

OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2026-172622

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **August 6, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. ET**
 2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **August 13, 2026, by 8:59 p.m. ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is committed to advancing work that furthers the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) mission to keep our country safe and secure and uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of American citizens. OJP 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.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program**. This opportunity supports the provision of services to crime victims in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities through a discretionary administrative formula program funded under a set-aside designated by law from the Crime Victims Fund (CVF). The program is not competitive and is open only to federally recognized Indian Tribes (applying individually or as consortia), Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Regional Corporations, and their authorized designees. Funding may be used to improve and support a Tribe's victim services and is available for a broad range of expenses that are reasonable and necessary to serve crime victims. Tribes can also use Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) grants for construction or for refurbishing, renovating, or improving structures for victim services office space, shelter for victims, and related purposes.

See the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for eligibility details.

Funding Details

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| Announcement Type | Initial |
| Assistance Listing Number | 16.841 |
| Statutory Authority | Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, sec. 510, 51-52) |
| Grants.gov Opportunity Number | O-OVC-2026-172622 |
| Expected Total Amount of Funding | \$90,000,000 |
| Anticipated Number of Awards | 335 |
| Award Type(s) | Grant |
| Anticipated Award Amount | Up to \$650,000 |
| Expected Award Period(s) | 12 months starting on October 1, 2026 |

Five-Year Funding Cycle: FY 2026 awards will have a five-year project period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2030. Annual supplemental funding will be allocated via formula (FY2027–FY2030) based on the availability of federal funds and progress of the work funded under the award. Applicants who plan to seek funding from the TVSSA Program to continue or expand an existing TVSSA-funded project should carefully consider their current TVSSA award balances and need for further funding. Tribes are not required to apply for TVSSA funding each year and do not lose eligibility for future funding if they choose not to apply in the current year.

Key Dates and Times

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| NOFO Release Date | May 29, 2026 |
| Pre-Application Webinar | Details and registration information about a webinar series for this NOFO will be posted to the OVC website . |
| SAM.gov Registration/Renewal | Begin the process by July 7, 2026, and no later than July 23, 2026 |
| Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline | 11:59 p.m. ET on August 6, 2026 |
| Step 2: JustGrants Deadline | 8:59 p.m. ET on August 13, 2026 |
| Anticipated Notification Date | By September 30, 2026 |

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

Under this program, OVC allocates funding to participating Tribes through a discretionary administrative formula based on the Population Certifications submitted by federally recognized Indian Tribes, ANCSA Regional Corporations, and designees. Eligible applicants are entities that submitted a Population Certification and subsequently received an invitation letter to apply for FY2026 TVSSA funding.

To confirm your eligibility to apply under this NOFO or to confirm your FY 2026 formula allocation, see the funding table and your invitation to apply letter from OVC. All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match).

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. No. 119-74, 140 Stat. 5, sec. 510, 51-52)

Agency Funding Priorities

In order to advance public safety and help meet its mission, OJP's priorities include:

- a. Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
- b. Combatting violent crime;
- c. Supporting services to American citizens;
- d. Protecting American children; and
- e. Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Unallowable Activities: The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply: (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Goals and Objectives of This Funding Opportunity

Goal 1: Provide funding to Tribes through noncompetitive grant awards to improve services for victims of crime.

- **Objective 1:** Expand and enhance services for AI/AN crime victims.

For a description of how awards under this NOFO will contribute to achieving these goals and objectives, see the [Performance Reports](#) section below.

Expected Outcomes

OJP expects recipients to submit deliverables and performance reports, as described below. Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information. OJP will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Recipients do not need to submit any deliverables other than the standard items in the [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) section.

Performance Reports

OJP requires recipients to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving [Program Goals and Objectives](#). Read information on [performance reporting](#).

A list of performance measure questions for this funding opportunity can be found at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/tvs-questionnaire.pdf>.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

The table below lists the contents for your application. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions.

| Application Item | Submission Type |
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| Step 1: Grants.gov | |
| Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 | Online Form |
| Step 2: JustGrants | |
| Standard Applicant Information | Online Form |

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| <p>Data Requested With Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status) | Online Form |
| <p>Proposal Narrative Questionnaire</p> | Online Form |
| <p>Budget</p> | Attachment |
| <p>Other Budget/Financial Attachments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) Consultant Rate (if applicable) Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable) | Attachment |
| <p>Additional Application Components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timeline Resumes Construction and Renovation Efforts Questionnaire (if applicable) | Attachment |

Standard Applicant Information

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov. Add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Data Requested With Application

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

Review information on this [questionnaire](#).

Proposal Narrative Questionnaire

Format of the Proposal Narrative Questionnaire

Applicants will complete the Proposal Narrative Questionnaire in JustGrants. The questionnaire captures the following information.

- 1. Applicant Name and Name/Title of Individual Completing the Questionnaire** *(Please provide name, title, and Tribe/organization)*
- 2. Tribal Entity and Applicant Type**

- Federally Recognized Indian Tribe
- Consortium or two or more Federally Recognized Tribes
- Authorized Designee of a Federally Recognized Tribe

List each Federally Recognized Tribe, Consortium, and/or Authorized Designee who will be served by the proposed project. If you are applying as a Tribal consortium, or the Authorized Designee of a Tribe, please list the names of each federally recognized Tribe to be served by the proposed project.

3. Project Summary

In about 200 words or less, please provide a summary of what your project will do. Please describe the geographic location of the service area(s) for the proposed project, the total population to be served, average age of the residents, and the types of victim services to be provided.

Do you currently operate a victim services program in the local areas to be served by this project?

- Yes
- No

If your Tribe/organization currently operates a victim services program, use the space below to state how long the program has been in operation, current staffing levels, and types of services currently offered.

4. Description of Need

What critical needs are you proposing to address with this project? Provide data that shows the impacts on crime victims and/or stories about how crime has impacted victims in your tribal population. Explain how additional resources will meet the need(s) you have identified. (Please do not provide names or other identifying information.)

5. Project Design and Implementation

Describe how you will implement project activities to accomplish your proposed goals and objectives.

What types of crime victimization will your project address?

- Domestic violence
- Sex trafficking, labor trafficking
- Teen dating violence
- Property crimes (burglary, arson, destruction of property, etc.)
- Sexual assault, adults sexually abused as children
- Child abuse/neglect, child sexual assault
- Violent crimes (kidnapping, armed robbery, aggravated assault)

- Elder abuse
- Stalking
- MMIP family support
- Survivors of homicide
- Bullying
- Other: Please specify _____

What are the services/activities you would like to use your funding to support?

- Victim advocacy services
- Civil legal assistance
- Outreach and awareness activities
- Training for project staff and partners
- Access to traditional/cultural activities
- Tribal code development
- Developing program policies and procedures
- Purchasing or leasing a vehicle or other major equipment
- Supporting multi-disciplinary response team (for example, SANE-SART, CCR, CPT)
- Conducting a needs assessment and/or developing a strategic plan
- Mental health and substance abuse services for victims of crime
- MMIP awareness activities
- MMIP victim services
- Emergency shelter and/or transitional housing
- Construction, renovation, expansion, and/or remodeling projects (Requires completion of separate construction-renovation questionnaire)
- Other: Please specify

6. Project Goals and Objectives

List the specific goals and objectives for the proposed project to achieve each goal and objective. Goals and objectives should be specific and measurable and focused on outcomes you can realistically achieve during the award period. Please follow this example:

Goal 1:
Objective 1.1:
Objective 1.2:

7. Project Staff

List full name(s) and position/title(s), percentage of time/effort that will be spent on project, summary of job duties/qualifications for each employee listed, and summary of prior relevant job experience (only if someone is

currently in the position). If the position is vacant, add a brief summary of the desired qualifications for the position.

8. Project Management

List the full name and position/title of who will supervise each project employee. If the supervisor's salary is supported by the grant, provide the percentage of supervisor's time/effort that will be spent supervising and a summary of the supervisor's responsibility for carrying out project services/activities for the proposed project.

9. Contractors/Consultants or Subrecipients

List the full name of each individual consultant/contractor/subrecipient, summary of responsibilities, and consultant/contractor/subrecipient actual or desired qualifications. If the name is not currently known, enter "TBD" and briefly summarize the desired qualifications and experience.

Preparing and Submitting the Proposal Narrative Questionnaire

Applicants may—

1. complete the questionnaire in JustGrants on your own, OR
2. schedule a telephone or video conference meeting with OVC staff for support in completing the questionnaire. The applicant is then responsible for submitting the information into JustGrants as part of their online application.

Please email OVCTribalSetAside@ojp.usdoj.gov if you have questions about how to complete the Proposal Narrative Questionnaire.

If you elect to complete a telephone or video conference meeting, please submit a request by emailing OVCTribalSetAside@ojp.usdoj.gov by June 19, 2026. In your email, please indicate whether you plan to conduct renovation/construction/modular building activities so that staff can schedule sufficient time to review the program narrative and construction-related documents. During the meeting, OVC's Tribal Division will support applicants in documenting the information required in the proposal narrative questionnaire (and [construction questionnaire](#), if applicable). OVC may not be able to accommodate requests for planning meetings received after June 19, 2026.

In addition to the Proposal Narrative Questionnaire, applicants must upload supplemental and supporting documentation, such as a project timeline, resumes, and position descriptions.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget

Use the Budget Narrative (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Read information on [budget preparation](#) and [JustGrants Application Submission Training](#).

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category.
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.¹

The budget submitted should be based on the formula allocation for your Tribe listed in the [FY 2026 funding table](#) and in your invitation to apply letter from OVC.

The following information specific to this funding opportunity will help you develop your project budget.

Allowable and Unallowable Costs

Funding authorizations for this program limit allowable expenses to those associated with serving crime victims. Examples include costs of direct services for crime victims (including the staff, equipment, etc., necessary to deliver those services); assistance in navigating the complex systems associated with victimization (e.g., criminal justice, child welfare); and activities and services that provide awareness about victimization and the resources available to victims. Prevention-focused programs are generally unallowable, though prevention information or activities are allowable when part of a larger effort driven primarily by victim services (e.g., outreach and education about victim services, with prevention resources also provided).

Funding cannot be used for activities that are NOT related to serving crime victims. For example, activities that are centered on investigation, prosecution, offender services or corrections are not allowable. Proposed budgets may not include costs that duplicate costs supported under other federal or state grants, or that supplant (*i.e.*, replace) existing funding for victim services.

¹ See [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Read information on [unallowable costs](#) that apply to all funding opportunities.

Examples of allowable and unallowable costs are included in the FY2026 TVSSA Budget Guidance Chart available online at <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/fy26-tvssa-allowable-and-unallowable-costs.pdf>.

Costs Associated with MMIP Services

Applicants may use TVSSA funds to—

- develop response protocols among a multidisciplinary, interjurisdictional group of agencies and organizations responsible for responding to cases of MMIP. This could include development of an MMIP Tribal Community Response Plan related to victim services;
- educate the community about what to do when a loved one goes missing;
- educate the community about the intersection of MMIP and other crimes by combining MMIP issues into existing awareness events (*e.g.*, awareness month activities for domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking) or awareness activities about National Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women’s Day;
- promote awareness of services available to the family and loved ones of MMIP; or
- help raise awareness of missing individuals from the communities they serve—when the events around their disappearance consist of any of the four circumstances above—by renting billboards; printing placards, leaflets, search instructions, maps, and other display materials; or hosting awareness walks or other commemorative events.

MMIP Costs Related to Private Search Efforts for Missing Persons

Costs related to investigating a missing person’s case (*e.g.*, law enforcement expenses, hiring a private investigator) are unallowable. Costs related to searching for missing persons (*e.g.*, physical or virtual searches) or related to searching for a missing person are generally unallowable under the TVSSA Program, except in the specific circumstances outlined below. Both of the following circumstances must be present before grantees can expend funds on search activities:

- Urgent circumstances (when immediate action is required). Examples include when a missing person is a child or an adult who has dementia or a cognitive or intellectual disability; and
- Law enforcement resources are not reasonably available (*e.g.*, delayed by weather or geographic distance or the law enforcement agency declines to participate in the search).

TVSSA funds can be used in the following specific circumstances for certain expenses related to a physical search:

- Recruiting/training volunteers.
- Purchasing search supplies (e.g., sunscreen, bug spray).
- Providing fuel reimbursement or assistance (gas cards) or light refreshments (water, protein bars) for volunteer searchers.
- Meeting room rental when a family of MMIP needs space to meet and receive updates from law enforcement during an active search.
- Providing funds for food and hotel costs for families participating in or waiting to hear updates during an active search.
- Renting multi-passenger vehicles (e.g., bus, 15-passenger vans) to transport family and search party participants to and from the search site.

Grantees are not required to receive prior approval from their OVC grant manager to use funds for limited search expenses in these urgent circumstances but should notify their OVC grant managers as soon as practicable. Grantees who are using funds to support searches for missing persons in urgent circumstances should coordinate their activities closely with law enforcement. Applicants should include these costs in their budgets as a line item labeled “MMIP Awareness: Individual Cases” in the Other Costs category of the budget detail worksheet, and an itemized list of the costs should be added to the budget narrative for this section.

Construction/Renovation/Expansion/Remodeling Projects

All expenses associated with modular and other prefabricated buildings are allowable (including site prep and installation) and are classified as construction in the project budget. When traditional (stick build or ground-up) construction is proposed as the more cost-effective and long-term option, OVC will work with the Tribe to determine the most effective way of using TVSSA funds. Projects that include construction, renovation, and modular or other prefabricated buildings have specific special conditions associated with them as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These special conditions ensure that the project complies with NEPA and other federal- or DOJ-specific requirements (outlined below) around construction.

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs calculated using a current, federally approved indirect cost rate, upload your indirect cost rate agreement. Read information about [indirect costs](#).
- **Consultant Rate (if applicable):** Read information on [limits to consultant rates](#) and whether you need to request approval to exceed those limits.
- **Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable):** Read information on this [limitation](#) and to determine whether you need to submit a waiver.

- **Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable):** Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Tribal Authorizing Resolution:** Read information on whether you may need to submit a [Tribal Authorizing Resolution](#).
- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the quarters during which they will take place.
- **Budget Detail Worksheet and Other Financial Documents:** Complete and attach the budget and other related documents.
- **Resumes:** Provide resumes of existing staff and descriptions of the required experience and skills for vacant positions.
- **Construction-Renovation Questionnaire (if applicable):** Complete and upload a [Construction and Renovation Efforts Questionnaire](#) if proposing to use TVSSA funds for renovation or construction activities.

Disclosures and Assurances

Read the [disclosures and assurances](#) and complete them in JustGrants:

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (if applicable)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
- DOJ Certifications
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable)

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit your application by the [deadlines](#). [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) does not apply to this funding opportunity: read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for details. Read OJP's policy for applicants to [request late submission](#) due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OJP will review applications to ensure the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the goals of the funding opportunity. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the

application review process for formula grants, including risk review, and the deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

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

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & 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.

9. QUESTIONS?

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| NOFO Contact | Email: OVCTribalSetAside@ojp.usdoj.gov Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday Informational video: https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars |
| SAM.gov Help Desk | Website: sam.gov/help Hours: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays) |
| Grants.gov Help Desk | Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays) |
| JustGrants Help Desk | Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov Hours: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays. |