

OVC FY 2026 Increasing Services for American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Human Trafficking in Urban Centers Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2026-172623

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 23, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. ET**
 2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 30, 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 FY2026 Increasing Services for American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Human Trafficking in Urban Centers Program**.¹ This opportunity is intended to increase access to victim services for victims of human trafficking.

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

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.481
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-2026-172623
Competition ID Number	Category 1: C-OVC-2026-00001-PROD Category 2: C-OVC-2026-00002-PROD
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$2,250,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	Category 1: 4 Category 2: 1
Award Type(s)	Cooperative Agreement

¹ For the purposes of this NOFO, the following definitions apply: “American Indian and Alaska Native” refers to “urban Indians” as defined by 25 U.S.C. §1603(28); “human trafficking” refers to both sex trafficking “...in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age,” and labor trafficking involving, “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery” (22 U.S.C. §7102(11)(A)-(B)); “urban centers” refers to “...any community which has a sufficient urban Indian population with unmet health needs to warrant assistance under subchapter IV, as determined by the Secretary” (25 U.S.C. §1603(27)).

Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$450,000
Expected Award Period(s)	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	May 28, 2026
Pre-Application Webinar	On-demand video will be available on the OVC website .
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Begin the process by June 18, 2026, and no later than July 9, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on July 23, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	8:59 p.m. ET on July 30, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	By September 30, 2026

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

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Category 1: Direct Services for Trafficking Victims

- Urban Indian Organizations as defined by 25 U.S.C. § 1603(29)
- Entities that are co-signers of the Alaska Tribal Health Compact as authorized under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. § 5301, et. seq.), including the Tribal Self-Governance provisions at 25 U.S.C. §§ 5381–5389, and that provide health services to American Indian and Alaska Natives residing in urban centers, as defined at 25 U.S.C. § 1603.

Category 2: Support for Victim Service Providers

- **Government Entities**
 - Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- **Educational Organizations**
 - Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
 - Private institutions of higher education
- **Nonprofit Organizations**
 - Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
- **For-Profit Organizations**

- Organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses

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

Limit on Number of Applications: You may submit no more than one application in response to this NOFO. You can apply to either Category 1 or Category 2, but not both categories.

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

To help meet its mission, OJP may give priority consideration to applications proposing (as applicable within the scope of this NOFO) projects designed to advance the goals listed below:

- (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.

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

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

Category 1: Direct Services for Trafficking Victims

Goal 1: Deliver coordinated, high-quality services to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of human trafficking in urban centers.

- **Objective 1:** Increase the availability of victim services for AI/AN victims of human trafficking in urban centers.

Category 2: Support for Victim Service Providers

Goal 1: Enhance the capacity of urban Indian-serving organizations to deliver services to AI/AN victims of human trafficking through ongoing guidance and support.

- **Objective 1:** Improve the organizational capacity of funded organizations to provide victim services.

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/human-trafficking/victim-service-provider-questionnaire.pdf>.

Substantial Involvement of Federal Agency: OJP expects to make some or all awards under this NOFO as cooperative agreements, which allows OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out the project. Read the [Application Resource Guide](#) for a discussion of this involvement and related award conditions.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

OJP will only consider applications that contain all required parts, which are marked ***Required*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions.

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 *Required*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information *Required*	Online Form
Proposal Abstract	Text Box
Data Requested with Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status) Agency Funding Priorities Inventory 	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *Required*	Attachment
Budget *Required*	Attachment

<p><u>Other Budget/Financial Attachments</u></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) 	<p>Attachment</p>
<p><u>Additional Application Components</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter(s) of Support *Required for Category 1 Applicants Only* • Curriculum Vitae or Resumes 	<p>Attachment</p>

In addition to the items marked ***Required*** in the table above, the following are considered basic minimum requirement elements that are considered in the responsiveness review:

- The application is submitted by an eligible applicant.
- The application is responsive to the scope of the NOFO.

Standard Applicant Information ***Required***

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.

Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names). The abstract should include the following information:

- The name of the applicant’s proposed project.
- **Category 1 Applicants Only:** Identify the name(s) of each federally recognized Tribe that will support the 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.
- The subrecipient(s)/partner organizations or entities, if known.
- Deliverables and expected outcomes (*i.e.*, what the project will achieve).

View an example of a [proposal abstract](#).

Data Requested with Application

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

Review information on this [questionnaire](#).

Agency Funding Priorities Inventory

Applicants seeking priority consideration under the [Agency Funding Priorities](#) section should answer the inventory questions in their entirety in the web-based form in JustGrants.

Proposal Narrative ***Required***

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Submit the narrative as an attachment in JustGrants. The document should:

- Be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font
- Have no less than 1-inch margins
- Have numbered pages
- Not to exceed 20 pages

If the Proposal Narrative does not follow this format, OJP may reduce the score/ranking of the application.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

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

1. Description of the Need (5%): What critical issue or problem do you propose to address with this project? Please include:

- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
- How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.

2. Project Goals and Objectives (15%): How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Please include:

- Project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what you hope to accomplish).
- Project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes you plan to achieve through project activities).
- How your project goals and objectives relate to the [goals and objectives of the funding opportunity](#).

3. Project Design and Implementation (35%): How will you implement project activities that meet the project goals and objectives? Please include:

- What activities you will conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives.
 - **Category 1 Applicants Only:** Identify the specific victim services you are proposing to deliver.²
 - **Category 2 Applicants Only:** Identify the specific support activities that will be offered to Category 1 applicants.³
- How you will deliver or complete those activities.
- When the activities will take place.
- Who in your organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- Who will participate in and benefit from the activity.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- If you plan to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how you will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.
- **Category 1 Applicants Only:** Explain the specific role each federally recognized Tribe who is supporting the project will play in the development and implementation of the project.

4. Capabilities and Competencies (30%): What administrative and technical capacity and expertise do you bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A short description of your capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the post-award requirements, if funded.
- A description of projects or activities your organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrates your ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project.

² Examples of victim services include, but are not limited to, advocacy and accompaniment; safety planning; case management; referrals; information about the criminal justice process; emergency assistance (shelter, food, clothing, personal hygiene products, etc.); housing assistance (short-term assistance with security deposits, rent, and utilities, not to exceed 12 months); civil legal assistance (protective orders, child custody, divorce, landlord-tenant, or employment issues only); transportation assistance; and relocation costs.

³ Examples of support activities include, but are not limited to, support with problem-solving, creating resources, and complying with grant program requirements. Guidance and support may be delivered through a variety of media, including webinars, workshops, emails, and conference calls.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance on [project evaluations](#).

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget (15%) ***Required***

Use the Budget Detail Worksheet and 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.⁴

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

- **Stipends/Incentives To Participate in Services:** Neither cash nor non-cash stipends or incentives may be paid to victims to encourage their participation in services. Nominal non-cash stipends (e.g., taxi or ride share vouchers, public transportation tickets or tokens, childcare, or gift cards for meals that are necessary when participants receive services) are allowable.
- **Contingency Expenses:** Costs that are uncertain or depend on a future event are unallowable, including, but not limited to, paying for a shelter bed or housing unit to be held for the use of an unspecified victim for future placement, or pre-paying for other future services for an unspecified victim. (See 2 C.F.R. § 200.433(c))
- **Cash Assistance:** Recipients may not provide direct cash assistance to victims of human trafficking. Grantees who have adequate internal controls may use grant funding to purchase and distribute gift cards, vouchers, and tokens to victims as necessary.
- **Forms of Victimization:** Funding from this program may only be used to address the needs of victims of human trafficking, including both sex and labor trafficking. This limitation does not prohibit grantees from assisting victims of

⁴ 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.

human trafficking who have also experienced other forms of victimization, such as sexual assault and domestic violence.

- **Vehicles:** Funds from this program cannot be used to purchase a program vehicle or a vehicle for any victims served by the grant-funded project.
- **Construction Costs:** The costs of construction, including the purchase and installation of a trailer or modular unit and minor or major renovations of an existing facility, are unallowable under this grant award program.

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:

- **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes:** 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.
- **Letters of Support (Category 1 Applicants Only): **Required****
Applicants must demonstrate meaningful, formal collaboration with one or more federally recognized Tribe(s) in the development and planned implementation of the proposed project. Evidence of collaboration may include written documentation showing each Tribe's awareness of, input into, and support for the proposed project. Each Tribe's support must be documented in a letter on official letterhead that has been signed by an authorized individual. The letter must—
 - acknowledge the Tribe's awareness of the project.
 - describe how the Tribe was consulted during the application process.
 - express the Tribe's support, concurrence, or willingness to collaborate on the proposed project.
 - identify any anticipated role for the Tribe (e.g., advisory, cross-referrals, guidance on traditions/customs).

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

The [Application Resource Guide](#) explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, and review and selection process, including risk review, and deciding official. Refer to the [Application Contents List](#) for all required application components and other basic minimum requirement elements that are considered in the responsiveness review. The [Proposal Narrative](#) and [Budget](#) sections of this NOFO indicates the weight of peer review criteria.

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?

NOFO Contact	<p>Name: OJP Response Center Phone: 800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only) Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday Informational video: https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/funding-webinars</p>
SAM.gov Help Desk	<p>Website: sam.gov/help Hours: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays)</p>
Grants.gov Help Desk	<p>Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)</p>
JustGrants Help Desk	<p>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.</p>