

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:



The financial specialist working with OJP grantees in American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands is Nicole Zamore-Nisbett. The TTA specialist is Russ Bermejo.



The financial specialist working with OJP grantees in Puerto Rico is Xarel Acevedo.



The financial specialist working with OJP grantees in the U.S. Virgin Islands is Nicole Zamore-Nisbett.

Meet the members of the OJP TFSC team:



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Russ Bermejo is the senior training and technical assistance specialist for OJP TFSC, bringing over 25 years of experience with projects serving children and families affected by child maltreatment and substance use disorders. In 2017, he supported community stakeholders in Guam, launching the territory's first family treatment court program.

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Kaylana Gates (Nansemond and Nottoway) is the senior operations specialist for OJP TFSC. Kaylana brings experience working on a tool for AI/AN victims of crime that connects them with resources in their area. Kaylana also has experience with grant management for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).



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Andrea Mesa Leve is the senior training and technical assistance specialist for OJP TFSC and TFMC. Andrea brings 25 years of experience working with victims of crime at the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Tucson, Arizona. She was also a grant manager helping to create programs, services, and resources that helped to support that community. She also has extensive experience working on federal grants from initial development, budgeting, maintaining compliance, and managing awards.



Rosabel Loya is a project operation specialist for OJP TFSC and TFMC. Bringing 10 years of experience in finance, victim services, operations, and training and technical assistance. She is also a bilingual English/Spanish speaker. Rosabel worked at the U.S. Attorney's Office for 3 years where she assisted with the full range of victim services' rights in accordance with federal law and policies. She also worked with OVC TTAC for a year as a training and technical assistance specialist.

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Meet the members of the OJP TFSC team:



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Email questions or requests for grant financial management technical assistance to OJPTFSC@usdoj.gov or [schedule a consultation call](#) with one of our financial specialists.

About the OJP Territories Financial Support Center

The Office of Justice Programs Territories Financial Support Center (OJP TFSC) offers free resources, training, and technical assistance for grantees in the U.S. territories. OJP TFSC services focus on building financial management capacity and can be accessed by emailing OJPTFSC@usdoj.gov via our Virtual Support Center.



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