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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Application deadline is 9 p.m. EST, March 30, 2021

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Justice today announced the opening of the grant solicitation period for funding to help tribal communities develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization.

The Department's FY 2021 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, or CTAS, posts today online at https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations. The solicitation contains details about available grants under CTAS and describes how federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and tribal consortia can apply for funding. CTAS is administered by the Department's Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

The funding from OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Office for Victims of Crime, and the Department's COPS Office can be used for a variety of public safety and justice-related projects and services. Funds can be used to enhance law enforcement; bolster adult and juvenile justice systems; prevent and control juvenile delinquency; serve native victims of crimes such as child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse; improve responses to violence against native women; and support other efforts to combat crime.

Last year, the Department of Justice received nearly 400 applications and funded 199 tribes with 186 awards totaling more than \$100 million. The Department has incorporated feedback from tribal meetings, listening sessions, consultations, assessments and other feedback methods in this year's solicitation. Accordingly, it has streamlined the solicitation as well as the application process to reduce the burden on applicants.

For information about how to apply, including details about the seven CTAS purpose areas and an overview of changes from last year's solicitation, please view the <u>fact sheet</u>. **The application deadline is 9 p.m. EST, March 30, 2021** although certain registration requirements must be completed earlier.

Fact sheets detailing each of the individual purpose areas can be found online at: https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations. The Department will also facilitate a series of

webinars to guide applicants through the CTAS application requirements. Details, including how to register for these webinars, will be made available online in coming weeks at https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations.

Additionally, tribes and tribal consortia may also be eligible for non-tribal federal grant programs and are encouraged to explore other funding opportunities, which may be found at the Justice Department's Tribal Justice and Safety website at https://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations or the www.grants.gov website.

Today's announcement is part of the DOJ's ongoing initiative to increase engagement, coordination and action on public safety in tribal communities.

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components is located at www.ojp.gov.

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