The Office of Justice Programs Territories Financial Support Center (OJP TFSC) provides free, customized financial management training and technical assistance (TTA) to OJP grantees from the U.S. territories. The OJP TFSC team includes financial specialists, TTA specialists, and others who are committed to providing grantees with actionable, easy-to-understand information.

OJP TFSC has financial specialists assigned to support grantees in each U.S. territory:

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