategic Planning

Develop a justice system-wide strategic plan that identifies the applicant justice system's priority needs and outlines a detailed approach that includes:

- Law enforcement.
- Courts.
- Alternatives to incarceration, including enhanced access to treatment and recovery support.
- Collaborative strategies, such as systematic partnerships to address specific serious and violent crime challenges.
- Strategies to prevent overdose and address crime related to alcohol and other substance use disorders, including opioids and stimulants.
- Community corrections, including increasing supervision, program, and service capacity.
- Tribal jails programming, to increase the capacity and quality of services provided while incarcerated and bridge connections upon release.
- Crime victims' rights and services for all victims of crime, including services to promote safety for victims of child abuse, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Addressing juvenile justice needs from prevention through reentry.
- Addressing the needs of veterans, such as through veterans' courts.

- Building community resources that support alternatives to incarceration and reentry.

2. Data Collection and Analysis

By using accurate and robust data related to the nature and extent of criminal offenders and offenses, human trafficking, domestic violence, victim services, child abuse, and other crime issues (along with other tribal data), applicants can assess risk and distress in tribal nations. As a result, applicants can strengthen their ability to understand and define crime and tribal safety issues. In addition, the planning process should improve the ability to review data that will track implementation of the strategic plan and evaluate the results.

3. Personnel

It is recommended to engage a full- or part-time (75 percent full-time employee) project manager to coordinate the planning process and work with the DOJ designated TTA provider to coordinate daily activities.

4. Equipment or Supplies

No equipment should be budgeted for this project. Costs for office equipment, computing devices, or information technology such as computers, printers, scanners, and tools to support data collection and analysis should be included in the “Supplies” or “Other” category. (See, for example, the 2 C.F.R. 200.1 definitions “Equipment,” “Supplies,” “General Purpose Equipment,” “Computing Devices,” and “Information Technology Systems.”)

5. Other Costs

To support development of the strategic plan, costs related to the printing and distribution of the plan, community outreach, and data collection may be expensed. Funds may **not** be used for stipends, incentive items, food, or beverages.

6. Training and Technical Assistance

DOJ will provide TTA support at **no cost** to grantees to support the strategic planning process. This support includes technical expertise via virtual and onsite visits to work through the strategic planning process, including: forming a strategic planning team; creating and carrying out a comprehensive needs assessment; identifying community strengths and resources; defining community challenges; developing approaches to strengthen the grantee justice system and improve safety; and completing the final written strategic plan to be submitted to DOJ. **Costs for outside TTA providers, planners, or outside organizations to create a strategic plan for the tribe are not an allowable expense.**

NOTE: Purpose Area 2 funding is available only once per tribe. Prior awardees are not eligible to apply for PA 2 funding again.

Purpose Area 3: Tribal Justice Systems Program (BJA), ALN #16.596

Goals and Objectives

BJA's Tribal Justice Systems Program supports tribal efforts to develop and improve adult tribal justice systems and prevent crime, including violent crime and substance use-related offenses (opioids, alcohol, stimulants, and other drugs). Purpose Area 3 funding supports adult tribal justice system needs from prevention, treatment, and recovery support, to law enforcement and courts, through corrections and reentry in line with the funding areas described below. Eligible activities include preventing, investigating, and prosecuting crimes (including violent crimes and cold cases), enhancing intergovernmental collaboration, addressing enforcement gaps, and meeting the needs of frontier and rural Alaska communities.

While projects may serve youth, as part of a broader population, projects entirely focused on youth should apply under OJJDP's Purpose Area 9; and projects primarily focused on healing to wellness courts to enhance access to treatment and recovery support for high-risk high-needs populations (including for veterans) should apply under BJA's Purpose Area 5.

Grant funds must predominantly support direct services; applications focused on training and technical assistance will not be funded under this CTAS NOFO.

Funding Areas

Applicants may apply for funding that includes, but is not limited to, the following areas.

1. Crime Prevention

Such as efforts to protect communities from overdose, crime related to alcohol and substance use disorders, and production of substances such as opioids, methamphetamine, and other drugs or to improve other aspects of public safety through prevention programming and technology solutions.

2. Law Enforcement

Such as projects to identify, apprehend, investigate and prosecute crimes in tribal communities (subject to existing legal authority); programming to improve officer safety and the delivery of law enforcement services; improve the ability to collect and analyze data; and support law enforcement intergovernmental collaboration to enhance public safety.

Please review Purpose Area 1 carefully to determine if Purpose Area 1 or Purpose Area 3 is a better choice for the activities requested.

3. Tribal Courts

Such as planning new or enhance existing tribal courts; updating tribal codes; hiring prosecutors and public defenders and establishing Special Assistant United States Attorney agreements with U.S. Attorney's Offices; addressing crimes related to missing or murdered Indigenous persons; building capacity to respond to jurisdictional changes resulting from Supreme Court and other court-related decisions; implementing the enhanced sentencing authority provisions of the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Special Criminal Jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022, including the Alaska Pilot project-related activities.

4. Alternatives to Incarceration

Such as using decision-making models and programming to redirect persons convicted of non violent offenses, that do not have a history of violence, and are at low-risk of recidivism, including youth at high risk for going into the adult justice system, from prosecution or

incarceration. This could include community supervision, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, electronic alcohol and offender monitoring, recovery support services including job training and placement, housing assistance, education, and peer, family, and community supports.

5. Treatment

Such as providing behavioral health treatment services (e.g. cognitive behavioral therapy and medications for opioid use disorder) and/or integrating treatment into existing services (tribal or otherwise) for individuals who are pursuing or in recovery and are at risk of or already in the tribal justice system (including the incarcerated population), or in reentry.

Funding to support these activities in a healing to wellness, adult treatment court, and/or veterans treatment court should be sought in Purpose Area 5.

6. Recovery Support Services

Such as peer recovery networks, supportive housing, and vocational services to improve long-term stability and recovery.

7. Corrections (Institutional and Community)

Develop, implement, and enhance programming for tribal members incarcerated in tribal, federal, state, or local correctional facilities or under community supervision to reduce their risks for reoffending and support successful rehabilitation. Programming could include collaborations to address mental health and/or substance use needs, effective treatment such as cognitive behavioral therapy and medications for opioid use disorder, educational and vocational services, and other programming to reduce the risk for recidivism.

8. Reentry

Develop, implement, and enhance reentry programs. This can include providing treatment, aftercare, and other reentry support services to individuals leaving incarceration from tribal, local, state, and federal correctional facilities.

9. Equipment or Supplies

Purchase office equipment, computing devices, or information technology such as computers, printers, scanners, surveillance cameras, digital cameras, office furniture, courtroom furniture, computer networks, court management systems, electronic alcohol and monitoring devices for those under supervision, and related equipment or supplies. (See, for example, 2 C.F.R. 200.1 definitions “Equipment,” “Supplies,” “General Purpose Equipment,” “Computing Devices,” “Information Technology Systems.”)

10. Strategic Planning

Such as developing tribal action plans (see [Tribal Action Plan \(TAP\) | SAMHSA](#)) for alcohol and substance use disorder and related crime and tribal safety needs; increasing coordination with relevant nontribal agencies and organizations and, at all levels of the tribe, engage in strategic planning efforts to address the needs of the tribe’s justice system; or engaging in strategic planning to address a specific part of the tribal justice system such as courts or law enforcement. For justice system-wide strategic planning, see Purpose Area 2.

11. Training

Costs connected with obtaining expert knowledge to help with developing or enhancing the program, including registration fees and other costs connected with training events related to Purpose Area 3 activities. In planning their training needs, applicants should note that

training and technical assistance will also be offered at no cost. For more information about DOJ-provided TTA, see: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/training-and-technical-assistance>.

Purpose Area 4: Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program – TJSIP (BJA), ALN #16.596

Goals and Objectives

BJA's Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (TJSIP) strengthens tribal justice system capacity by addressing physical infrastructure needs. TJSIP provides site-based funding to federally recognized tribes to renovate, expand, or replace existing tribal justice facilities or build new permanent tribal justice facilities (prefabricated, permanent modular, new standalone permanent facilities, or pre-engineered steel building options).

The facility types supported by this program include police departments, courts, detention centers, multipurpose justice centers (including police departments, courts, and/or corrections), transitional living facilities (halfway houses), correctional alternative or treatment facilities, and domestic violence shelters/safe homes/transitional living facilities/advocacy programs. Grant recipients must provide the following documentation prior to grant closeout:

1. Photos to provide proof of project completion.
2. A copy of the Certificate of Occupancy (if applicable)
3. A completed construction project checklist as requested by the TJSIP project management training and technical assistance provider.

Important note: DOJ recognizes that the maximum amount available under Purpose Area 4 may not be sufficient to complete projects of this nature without supplemental funding sources. Purpose Area 4 funding may be used to supplement other funding sources (e.g., federal, tribal) to complete these efforts. Should Purpose Area 4 funding not be sufficient to complete the entire project, applicants must detail the additional resources that will be leveraged to complete the projects and provide documentation certifying that the funding has been secured.

Grant recipients must track the expenditure of Purpose Area 4 funds separately from other funding sources. If grant funds will be used to support a larger project involving other funding sources, the activities described in the project narrative must be completed before the end of the project period and the facility must be operational prior to project closeout. BJA reserves the right to limit technical assistance support to project activities funded directly by TJSIP only.

Funding Areas

Applicants may request funding for the following:

Renovation, Expansion, or New Permanent Facility

- Renovate, expand, or replace existing single jurisdiction or regional tribal justice facilities.
- Build new single jurisdiction or regional permanent facilities where no existing permanent structures are available or sufficient to address staff/resident/detainee/inmate safety and security issues.
- Add capacity for recidivism reduction programming.
- Enhance facility service/function capacity.
- Provide capacity, equipment, or infrastructure to support staff training, fitness, and/or housing.
- Complement efforts to implement the enhanced authorities and provisions under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Important notes: New permanent facility options include prefabricated, permanent modular,

new standalone permanent facilities, or pre-engineered steel building options. Temporary modular facilities (e.g., trailers) are not allowable under Purpose Area 4. Temporary modular facilities are for short-term needs (e.g., natural disaster relief) and are not recommended for permanent applications.

Other costs associated with the renovation/expansion of an existing facility, construction of a new permanent facility, or completion of existing construction projects include:

- Infrastructure costs such as roads, sewer and water hook-ups, land preparation, and other costs normally associated with construction site work.
- Items associated with managing the planned construction or renovation process.
- Construction materials necessary to construct or renovate facilities and associated infrastructure.
- Furniture, surveillance cameras, or other items affixed or integral to the facility.

Costs associated with the completion of a renovation, expansion, or construction project funded through other, confirmed funding sources. Any funds used for TJSIP projects must result in an operational facility.

Specific requirements project limitation

Purpose Area 4 funding may be used to support projects located on lands on which the tribe exercises jurisdiction sufficient to operate the funded facility. Typically, this is limited to tribal lands. Funds cannot be used for state or local (i.e., county, city, or township) facilities. Please refer to the "Purpose Area 4 – Tribal Justice System Infrastructure" section of the CTAS FAQs at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities> for the definition of "tribal lands."

Operations and Maintenance Assistance

If applicants are requesting assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Health Services, or another agency external to the tribe to meet facility operations and maintenance needs, applicants should describe the existing request(s) for staffing, operations, and maintenance of the proposed renovated or expanded facility.

Applicants should also provide the status of these requests. A tribe may submit, by authorizing resolution or other satisfactory evidence of legal authority, a commitment to fund the future staffing, maintenance, and operation of the renovated facilities in lieu of BIA or other agency funding support letters if the tribe chooses to be responsible for this ongoing cost.

Regional Projects

Applicants interested in pursuing regional projects that involve two or more tribes will be required to submit memorandums of understanding, letters of support, or other documentation that demonstrate the support from the other participating tribes. Requests for funding to support regional projects will not be awarded without supporting documentation. Regional facility award amounts are based on the population size of tribes that will be served by the project as follows:

Population Size of Tribe	Award Amounts
50 to 10,000	up to \$2,800,000
10,001 to 50,000	Up to \$4,200,000
50,001 or more	Up to \$5,600,000

In the application's project narrative, please provide the population number of the tribal

jurisdictions to be served for regional funding requests.

Project Feasibility

All applicants requesting funding for renovation or expansion projects will be required to indicate in the program narrative whether the existing building proposed for improvements appears to be a viable structure for renovation and/or expansion with a design developed and approved by a qualified architect/engineer/contractor. If your tribe receives an award, the BJA TJSIP training and technical assistance provider will conduct a visual tour and surface inspection of the proposed facility to verify project feasibility. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that using grant funds to renovate or expand the existing facility is justifiable. Award funds will be placed on hold until the BJA TJSIP TTA provider has completed the project feasibility verification process.

Staffing Levels

Applicants requesting funds for renovation or expansion of prefabricated or permanent modular projects must specify whether the tribe is going to maintain current staffing levels or require new staff as a result of the facility modification. In the event that additional staff members or other operational and maintenance funding will be needed as a result of the renovation or expansion, applicants must provide a staffing budget for the necessary operational staff and indicate how the new staff members will be funded as part of the operational facility plan.

If funding for the new staff members is not in place at the time of application submission, the tribe must provide a tribal resolution or legal equivalent indicating the source of funding that will be used to support the new staff members and the timeframe for when the tribe expects to have funding in place to support the new staff members. In instances where renovation or expansion projects will result in additional bed space for corrections or community-based facilities, applicants must provide data in their applications that clearly substantiate the need for enhanced capacity.

Planning Process

Applicants must demonstrate that they have completed a planning process that supports the need for renovation or expansion funding under TJSIP. Applicants must certify the extent of planning completed and present all relevant documents related to the completed planning activities with their applications. Applicants that have completed a formal or structured justice system planning process—such as the National Institute of Corrections Planning of New Institutions process—should attach documentation such as a master plan or needs assessment to receive priority consideration for funding under TJSIP. If applicants are seeking to renovate, expand, or replace, they should describe the development of a plan that explores building options to ensure a cost-effective design and provide the status of any requests to other agencies regarding the staffing, maintenance, and operation of the facilities being planned or renovated.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Requirement

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Public Law No. 90-190; 42 U.S.C. § 4371, et seq.) established a national policy to promote the protection and enhancement of the environment. This policy was in response to growing concerns about the ecological balance and preservation of wildlife in the United States while meeting the demands of a growing population. Any BJA grantee with a project involving construction, expansion, renovation, facility planning, site selection, site preparation, and security or facility upgrades must be in

compliance with the NEPA requirements during the initiation of the project as part of its planning, site selection, and site preparation. The BJA grantee must complete the NEPA process prior to actual construction, expansion, renovation, or remodeling (including security upgrades).

A categorical exclusion—a class of actions that, either individually or cumulatively, would not have a significant effect on the human environment and therefore would not require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement under NEPA—may be available for some projects where the environmental impact is minimal. An environmental assessment (EA) assesses the need for a project or proposed action, alternatives to the project/action, and the environmental impacts of the proposed and alternative project/action. If a grantee is required to conduct an EA, BJA will provide this service free of charge. Applicants do not need to allocate funding for this process in their grant applications. For more information regarding NEPA, please visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/national-environmental-policy-act-nepa-guidance>.

Build America, Buy America Requirements

Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52), certain qualifying infrastructure projects may be subject to additional procurement requirements. Generally speaking, the types of projects ordinarily funded under this Purpose Area would not prompt these additional requirements. However, pursuant to OMB M-22-11, should circumstances require, DOJ intends to follow the consultation policies established through Executive Order 13175 prior to applying any such procurement requirements to a qualifying project funded under this Purpose Area.

Project Insurance

Construction and major renovation projects create unique insurance challenges, and property owners need to understand the obligations and responsibilities they assume when contracting with their preferred builders or contractors. It is best to consult with an experienced independent insurance agent to assess the scope of a construction project and determine which policy is best suited to protect the owner's interests. BJA will require proof of project insurance prior to releasing funds to commence the construction/renovation/expansion project.

Authorization for Real Property Use

Applicants must include documentation from the tribe's appropriate tribal governing body authorizing the use of tribal land or facilities for the purpose of renovation, expansion, or replacement. The documentation must specify the proposed facility(s) and/or area of land to be used for the project.

Permanent Facility Construction Minimum Requirements

Considering the significant investment in these projects, BJA provides minimum requirements that permanent structures must meet to ensure that grantees opt for structurally sound permanent structures. Please ensure that your quote/estimate accounts for costs associated with the permanent minimum requirements. For more information on these requirements visit <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities>. In addition, applicants should identify the modular building code and zoning requirements that would apply to the proposed project, including any applicable tribal, local, county, or state requirements, and ensure that the building site allows modular construction in accordance with those specific applicable codes and zoning requirements.

Lease Agreements

If the awardee opts to enter into a lease agreement once the project is complete, the awardee must ensure that the federal interest(s) described in 2 C.F.R. 200.311 (Real property) are protected by the lease terms. These terms must ensure that the building will be used for the originally authorized purpose as long as needed by the awardee for that purpose, during which time the awardee must not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests. The terms also must protect the federal interest upon disposition of the property (i.e., disposition of the building is no longer needed by the awardee for an authorized purpose) by preserving the reasonable depreciated value of the building in order to compensate the federal awarding agency or otherwise preserve title to the building to be able to transfer title to the federal awarding agency.

When real property is no longer needed for the originally authorized purpose, the nonfederal entity must obtain disposition instructions from the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity. The instructions must provide for one of the following alternatives to ensure that the federal interest is protected under 2 C.F.R. 200.311:

1. Retain title after compensating the federal awarding agency.
2. Sell the property and compensate the federal awarding agency.
3. Transfer title to the federal awarding agency or to a third party designate that is approved by the federal awarding agency.

Real Property Requirement

In accordance with DOJ real property standards (2 C.F.R. §200.311), BJA will continue to monitor facility usage and capacity levels after the grant ends. BJA and OJP retain a financial interest in funding the acquisition or improvement of real property because interest accrues on improvements to land or buildings such as construction or renovation. This extends solely to property use.

So that the intent of the funding statute or authority is met throughout the useful life of a facility, even after a grant closes, BJA will require the grantee to submit regular reports on the status of the real property in which OJP/BJA retain an interest. If a grantee ceases to need a grant-funded facility for the originally authorized purpose during its useful life, the grantee is obligated to request property disposition instructions from OJP/BJA, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §200.311 (c). In order to protect OJP's interest, 2 C.F.R. § 200.330 requires the award recipient to report on the real property acquired or real-property improvements made under the award for as long as OJP's interest therein is retained. In keeping with the requirements set forth in the regulation, OJP must require a grantee to submit reports at least annually on the status of real property in which the federal government retains an interest, unless the federal interest in the real property extends 15 years or longer. For more information about OJP's real property reporting requirements, please visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/real-property>.

Note: Project budgets should reflect planning and construction/renovation activities on a practical timeline. Construction/renovation activities are allowed to begin upon completion of planning activities. Prior awardees have generally begun construction/renovation activities between two and three years from the grant start date. Additionally, as a guideline, project costs should factor in 4% inflation for each year.

Active TJSIP Projects Policy

As indicated under the Merit Review Criteria section of this NOFO, BJA will consider current award balances for applicants that have active TJSIP projects as part of the application review process. As it relates to TJSIP applicants that have an existing award for a project that is not yet complete, BJA policy is to assess other equally ranked projects that do not have current

TJSIP funding or have not received TJSIP funding in the past that have a compelling need for funding. This strategy is based on the availability of TJSIP funding. BJA recognizes there is a dearth of resources available to support justice system physical infrastructure needs for tribal communities. The goal of this policy is to direct funding to areas that demonstrate a critical need to address public safety and/or security deficiencies. Therefore, it is unlikely that applicants with active TJSIP grants will be recommended for funding.

Purpose Area 5: Adult Tribal Treatment Courts (BJA), ALN 16.585, 16.043

Goals and Objectives

The Adult Tribal Treatment Courts (ATTC) Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), will support tribal efforts to develop, implement, and enhance healing to wellness courts (HTWC), veteran's treatment courts (VTC), while intoxicated (DWI) courts, and other treatment courts or court dockets. The goal of the ATTC program is to prevent overdoses and reduce the use of opioids, stimulants, and other substances by high-risk/high-need individuals in the tribal justice system. Healing to Wellness and other ATTCs effectively integrate substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and transitional services in judicially supervised tribal court settings that have jurisdiction over persons who have an SUD or co-occurring mental health disorder to reduce recidivism, increase access to treatment and recovery support services, and prevent overdose.

An ATTC program serves high-risk and high-need individuals who (1) are at significant risk for committing a new crime or failing to complete less intensive dispositions like probation, and (2) have a moderate to severe SUD that includes a significant inability to reduce or control their substance use, persistent substance cravings, withdrawal symptoms, and/or a pattern of recurrent substance use binge episodes (i.e., use often substantially exceeds the person's intentions or expectations). The applicant is required to explain how access to treatment will be addressed.

For projects intended to serve lower risk and need populations with lower-level offenses (such as misdemeanors), see Purpose Area 3 for programs such as [community courts](#). Projects can include planning, implementing, or enhancing the operations of ATTCs including VTCs. ATTCs effectively integrate evidence-based treatment for substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders. ATTCs must have capacity to provide treatment services, case management and coordination, judicial supervision, sanctions and incentive services, and other key services such as transitional housing, relapse prevention, employment, and peer recovery support to reduce recidivism.

VTCs are a type of adult treatment court dedicated to providing alternatives to incarceration for military veterans and service members whose involvement in the justice system is due to substance use, a mental health disorder, or trauma, including those with a history of violence and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a result of their military service. VTCs integrate mandatory drug testing, incentives and sanctions, and transitional services in judicially supervised criminal court settings that have jurisdiction over adults and veterans with treatment needs to reduce recidivism, increase access to treatment and recovery support, and prevent overdose.

The objectives of this PA are to ensure that all grantees, over the project period, have access to the BJA treatment court resources needed to:

- Increase the number of potential participants screened (i.e., determine eligibility) and assessed (i.e., identify criminogenic risk with validated risk assessment tools, substance use or mental health conditions).
- Administer mandatory and random drug and alcohol testing of program participants to help monitor substance use and treatment progress.
- Provide or develop access to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, as well as recovery support services.
- Provide or develop the capacity to access medications to treat substance use

disorders.

- Increase graduation rates for all treatment court participants actively participating in the grant program.
- Reduce the current recidivism rate among program participants actively participating in the grant program.
- Provide judicial and community supervision, mandatory and random drug testing, substance use and mental health disorder treatment, interventions, and incentives and sanctions.

Funding Areas

Applicants may apply for funding to include the following:

1. Planning and Management

Salary and fringe benefits for positions to support the design and implementation of the program and oversee staff that provide direct assistance to adult participants.

2. Plan, Implement, or Enhance Healing to Wellness and Adult Tribal Treatment Programs

Implementation of core activities with staff and partners to facilitate access to substance use and mental health services. This can include building the expertise of probation officers, case managers, clinicians, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges in substance use and mental health disorders and effective treatments and recovery support services. Operational treatment courts can utilize funding to expand and enhance their court by:

- Scaling up existing court program capacity.
- Providing access to or enhance treatment capacity or other critical support services, including employment, life skills, peer support, housing and traditional practices.
- Enhancing court operations.
- Expanding or enhancing court services.
- Building or enhancing collection and use of operational and outcome data.
- Improving the quality and/or intensity of treatment and recovery support services based on needs assessments.

3. Court Operations and Services

Administrative, management, and operational activities that support the court and treatment and services for adult treatment court participants.

4. Equipment and Supplies

- Computer hardware and software for internet access and email capability.
- Data management systems for record keeping and case management.
- Cell phones, telephones, pagers, printers, and copiers as needed for program implementation.
- Office supplies, postage, and other necessary program and outreach supplies.
- Urine screen analysis supplies and equipment.
- Overdose response supplies, such as overdose reversal medications like naloxone.

Funding Restrictions/Unallowable Expenses

The budget must explicitly describe how the proposed budget items directly apply to the program design and how they will assist the applicant in meeting the program objectives. In addition to unallowable costs identified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), award funds may not

be used for the following:

- Prizes
- Rewards
- Entertainment
- Trinkets
- Any other monetary incentives, including client stipends, gift cards, vehicle purchases, or food and beverages. All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.
- Land acquisition
- Social Workers

Controlled Substance Act

Award recipients are prohibited from using federal funds to support programs or activities that violate the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 801, et seq, regardless of local or state practices or laws. Programs or activities funded under a BJA ATC award must ensure that participants are periodically tested for the use of controlled substances, including medical marijuana. See 34 U.S.C. § 10611, et seq.

Match Waiver

The match required at 34 U.S.C. § 10616 is waived for grantees under Purpose Area 5. See 34 U.S.C. § 10616(a). Applicants are not required to submit a match waiver request. Any match amount proposed by an applicant and incorporated into an approved budget will be treated as a voluntary match and becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Limitation on Violent Offender Participation

This Purpose Area is partially funded with Adult Treatment Court (ATC) funding. Per 34 U.S.C. § 10612, ATC funding may not be used to provide treatment or services for violent offenders. For the purposes of this NOFO, the term “violent offender” means a person who— (1) is charged with or convicted of an offense that is punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, during the course of which offense or conduct— (A) the person carried, possessed, or used a firearm or dangerous weapon; (B) there occurred the death of or serious bodily injury to any person; or (C) there occurred the use of force against the person of another, without regard to whether any of the circumstances described in subparagraph (A) or (B) is an element of the offense or conduct of which or for which the person is charged or convicted; or (2) has 1 or more prior convictions for a felony crime of violence involving the use or attempted use of force against a person with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm. More detailed information is available at: [Violent Offender Prohibition in Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts FAQ](#). See also 34 U.S.C. §10613.

Training and Technical Assistance

Budget for registration fees and other costs connected with training events related to Purpose Area 5 activities. Costs connected with obtaining expert knowledge to help with developing or enhancing the program, such as training and technical support are allowable. However, in planning their training needs, applicants should note that expert training and technical assistance will also be offered at no cost to them. For more information about DOJ-provided Training and Technical Assistance, see: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/training-and-technical-assistance>.

Purpose Area 6: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities – CJA (OVC), ALN #16.583

Goals and Objectives

Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (CJA) program, administered by the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), will support tribes' efforts to develop, establish, and operate programs designed to improve the investigation, prosecution, and handling of cases of criminal child abuse and neglect (particularly child sexual abuse cases) in a manner that lessens trauma for child victims. The statutory authority for the CJA program is the Children's Justice Act, 34 U.S.C. § 20101(g).

Projects funded under this purpose area will improve (1) the handling of child abuse cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim; and (2) the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse. Project activities should focus on multidisciplinary approaches to the criminal investigation, prosecution, and management of cases by improving coordination among tribal, state, and federal professionals.

Specifically, projects should establish or enhance a legal system to conduct criminal investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. This may include:

- Developing or updating tribal code to support the criminal investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.
- Developing or updating policies and procedures for investigators, prosecutors, and other staff supporting child abuse victims.
- Training criminal investigators, prosecutors, and other staff on tribal code and other policies, procedures and practices.

Projects should support strategies for criminal investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim. This may include:

- Creating a multidisciplinary team to work on child abuse cases.
- Using a multidisciplinary team approach to forensic interviewing of child victims.
- Dedicating specific police investigators and/prosecutors for child abuse cases, particularly child sexual abuse cases.

Projects should provide emergency and crisis intervention services to aid child abuse victims and their family members in recovering from abuse and neglect. For purposes of the CJA program, "family members" refers to (1) members of the abused or neglected child's family or individuals acting as the child's legal guardian or caregiver; (2) individuals who are providing care and support to the child; and (3) individuals who are NOT the accused or actual perpetrators of the abuse/victimization for which the child is receiving services.

Finally, projects should provide support services to criminal child abuse victims and their non-offending family members. Such support services might include, but are not limited to:

- Establishing or supporting child advocacy centers to provide a neutral and child-friendly area for trained professionals to conduct forensic interviews.
- Providing victims of child sexual abuse with access to sexual assault forensic medical exams performed by medical professionals with specialized training in conducting pediatric exams.

- Providing advocates to accompany the child victim to court to provide emotional support.
- Preparing child victims to participate in the judicial process by using developmentally appropriate language and resources.
- Facilitating victim impact statements.
- Implementing appropriate practices within the court setting to mitigate the trauma for child victims testifying in the physical presence of the accused.
- Ensuring that child victims and their family members receive access to victim assistance, medical, mental health, and social services from the initial report through the judicial process and recovery.
- Providing counseling for child victims, families, secondary victims (such as siblings or grandparents), and for groups of victims, as appropriate.

Required Deliverables

Award recipients under this purpose area will be required to submit quarterly performance measure data and semi-annual reports detailing project activities, outcomes, and challenges. For award recipients proposing to establish a **new** child advocacy center or new programs for serving victims of child abuse and neglect, deliverables will include:

- A written plan for conducting a community needs assessment
- A written strategic plan outlining steps to establish and sustain the new program.

Funding Areas

For detailed information about what costs are allowable with funding from this grant, refer to the allowable cost chart at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities>. Applicants may request funding for the following:

1. Personnel/Staffing

Funding may support the salary and fringe benefits for personnel involved in investigation, prosecution, and victim services focused on cases of criminal child abuse and neglect. Staffing may include dedicated prosecutors, law enforcement investigators, child protection services personnel, forensic interviewers, case managers, clinical mental health professionals, pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs), and other victim assistance and allied professionals.

2. Victim Assistance

Victim assistance may include appropriate counseling for primary victims and secondary victims (such as siblings or grandparents), family therapy, group therapy, assistance for emergency/short-term needs, and case management services. **Services must be linked to the child's victimization.**

3. Coordination/Outreach

Funding may support purchase of supplies and travel associated with multidisciplinary team meetings, community forums, and the development, production, and distribution of awareness materials such as public service announcements, posters, brochures, fact sheets, etc., designed to increase the public's awareness and understanding of child abuse and neglect and the availability of grant-funded services.

4. Expanding Services

Funding may support expanding existing victim service programming to provide a more comprehensive array of services to child victims and their families. Funds may also be used to support outreach and education activities that educate the community about child abuse and neglect and how to access the services that are available.

5. Training

Funding may be used for costs associated with developing and conducting local in-service trainings relevant to the investigation and prosecution of criminal child abuse and neglect cases. Funding may also be used to send grant-funded personnel and other staff who work closely with the program to training events that address the handling, investigation, and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases.

6. Equipment

Funding may be used for equipment and technology expenses that meet the equipment cost threshold. Equipment is defined as an item having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost of \$10,000 or more. Examples might include program vehicles, forensic interviewing recording equipment, and medical equipment for a pediatric SANE program.

7. Supplies

Costs may include supplies such as play therapy, digital cameras, rape kits, office furniture, consumable office supplies, printers and scanners, etc.

8. Procurement Contracts and Consultants

Funding can be used for contracted services or consultants to carry out program activities that include, but are not limited to, telemedicine/telehealth access, cell phone service, or leasing a vehicle, photocopier, or other equipment essential to the operation of the project. The consultant rate should be consistent with DOJ's maximum limit of \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour.

9. Other Costs

Funds can be used to support other program expenses as necessary to fulfill the project's goals and objectives related to child victimization, for example, short-term emergency assistance, facility and equipment, maintenance fees, or conference registration fees, etc.

Note: Costs associated with programs focused solely on prevention activities are not allowable.

Specific Requirements

Eligibility

For Purpose Area 6, Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities, tribal designees are also eligible applicants and must provide a current tribal resolution or other satisfactory legal enactment from the tribe as part of the application.

The competitive award process requires applicants to describe how the project will focus on the criminal investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases. If the proposed project serves child victims, but does not include prosecution or investigation activities, you may consider applying under OVC's Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside funding opportunity.

FY 2024 and FY 2025 Purpose Area 6 CJA program awardees are not eligible to apply for the FY 2026 Purpose Area 6 CJA program.

Budget

The proposed budget should not exceed \$450,000 for a 36-month project period and must be consistent with activities described in the program narrative.

Training and Technical Assistance Activities

Upon award, OVC will provide access to either programmatic or financial compliance support to expand grant recipients' capacity to develop and implement their grant funded project. Support may include:

- Professional development training.
- Specific training for project staff and staff members from collaborating partner agencies and organizations or other experts on how to serve victims of child abuse and neglect.
- Assistance with establishing mechanisms to capture required performance measurement data, development of project deliverables, or other TTA needs that may be identified.

OVC expects all recipients to actively participate in activities and services offered through OVC and to use the OVC-designated resources and TTA providers for technical support.

The funds for this program are authorized by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984. VOCA states that the funds are available for award recipients to use during the federal fiscal year that the award was made, plus three additional federal fiscal years (for example, VOCA funds awarded in FY 2026 are available for use through the end of FY 2029).

Purpose Area 8: Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP), ALN # 16.585

Goals and Objectives

Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (YHWC) Program, administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), will support tribal efforts to enhance an existing YHWC. The purpose of the YHWC program is to support tribal youth with substance use disorders (SUD) in achieving sustained recovery and reducing recidivism. YHWCs effectively integrate substance use treatment, drug testing, graduated incentives, sanctions, and case management in judicially supervised tribal court settings that have jurisdiction over youth who have an SUD or co-occurring mental health disorder to reduce recidivism, increase access to treatment and recovery support services, and prevent overdose fatalities.

Like treatment courts, YHWCs are special courts that use a team approach including the judge, attorneys, probation, law enforcement, treatment providers, educational and vocational services, peer recovery supports, and other partners.

The objectives of this PA are to ensure that all grantees, over the five-year project period, have access to the OJJDP treatment court resources, including OJJDP-funded training and technical assistance, needed to do the following, as applicable:

- Conduct a community strength and needs assessment to help enhance an existing YHWC.
- Identify existing resources and partners that can support the proposed enhancement(s).
- Identify resource gaps and other areas of need that should be addressed during the expansion of the court.
- Obtain support from tribal council, tribal court judges, prosecutor's office, defense counsel, probation, law enforcement, treatment providers, schools, vocational programs, other service providers, tribal elders, tribal community members, and others, as appropriate.
- Enhance YHWC policies and procedures, which should address eligibility criteria, screening and assessment procedures and tools, phased treatment, supportive services, compliance monitoring, and graduated sanctions and incentives.
- Hire staff needed for the YHWC team.
- Update a YHWC policies and procedures manual.
- Enhance written bench books, screening and assessment tools, participant contracts, participant handbooks, and any other resources needed to expand the YHWC.
- Develop or enhance a written data collection protocol describing how the data outlined in the strategic plan will be collected, stored, and analyzed to measure project success and make any needed adjustments to the project design.
- Develop and implement an appropriate data collection system (or an existing system) to support the project.
- Collect data pursuant to the performance measures outlined in the strategic plan.
- Screen juveniles and young adults under age 21 for eligibility.
- Conduct a process evaluation with assistance from the OJJDP-designated TTA provider.

Enhancing Youth Healing to Wellness Courts (\$750,000)

This purpose area will support the continuation, expansion, or enhancement of Youth Healing to Wellness Court. The only Tribes that are eligible to apply for this category are:

- Tribes that have an OJJDP-funded Purpose Area 8 award with a project period end date in 2026.
- Tribes that had an OJJDP-funded Purpose Area 8 award that ended in 2025 but did not apply for or receive a YHWC award in FY 2025.

The goal of the YHWC is to increase Tribal capacity to sustain an effective court after the conclusion of the grant award. Funding will support a planning period and will focus on aligning the YHWC team about the current needs of their community's Youth Healing to Wellness Court. Enhancement grant recipients are expected to review and revise their current approved strategic plan to incorporate the next five years.

Applicants must attach a copy of their most recent OJJDP Youth Healing to Wellness Court strategic plan or sustainability plan to the application.

Funding Areas

Applicants may apply for funding to include the following:

1. Staffing

Salary and fringe benefits for positions to support enhancement of the program and oversee staff that provide direct assistance to youth participants.

2. Expand Treatment Workforce

Implementation of workforce development to increase substance use and mental health providers, and peer recovery supports. This can include building the expertise of Juvenile Probation Counselors in substance use and mental health.

3. Equipment and Supplies

- Computer hardware and software for internet access and email capability.
- Cell phones, telephones, pagers, printers, and copiers as needed for program implementation.
- Office supplies, postage, and other necessary program and outreach supplies.

4. Training

Off-site specific training for identified program staff to improve or develop skills in the areas related to operating a YHWC. **Note:** While funds may be allocated for program staff to attend training, all grant recipients will receive virtual, on-site, and cluster trainings from the OJJDP-selected training provider. Funds are **not** allowed for additional consultants.

5. Court Operations and Services

Administrative, management, and operational activities that support the court, treatment, and services for youth.

Match Waiver

The match required at 34 U.S.C. 10616 is waived for grantees under Purpose Area 8. See 34 U.S.C. 10616(a). Applicants are not required to submit a match waiver request. Any match amount proposed by an applicant and incorporated into an approved budget will be treated as a voluntary match and becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Limitation on Violent Offender Participation

Per 34 U.S.C. 10612, any court that receives funds under this program may not permit participation by violent offenders. For the purposes of this funding opportunity, the term “violent offender” includes a juvenile who has been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a felony- level offense that (1) has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, (2) the possession or use of a firearm, or (3) by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense. See 34 U.S.C. 10613.

Funding will be immediately suspended if DOJ determines that violent offenders are participating in any program funded under this purpose area.

Technical Assistance

A TTA provider has already been identified by OJJDP to support Purpose Area 8 grantees. Applicants should **not** include requests for funding to support on-site consultants as this will be managed by the existing TTA provider.

Purpose Area 9: Tribal Youth Justice Program – TYJP (OJJDP), ALN #16.731

Goals and Objectives

The Tribal Youth Justice Program (TYJP), administered by OJJDP, will support and enhance tribal efforts to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency and strengthen a fair and beneficial juvenile justice system response for American Indian and Alaska Native youth. The program supports Tribes to build and sustain youth justice systems that are effective in reducing the number of Tribal youths entering or returning to the justice system and empowering Native youth to lead healthy, safe, and productive lives. Proposals must reflect broad, Tribal-wide planning and community involvement. Engagement of Tribal youth, families, Elders, leaders, service providers, law enforcement, courts, probation, and schools is strongly encouraged to ensure both immediate impact and sustainability beyond the award period.

Tribal Youth Justice Program funds may also support services related to the enhancement of a Tribal Youth Healing to Wellness Court (YHWC) in collaboration with CTAS Purpose Area 8. **Note:** The population of youth served under this award must be under the age of 21 at the time of entering the TYJP.

The objectives of this PA are to ensure that all grantees, over the project period, have access to the OJJDP tribal youth justice resources needed to:

- Develop or enhance prevention and early intervention strategies that reduce risk factors for juvenile delinquency among tribal youth.
- Increase the availability and use of diversion programs for low- and moderate-risk youth, as determined by the program.
- Enhance access to mental health and substance use screening, assessment, and treatment services for youth.
- Improve outcomes for tribal youth returning to the community from detention or residential placement.
- Enhance tribal capacity to administer, monitor, and sustain juvenile justice programming.

Applicants must apply under one of two categories:

Seeding Change Planning Grant (Category 1)

Category 1 will support a dedicated planning period for tribes to develop strategies to improve and/or enhance tribal juvenile justice systems that include prevention, intervention, and treatment programs and services for youth (see below for definitions of prevention, intervention, and treatment for the purposes of this Purpose Area). This grant is intended for tribes that have not previously received OJJDP funding for Purpose Area 9; therefore, tribes that have an active TYJP Purpose Area 9 award at the time of application are not eligible to apply for this grant award.

The goal of Category 1 is to increase Tribal leadership and youth, family, and community involvement in planning activities that culminate in a high- quality strategic plan and related proposal for an implementation grant that reflects the tribe's needs, values, and priorities.

Harvesting Change Implementation and Expansion Grant (Category 2)

Category 2 will support the continuation, expansion, or enhancement of current OJJDP-funded TYJP. The only tribes that are eligible to apply for this category are:

- Tribes that have an OJJDP-funded Purpose Area 9 award with a project period end date in 2026.
- Tribes that had an OJJDP-funded Purpose Area 9 award that ended in 2025 but did not apply for or receive a TYJP award in FY 2026.

The goal of Category 2 is to increase Tribal capacity to sustain effective youth programs, services, and supports after the conclusion of the grant award. This may include training and technical assistance to support the tribe in collecting data and measuring the effectiveness of evidence based and Tribal best practices and expand local, inter-Tribal and regional partnerships.

Category 2 applicants must attach a copy of their most recent Tribal Youth Justice Program strategic plan or sustainability plan to the application.

Applicants may propose projects under Category 1 and Category 2 that address one or more focus areas, including prevention, intervention, treatment, and system improvement.

Prevention

- **Prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency and promote protective factors.** This may include mentoring, youth development, anti-gang education, truancy and school dropout prevention programs, after-school programs, anti-bullying programs, and programs that emphasize youth, family and community engagement.
- **Prevention, intervention, and treatment for children exposed to violence.** This includes development and implementation of programs and services that address child abuse and neglect and the effects and issues of childhood trauma or exposure to violence. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the DOJ report on [American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence](#).

Intervention

- **Interventions for Tribal youth in the courts/juvenile justice system.** This may include therapeutic services, mentoring, graduated sanctions, restitution, diversion, home detention, foster and shelter care, and other alternatives to detention.
- **Intervention and treatment services for children exposed to sex trafficking.** This may include the development of or implementation of programs and services for children who are victims of sex trafficking.

Treatment

- **Treatment services for youth.** This may include alcohol and substance use treatment programs, mental health treatment (counseling, referral, and placement), and development of comprehensive screening tools, crisis intervention, intake assessments, treatment team planning, and therapeutic services for co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- **Services for youth in detention or out-of-home placement.** This may include

risk and needs assessments, educational and vocational programming, mental health and substance use services, family strengthening, recreational activities, and aftercare and reentry services to help successfully reintegrate youth into the tribal community.

System Improvement

- **Improvement on or establish of data collection systems.** This may include efforts to create or improve the ability to track youth in detention, placement, or community-based programs with the goal of improving understanding of and responses to youth and community needs.
- **Improvement of strategic partnerships to better serve Tribal Youth.** This may include efforts to create or improve relationships between child welfare and juvenile justice serving agencies, creating or enhancing strategic partnerships with governmental officials, improving notification systems, and policy reform.

OJJDP also acknowledges that many Tribes operate within broader state and local juvenile justice systems and are directly impacted by those systems. As such, OJJDP is committed to supporting efforts that ensure Tribal youth receive effective services. Proposals that seek to develop or strengthen state–Tribal partnerships may be incorporated at any point along the juvenile justice continuum as part of a Tribal Youth Justice Program (TYJP) initiative.

Funding Areas

Applicants may apply for funding that includes the following areas.

1. Staffing (Category 1 and 2)

Salary and fringe benefits for positions to support implementation of the program and other costs for professional support services and for evaluation.

2. Equipment and Supplies (Category 1 and 2)

- Computer hardware and software for internet access and email capability.
- Cell phones, telephones, printers, and copiers as needed for program implementation.
- Office supplies, postage, and other necessary program and outreach supplies.

3. Programs and Services (Category 2)

Prevention, intervention and treatment programs, services, and strategies that support youth, families, and the tribal juvenile justice system.

Programs applying under Category 1, may pay for activities related to planning a future TYJP.

Technical Assistance

Training and technical assistance will be provided by OJJDP and its TTA provider to Purpose Area 9 grantees at no cost. Applicants should **not** include requests for funding to support onsite training consultants as this will be managed by the existing TTA provider.

Other

OJJDP will provide all newly funded grantees with intensive training and technical assistance to help them develop or update a comprehensive strategic plan and the capacity to collect and utilize performance management and program evaluation data.

How Awards will Contribute to Program Goals/Objectives

Awards made under this NOFO will support tribal justice systems to address public safety challenges.

Expected Outcomes: Deliverables and Performance Measures

To achieve the goals and objectives of this funding opportunity, DOJ has identified expected deliverables that must be produced by a recipient. DOJ has also identified performance measures (pieces of data) that will indicate how a recipient is achieving the performance goals and objectives previously identified. Recipients will need to collect and report this performance measure data to DOJ.

Deliverables

Deliverables are what the applicant will create or produce under the award. The term “deliverables” as used here refers to discrete products under an award. An award may support activities (e.g., personnel time for award activities) that are part of recipient performance but are not considered deliverables. Award recipients will be expected to develop and submit the deliverables listed below in the course of implementing their proposed project.

Purpose Area	Deliverable
2	Written strategic plan
4	Completed facility
6	1) Written plan for conducting a community needs assessment 2) Written Strategic plan
8	Develop/update Strategic Plan
9	Develop/update Strategic Plan

Performance Measures

Performance measures are data that show a recipient's progress in implementing their project, such as the number of people served, or number of trainings conducted. DOJ will require each award recipient to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives identified in [Program Goals and Objectives](#). Applicants can visit [OJP's performance measurement page](#) at ojp.gov/performance for more information on OJP performance measurement activities. A list of performance measures for these programs can be found at the following links:

Purpose Area	Performance Measures Link
1	https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/progress_reports/TRGP-Hire_Progress_Report.pdf , https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/progress_reports/TRGP-ET_Progress_Report.pdf
2*	CTAS PA 2: Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning Performance Measures
3*	CTAS PA 3: Tribal Justice Systems Performance Measures
4*	CTAS PA 4: Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program Performance Measures
5*	The award recipients will receive further guidance on post award reporting requirements
6	The award recipients will receive further guidance on post award reporting requirements

8	https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/pmqd/tribal-healing-wellness-program.pdf
9	https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/pmqd/tribal-youth-program.pdf

*BJA is in the process of reviewing and revising performance measure questions for purpose areas 2-5. Any changes resulting from this review will be communicated to award recipients. The current link is representative of the measures applicants will be expected to report on.

Funding Instrument

DOJ expects to make awards under this funding opportunity as grants. See the “[Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#)” section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions that apply to many DOJ awards. Please see the [TRGP Application Resource Guide](#) which describes the award terms and conditions, and additional requirements that applicants should be aware of before applying to Purpose Area 1.

Cost Sharing/Match Requirements

This funding opportunity does not require a match.



APPLICATION CONTENTS, SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, AND DEADLINES

This NOFO contains all the information needed to apply for this funding opportunity. The application for this funding opportunity is submitted through web-based forms and attachments in Grants.gov and JustGrants through the steps that follow.

Please **do not** include any content, including attachments or language within your application, commenting, modifying, challenging, and/or editing the grant requirements including the terms and conditions. Such content, if included, will not be **reviewed or considered** when evaluating your application, nor will any attachment from an applicant unilaterally change the terms of a grant if awarded.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and SAM.gov Registration

To submit an application, an applicant must have an active registration in the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#). SAM.gov assigns entities a unique entity identifier (UEI) that is required for the entity to apply for federal funding. Applicants will enter their UEI with their application. Award recipients must then maintain an active UEI for the duration of their award's period of performance.

First-time Registration: Entities registering in SAM.gov for the first time will submit information about their entity type and structure, financial information (such as dates of the fiscal year, banking information, and executive compensation), entity points of contact, and other information. The information is reviewed and verified by SAM.gov, and then a UEI is issued. This process may take several weeks, so entities considering applying for funding should begin the registration process as soon as possible.

Renewing an Existing Registration: Entities must renew their SAM.gov registration every 12 months to keep it active. If an entity does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent the submission of an application for funding in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration or renewal process **at least 30 days prior to the application's Grants.gov deadline**. Applicants who fail to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not be able to complete the process in time and will not be considered for a technical waiver that allows for late submission.

Submission Instructions: Summary

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants. See [Basic Information: Key Dates](#) for the Grants.gov and JustGrants application deadlines.

- **Step 1: The applicant must submit the required [Application for Federal Assistance SF-424](#) by the Grants.gov deadline. Step 2: The applicant must submit the full application, including attachments, through JustGrants by the deadline (see [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](#)).**

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov Submission of SF-424

After registering with SAM.gov, the applicant must submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov. If required, the SF-LLL will be submitted in JustGrants

Access/Registration

If the applicant does not already have a Grants.gov account, they will need to register for this opportunity in Grants.gov. Applicants should follow the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#) to register, create a workspace, assign roles, submit an application, and troubleshoot issues.

Submission of the SF-424

Applicants will begin the application process in Grants.gov with the submission of the SF-424, which collects the applicant's name, address, and UEI; the funding opportunity number; and proposed project title, among other information. The SF-424 must be signed by the Grants.gov Authorized Organizational Representative for the applicant.

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Section 8F – Applicant Point of Contact: Please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information (*i.e.*, email address) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Section 19 – Intergovernmental Review:

Purpose Area 1

The requirements of [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) are applicable to Purpose Area 1. An applicant may find the names and addresses of State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) at the following website: <https://www.ojp.gov/IntergovernmentalReviewSPOCList.pdf>. If the applicant's state appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact its SPOC to find out about, and comply with, that state's process under E.O. 12372. On the SF-424, an applicant whose state appears on the SPOC list is to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, once the applicant has complied with its State E.O. 12372 process. An applicant whose state does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting "Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the state for review."

Purpose Areas 2 and 3

The tribe is welcome to include the state in their planning if they believe it would be valuable and are encouraged to work with the state if they expect that lack of state involvement in the planning process is likely to hinder their ability to successfully implement the proposed project if an award is made.

Purpose Area 4

There is no mandatory state involvement requirement. However, we do encourage intergovernmental coordination where appropriate (e.g., transitional living to support community reintegration efforts).

Purpose Area 5

The tribe is welcome to include the state in their planning if they believe it would be valuable and are encouraged to work with the state if they expect that lack of state involvement in the planning process is likely to hinder their ability to successfully implement the proposed project if an award is made.

Purpose Area 6

There is no mandatory state involvement requirement. Project activities funded under the Children's Justice Act (CJA) PA6 can provide multi-disciplinary approaches to the investigation, prosecution, and management of cases by improving coordination among tribal, state, and federal professionals.

Purpose Areas 8 and 9

There is no preference or mandatory state involvement in CTAS. It is up to the tribe to decide.

An applicant should submit the SF-424 as early as possible; it is recommended that the applicant should submit it no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to submit their application in JustGrants.

Once the SF-424 has been successfully submitted in Grants.gov, the Grants.gov Workspace status will change from "In Progress" to "Submitted." Applicants will also receive a series of four Grants.gov email notifications. Refer to the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) for additional details.

If an applicant needs to update information in the SF-424 after it is submitted in Grants.gov, they can update the information as part of their JustGrants submission (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Standard Applicant Information](#)). They do not need to submit an update in Grants.gov.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants Submission of Full Application

Access/Registration

For first-time JustGrants applicants, once the application is received from Grants.gov, DOJ will send an email (from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to the email address listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. This email should arrive within 24 hours after confirmation from Grants.gov of the SF-424 submission.

Creating and setting up a JustGrants account consists of three steps:

1. Follow the instructions in the email to first confirm who will be the Entity Administrator (the person who manages which staff can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant).
2. Log in to JustGrants and confirm the information in the Entity Profile.
3. Invite other individuals who will serve as the Application Submitter and the Authorized Representative for the applicant to register for JustGrants.

These steps should be completed in JustGrants as early as possible; it is recommended that the steps should be completed no later than 48 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive a link in an email to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. Applicants can find additional information on JustGrants registration in the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#).

Preparing for Submission

Some of the required sections of the application will be entered directly into JustGrants, and other sections will require documents to be uploaded and attached. Therefore, applicants should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare, enter, and upload all the requirements of the application.

Applicants may save their application in the system and add to or change the application as needed prior to hitting the “Submit” button at the end of the application in JustGrants. After the application deadline, no changes or additions can be made to the application. **DOJ recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline.**

For additional information, including file name and type requirements, see the “How To Apply” section in the [Application Resource Guide](#) and the [Application Attachment Tips](#) resource.

Standard Applicant Information

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and can make whatever edits are needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and confirm the organization’s unique entity identifier, legal name, and address. All applicants, consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 1352, must disclose the existence or nonexistence of lobbying activities. (See the “[Disclosure of Lobbying Activities](#)” paragraph, below, for additional information.)

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 250 words) summarizing the proposed project must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. The text from abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP.gov and USAspending.gov websites if the project is awarded, so this section of the application should not contain any personally identifiable information (e.g., the name of the project director).

The abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables and written in the third person (e.g., they, the community, their, themselves, rather than I or we). The abstract should include the following information:

- **The name of the applicant’s proposed project.**
- **The purpose of the proposed project (*i.e.*, what the project will do and why it is necessary).**
- **Where the project will take place (*i.e.*, the service area, if applicable).**
- **Who will be served by the project (*i.e.*, who will be helped or have their needs addressed by the project).**
- **What activities will be carried out to complete the project.**

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for an [example](#) of a proposal abstract.

Data Requested With Application

Instead of attaching written narratives, applicants will provide written answers to the Tribal Community and Justice Profile and Purpose Area Narrative question sets in JustGrants. these Question Set(s) should be answered within JustGrants. A copy of Question Sets can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities>

Purpose Area 1 Demographic Question Set (PA 1 applicants only)

The PA 1 Demographic Question Set completed within JustGrants is designated to capture the unique characteristics of each tribe to provide a more detailed picture of each tribe’s

strengths and challenges. Each applicant applying for Purpose Area 1 should answer the questions in its entirety. If the applicant is unable to answer all or part of the form, an explanation for the missing information should be provided in the available space.

Purpose Areas 2-9 Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

The Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire helps OJP (Purpose Areas 2-9) assess what financial management and internal control systems the applicant has in place, whether these systems would be sufficient to maintain a funding award, and the associated potential risks of an applicant as part of the pre-award risk assessment process. Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in their personal capacity, not representing an applicant organization) is required to complete the web-based form in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status\)](#) for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

Other Attachments

Budget and Associated Documentation:

Applicants must submit one Budget Workbook, including the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative, and attach the file in JustGrants. The workbook should contain a Budget Worksheet and Narrative tab for each purpose area for which funds are being requested. Applicants should upload the completed CTAS Budget Detail and Narrative Excel Workbook, which can be found at: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities>.

Budget proposals should include the funding needed to implement the proposed activities for each purpose area applied for. In preparing their budget proposals, applicants should consider what types of costs are allowable, if awarded funding. Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the project funded under the federal award and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements, including the conditions of the award and the cost principles set out in [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

Costs Associated with Language Assistance and Access: If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable in specific grant programs. Costs to provide reasonable accommodation and facilitate language access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may also be allowable in specific grant programs. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance.

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section on “[Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#)” and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) training.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable): An applicant with a current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement should upload it as an attachment in JustGrants.

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary for the operation of the organization and the performance of the project.

Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for operation and maintenance of offices or workspaces and salaries of administrative or support staff. The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are listed in Appendices III–VII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. A non-federal applicant should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization. See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) and the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on indirect cost rate agreements.

Consultant Rate (if applicable): DOJ has established maximum rates for consultants; see the “Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval” section of the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for more information. If an applicant proposes a rate for a consultant on their project that is higher than the established maximum rate and receives an award, then the award recipient must submit a document requesting approval for the rate and cannot incur costs at the higher rate without prior OJP/COPS approval. The award recipient must provide justification for why the proposed rate is higher than the established maximum rate, such as why the rate is reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable): If an applicant proposes to hire employees with federal award funds, for any award of more than \$250,000, the recipient may not use federal funds to pay total cash compensation (salary plus cash bonuses) to any employee of the recipient at a rate that exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government’s Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. Applicants may request a waiver from this requirement by submitting the appropriate form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the “Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver.”

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable):

This notice of funding opportunity expressly modifies the Application Resource Guide by not incorporating its “Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation” provisions. Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (if applicable)

For each named partner, applicants should include a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a letter of intent that confirms the partner’s agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. MOUs or letters of intent demonstrate the commitment of partner organizations to participate in the project. An MOU is a formalized commitment of staff and/or resources that is signed by authorized representatives of both partner organizations. A letter of intent indicates the organizations’ intention to partner, but the details of the commitment have not been fully worked out and officially agreed to.

Each MOU should include the following:

- **Names of the organizations involved in the agreement.**
- **What service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by what organization.**
- Duration of the agreement.

MOUs should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Unsigned draft MOUs may be submitted with the application, but the applicant should describe in a cover page to the attachment why it is unsigned.

Additional Application Components

If relevant, the applicant may attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

- **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes (Required for Purpose Area 6):** Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of the experience and skills of key personnel necessary to implement the project.
- **Tribal Authority to Apply/Tribal Authorizing Resolution:**
Only required for tribal consortia and designees. If applicable, the applicant will be required to upload the Tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment in JustGrants. Tribal consortia and designees will submit documentation reflective of their legal authority to apply for funds under CTAS as follows.
 - 1) Tribal consortia submit on behalf of each tribal consortium member, unless existing consortium bylaws or other tribal governance documents allow action without explicit authorization from the member tribes in the consortium.
 - 2) Tribal designees will need documentation that authorizes the applicant to submit an application on behalf of the federally recognized Indian tribe and state the tribe's support and commitment for the project.
- **Letters of Support (Applicable for Purpose Area 4 regional projects):**
If desired, applicants may include, for each named supporting entity, a signed letter of support that outlines the supporting entity's reasons for supporting the project. Letters of support should be signed and submitted as one separate attachment to the application in JustGrants.
- **Request To Use Incentives or Stipends:**
For Purpose Areas 5, 6, 8 and 9, certain uses of stipend and incentives are allowable. See (<https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities>) for details and requirements.
- **Timeline:** Applicants should upload a timeline consistent with the CTAS timeline sample found at: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/funding-opportunities>.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities: JustGrants will prompt each applicant to indicate if it is required to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure under 31 U.S.C. § 1352. The applicant is required by law to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure form (Standard Form/SF-LLL) if it has paid or will pay any person to lobby in connection with the award for which it is applying AND this application is for an award in excess of \$100,000. This disclosure requirement is not applicable to such payments by an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or any other Indian organization that are permitted by other federal law. Lobbying means (for this requirement) influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress. See 31 U.S.C. § 1352; 28 C.F.R. part 69. Note: Most applicants do not engage in activities that trigger this disclosure requirement. An applicant that is not required by law (31 U.S.C. § 1352) to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure, should enter "No." By doing so, the applicant is affirmatively asserting (under applicable penalties) that it has nothing to disclose under 31 U.S.C. § 1352 with regard to the application for the award at issue.

Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items: To ensure funding coordination across grantmaking agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication of grant funding, the applicant must disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds, for the same project and the same budget items included in this proposal. Complete the JustGrants Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information. Purpose Area 1 applicants address the disclosure of duplication in cost items within the demographic questions.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances: Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) and [TRGP Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certifications: Review the DOJ document [Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies](#). An applicant must review and sign the certification document in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) and [TRGP Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable): If applicable, submit the DOJ High-Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ high-risk recipient is an award recipient that has received a DOJ high-risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Submission Dates & Times

Refer to [Basic Information: Key Dates](#) for the submission dates and times.

Applicants should submit their applications as early as possible; and it is recommended applications should be submitted not later than 48 hours before the deadlines. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Applicants will use the Certify and Submit feature in JustGrants to confirm that all required application components have been entered, which includes identifying the Authorized Representative for the applicant. Once the application is submitted, the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator receive a confirmation email.

An applicant will receive emails after successfully submitting application components in Grants.gov and JustGrants and should retain all emails and other confirmations received from the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

Experiencing Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers)

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. DOJ will only consider requests to submit an application via alternative methods or after the deadline when the applicant can document that there is a technical issue with a government system that was beyond their control and that prevents submission of the application via the standard process prior to the deadlines. Issues resulting from circumstances within the applicant's control, such as failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration and application process in sufficient time, will not be considered.

Requests and documentation must be sent to tribalgrants@usdoj.gov. Applicants should follow these steps if they experience a technical issue:

- 1. Contact the relevant help desk to report the issue and receive a tracking number.**

See [Basic Information: Contact Information](#) for the phone numbers, email addresses, and operating hours of the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants help desks. Reports of technical issues to the help desk must occur **before** the application deadline.

If an applicant calls the help desk and experiences a long wait time, they can also email the help desk to obtain a tracking number. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desk, and for this reason, long call wait times for support do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

2. If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact tribalgrants@usdoj.gov within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. The applicant's request will need to include:

- A description of the technical difficulties experienced (provide screenshots if applicable).
- A timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit and date and time support representatives responded).
- An attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation (Tribal Community and Justice Profile Question Set, Purpose Area Narrative Question Set(s), and the Budget Detail Workbook). This serves as a "manual" submission of the application.
- The applicant's unique entity identifier (UEI).
- Any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking/ticket numbers documenting the technical issue.

3. If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact tribalgrants@usdoj.gov within 24 hours of the JustGrants deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. See step 2 for the list of information the applicant must provide as part of its request.

As a reminder: the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes documentation of attempts to receive technical assistance to resolve the issue prior to the application deadline. DOJ will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue (including all information previously listed), or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period, will be denied.

For more details on the waiver process, DOJ encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Technical Issues" section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).



APPLICATION REVIEW

Responsiveness (Basic Minimum Requirements) Review

DOJ screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) prior to conducting the merit review. Following are the basic minimum requirements for this funding opportunity. If DOJ determines that an application does not include these elements, it will not proceed to merit review and will not receive any further consideration.

- **The application is submitted by an eligible applicant.**
- **The application is responsive to the scope of the NOFO.**
- **The following application elements are included:**
 - Tribal Community and Justice Profile Question Set
 - Purpose Area Narrative Question Set for each Purpose Area applied for
 - Budget detail workbook, which includes the budget items, their calculations, and explanation (attached in JustGrants)

Applicants whose application fails to meet the BMR are provided notice (including an appropriate point of contact for questions) within a few weeks after the submission due date.

Peer Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements (marked with an asterisk below) will be evaluated for technical merit by peer reviewers based on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

- **Tribal Community and Justice Profile Question Set* (20%):** How fully the application responds to the requested information in the template.
- **Purpose Area Narrative Question Set for each Purpose Area* (60%):** How well the application explains the targeted problem and the proposed grant-funded project to address it, as well as the extent to which the application explains the connection between the Purpose Area request and the needs identified in the Tribal Community and Justice Profile.
- **Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative (the “Budget Workbook”)* (15%):** How clearly the budget is linked to the activities described in the Purpose Area narrative and accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles. Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the federal award, and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements (to include the conditions of the award), including the cost principles set out in the [Uniform Requirements 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#).
- **Application Timeline (5%):** How clearly the proposed, goals, objectives, and activities tie into the program or project design and support a feasible approach; the extent to which the timeline is complete, and all activities can reasonably be completed within the award period with the resources allocated.

*Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements to proceed to peer review.

Programmatic and Financial Review Criteria

After the peer review, applications undergo additional programmatic and financial reviews. DOJ staff may reach out to applicants during the programmatic or financial review if a submitted form is incomplete or needs to be updated. Note that DOJ staff are not authorized to provide

information on peer review scores or comment on programmatic, risk, or budget/financial reviews while the merit review is in progress.

In addition to BMR and peer review criteria, other important considerations for DOJ include geography, strategic priorities (including, but not limited to, the priority areas already mentioned), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the budget detail form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles. If cost sharing/match is not required for this opportunity, applicants will not receive higher consideration by proposing a voluntary match contribution in their budget.

Additionally, DOJ will consider:

- Applicants' prior completion of a strategic plan under a CTAS Purpose Area 2 award, if they have not previously received priority consideration in all eligible Purpose Areas.
- Prior funding history.
- Current award balances.
- Population served.
- Significant concerns of DOJ components regarding ability of the applicant to administer federal funds.
- Available funding when making awards.

Risk Review

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, DOJ also reviews information related to applicant risk. DOJ assesses whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record of performance, integrity, and business ethics, including by (among other things) checking whether the applicant is listed in SAM.gov as excluded from receiving a federal award.

Depending on the severity and nature of the risk factors, the risk assessment may result in the removal of an applicant from consideration or selection for award, or it may result in additional post-award conditions and oversight for an awarded applicant.

In addition, if DOJ anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, DOJ also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM.gov.

Important Note on Responsibility/Qualification Data (formerly FAPIIS): An applicant may review and comment on any information about its organization that currently appears in SAM.gov and was entered by a federal awarding agency. DOJ will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in SAM.gov, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Selection Process

All final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General for OJP or the Director of the COPS Office unless a statute explicitly authorizes award decisions by another official or there is written delegation of authority to another official. This official may consider not only peer review ratings and program office recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in the "Application Review" section to make final award decisions. For additional information on the application review process, see the [Application Resource Guide](#)



AWARD NOTICES

Read about the [award notification](#) process.



POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Notice of Funding Opportunity

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference the “[Application Submission Steps](#)” in the [Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

SAM.gov Registration/Renewal

- Confirm that your entity’s registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is active through the NOFO period. Submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov, if needed (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Grants.gov Registration

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Grants.gov Opportunity Search

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Select the correct Competition ID.
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 under “[Application Submission Steps](#)” in the [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Funding Opportunity Review and Project Planning

- Review all sections of the NOFO.
- Confirm your entity is eligible to receive funding (see [Eligibility: Eligible Applicants](#)).
- Confirm your proposed budget is within the allowable limits (see [Basic Information: Funding Details](#)), includes only allowable costs (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Detail Form](#)), and

includes cost sharing if applicable (see [Program Description: Cost Sharing/Match Requirements](#)).

- Review the performance measures for this funding opportunity and confirm you will be prepared to collect and report on this data (see [Program Description: Performance Measures](#)).
- Applicants for OJP funding, review the “[Legal Overview—FY 2026 Awards](#)” in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#) and confirm you are prepared to follow the requirements.
- Applicants for COPS Office funding, review the award requirements in the [TRGP Resource Guide](#) and confirm you are prepared to follow the requirements.
- Read DOJ policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting under “Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval” in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) or see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov.

- Complete and submit the SF-424 by the deadline.
- Confirm Section 8F of the SF-424 lists the name and contact information of the individual who will complete the application in JustGrants.
- Submit documents for Intergovernmental Review (Purpose Area 1 only).
- Confirm that, within 48 hours of your submission in Grants.gov, you receive four (4) Grants.gov email notifications:
 - A submission receipt
 - A validation receipt
 - A grantor agency retrieval receipt
 - An agency tracking number assignment
- If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section on “[Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#)”).
- Confirm that, within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 receives an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants

- Complete the following information:
 - Entity and User Verification (first-time applicants)
 - Standard Applicant Information
 - Proposal Abstract
 - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire -for Purpose Areas 2-9 only (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
- Complete the Purpose Area Narrative question set.*
- Complete the Tribal Community and Justice Profile question set *
- Complete and upload the budget detail excel budget worksheet.*
- Upload additional application components, (timeline, indirect cost rate agreement if applicable).
- Complete the required disclosures and assurances:
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities and submission of SF-LLL (if required)
 - Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
 - Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees
- **Complete the required DOJ Certification on Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies.**

****Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements review. If DOJ determines that an application does not include the designated items, it will neither proceed to peer review nor receive further consideration.***

JustGrants Review, Certification, and Application Submission

- Address any validation errors displayed on screen after attempted submission, then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application. Access the [Application Submission Validation Errors Quick Reference Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions to resolve errors prior to submission.
- Note the confirmation message at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.
- If no JustGrants application submission confirmation email or validation is received, or if an error notification is received, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov regarding technical difficulties. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.