



Office on Violence Against Women – Funding for Tribal Communities

The FY 2024 President's Budget for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) totals \$1.0 billion, which is \$425.0 million more than FY 2022 Enacted Budget and is \$300.0 million more than FY 2023 Enacted Budget. Included in this amount is \$104.7 million in funding that supports programs and initiatives in Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages. This is a \$38.8 million increase from the FY 2022 Enacted Budget and \$23.7 million increase from the FY 2023 Enacted Budget.

Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (Tribal Governments Program) – \$64,900,000

funded by set-asides: The Tribal Governments Program is designed to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking; enhance victim safety; and develop education and prevention strategies. The Tribal Governments Program awards funds to tribal governments and their designees to develop a comprehensive, multi-faceted response to violence against AI/AN women. Funds may be used for a broad spectrum of activities, including addressing individuals who are missing or murdered. The Tribal Governments Program is funded by set-asides from eight other OVW grant programs: STOP Formula, Improving Criminal Justice Responses, Rural, Legal Assistance for Victims, Engaging Men and Youth, Justice for Families, Children and Youth, and Transitional Housing Programs.

Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program (Tribal Coalitions Program)

– \$10,357,143 funded by set-asides: The Tribal Coalitions Program builds the capacity of survivors, advocates, AI/AN women's organizations, and victim service providers to form tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to end violence against AI/AN women. Tribal Coalitions Program grants are used to increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault committed against AI/AN women; enhance the response to violence against AI/AN women at the tribal, federal, and state levels; assist Indian tribes in developing and promoting legislation, policies, and best practices; and identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services. The program is funded by statutory set-asides from the STOP Formula, Improving Criminal Justice Responses, and Sexual Assault Services Programs.

Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP) – \$10,000,000 funded by set-aside: TSASP provides funding to tribes and tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services programs and activities within Indian country and Alaska Native villages.

Analysis and Research on Violence Against Indian Women – \$1,000,000: VAWA calls for the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to conduct research on violence against AI/AN women living in Indian Country and in Alaska Native villages and to evaluate the effectiveness of responses to this violence.



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National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault – \$500,000: The National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault (NTCSA) provides a repository that provides resources, training opportunities, educational materials, and training and technical assistance on issues relating to sexual assault of AI/AN women. NTCSA is also designed to improve victim services for AI/AN survivors of sexual assault, as well as increase offender accountability for such crimes.

Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program (Tribal Jurisdiction Program) – \$15,000,000: The Tribal Jurisdiction Program provides grants to tribal governments to support their efforts to exercise “special tribal criminal jurisdiction” (STCJ) over non-Indian offenders who commit violence against AI/AN spouses, intimate partners or dating partners, who violate certain protection orders, or who commit child violence, sexual violence, sex trafficking, stalking, obstruction of justice, or assault of Tribal justice personnel in Indian country. Tribes can use funding to exercise their sovereign power to investigate, prosecute, convict, and sentence both Indians and non-Indians who commit these crimes. Up to 40% of funds may be used to reimburse tribes for expenses incurred exercising STCJ.

Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorney Program - \$3,000,000: VAWA 2022 established the Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorney (Tribal SAUSA) Program, previously funded as a pilot by OVW. Federally recognized tribes work with their local United States Attorneys’ Offices to hire or retain a mutually agreed upon tribal prosecutor to be cross-designated as a SAUSA. These prosecutors maintain active caseloads in tribal court, federal court, or both, while also helping to promote higher quality investigations and better inter-governmental communication.

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Office on Violence Against Women Grant Program	FY 2023 Enacted Budget	FY 2024 President’s Budget
Tribal Governments Program	\$49,300	\$64,900
Tribal Coalitions Program	\$8,364	\$10,357
Tribal Sexual Assault Service Program	\$7,850	\$10,000
Analysis and Research on Violence Against Indian Women	\$1,000	\$1,000
National Tribal Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault	\$500	\$500
Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Program	\$11,000	\$15,000
Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorney Program	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$81,014	\$104,757