FUNDING AGENCY OVERVIEW

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime. Through information and grant resources, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on victim compensation and assistance dollars are invested annually in victim compensation and assistance. BJA provides leadership, services, and funding to America’s communities by emphasizing local control, building relationships in the field, developing collaborations and partnerships, promoting capacity building through planning, and streamlining the administration of grants. BJA’s Addressing Violent Crime (OJJDP), CFDA #16.731, supports the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), CFDA #16.710, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), CFDA #16.710, and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), CFDA #16.710.

OVERVIEW

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING

Under CTAS, the COPS Office offers funding through Purpose Area #1: Public Safety and Community Policing. Purpose Area #1 is designed to expand the implementation of community policing and meet the most serious needs of law enforcement in Tribal Nations through a broadened comprehensive program. The funding can be used to hire or re-hire full-time career law enforcement officers and village public safety officers as well as procure basic equipment and training to assist in the initiation or enhancement of Tribal community policing efforts. Purpose Area #1 hiring grants are for a 60-month implementation period. If your tribe is awarded a hiring grant, it will receive funding to cover the entry-level salary and benefits of full-time awarded officer positions incurred during the 60 months following the grant award start date, unless an extension for additional time is granted. Purpose Area #1 equipment and training grants are for a 36-month implementation period. If your tribe is awarded an equipment and training grant, it will receive funding to cover the one-time purchases for allowable costs incurred during the 36 months following the grant award start date, unless an extension for additional time is granted.

Goals

- To address the most serious Tribal law enforcement needs
- To increase the capacity of Tribal law enforcement agencies through prevention strategies, improved criminal investigations (human trafficking, missing or murdered Indigenous people), crime control and illegal drugs (methamphetamine, opioids)
- To implement or enhance community policing strategies
- To develop a crime control plan with the community

HISTORY

COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION

The Department of Justice (DOJ) launched its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) in Fiscal Year 2010 in direct response to concerns raised by tribal leaders about the Department’s grant process that did not provide the flexibility tribes needed to address their criminal justice and public safety needs. Through CTAS, federally recognized tribes and Tribal consortia were able, for the first time ever, to submit a single application for most of DOJ’s Tribal grant programs. DOJ designed this comprehensive approach to save time and resources and allow tribes and DOJ to gain a better understanding of the tribes’ overall public safety needs. CTAS is not a program but is the overarching structure, under which eight separate grant program applications are collected. CTAS is currently operated through collaborative efforts across many department components, bureaus, and offices, including:

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Executive Office for United States Attorney’s (EOUSA)
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
- Office of Tribal Justice (OTI)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

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OJP’s Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP, CFDA #16.731)
OJJDP’s Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP, CFDA #16.731)
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PURPOSE AREA 1

CTAS PURPOSE AREAS

1. COPS Office’s Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS, CFDA #16.710)
2. Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (BJA, COPS Office, OVC, OJJDP, CFDA, CFDA #16.658)
3. BJA’s Tribal Justice Systems (BJA, CFDA #16.608)
4. BJA’s Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (BJA, CFDA #16.506)
5. OVW’s Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW, CFDA #16.587)
6. OVC’s Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC, CFDA #16.583)
7. OVC’s Tribal Victim Services Program (to be announced via separate solicitation)(OVC, CFDA #16.441)
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ADVANCING COMMUNITY POLICING

Below are examples of items that receive funding to advance community policing:

**Officers**
Entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of newly hired or rehired full-time sworn career law enforcement officers including village public safety officers, background checks (required)

**Background Investigations**
Background investigations (required) for all officers hired with TRGP-HIRE funding

**Equipment**
Uniforms, bullet-proof vests, basic-issue equipment, and police vehicles

**Technology**
Computers, hardware and software, mobile data terminals, dispatch, and communication systems

**Training**
Basic (required), comprehensive, and specialized law enforcement training, community policing, crime reporting (e.g. National Incident-Based Reporting System), anti-methamphetamine/anti-opioid, and human trafficking training

**Travel**
Airfare, lodging, and mileage reimbursement for meeting or training costs, including DOJ required training

**Anti-Methamphetamine/Anti-Opioid Activities**
Meth/Opioid coordinator and public awareness campaigns

**Overtime**
Overtime for sworn officers engaged in community policing activities

PURPOSE AREA 1
TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to further practical and specialized knowledge used to implement and enhance justice system efforts, particularly in the law enforcement field. The COPS Office supports TTA that not only is specifically geared toward tribes but also generally applies across broader topic areas such as community policing, prescription drugs, gangs, and youth safety, among others.

The COPS Office also offers a flash drive, Tribal Resources for Justice Systems and Law Enforcement, which focuses on law enforcement strategies concerning issues such as gangs, alcohol and substance abuse, and victimization in Tribal communities. The flash drive is available at [https://cops.usdoj.gov/RC/](https://cops.usdoj.gov/RC/). For more information about the U.S. Department of Justice’s Tribal TTA efforts, visit [www.justice.gov/tribal](http://www.justice.gov/tribal) and select Training and Technical Assistance on the left toolbar.

For more information about the COPS Office’s tribal resources, including grants, publications, and training, visit [https://cops.usdoj.gov/tribalpolicing](https://cops.usdoj.gov/tribalpolicing).
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- Hiring and Recruitment of Native American Officers
- Human Trafficking in Indian Country
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Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center

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BJA works with the Office of Tribal Justice, the Office of Justice Programs’ American Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Desk, and other federal agencies, in addition to many culturally appropriate organizations, to maintain focus with the field and to ensure the program’s goals and objectives are achieved.

Established in 1988 through an amendment to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is charged by Congress with administering the Crime Victims Fund (the Fund). Through OVC, the Fund supports a broad array of programs and services that focus on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of crime and continuing to support them as they rebuild their lives. Millions of dollars are invested annually in victim compensation and assistance in every U.S. state and territory, as well as for training, technical assistance, and other capacity-building programs designed to enhance service providers’ ability to support victims of crime in communities across the Nation.

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) was created through the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The COPS Office is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation’s state, local, territory, and Tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. The COPS Office has also produced and compiled a broad range of information resources that can help law enforcement better address specific crime and operational issues, and help community leaders better understand how to work co-operatively with their law enforcement agency to reduce crime.

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is a component of the United States Department of Justice. In recognition of the severity of the crimes associated with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA 1994) as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. VAWA is a comprehensive legislative package designed to end violence against women and was reauthorized in both 2000 and 2009. The legislative history of VAWA indicates that Congress seeks to remedy the legacy of laws and social norms that serve to justify violence against women. Since the passage of VAWA, there has been a paradigm shift in how the issue of violence against women is addressed nationwide.

OVW was created specifically to implement VAWA and subsequent legislation. OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities around the country to facilitate the creation of programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act established OJJDP, a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to support local and state efforts to prevent delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system. OJJDP collaborates with professionals from diverse disciplines to improve juvenile justice policies and practices by supporting states, local communities, and Tribal jurisdictions in their efforts to develop and implement effective programs for juveniles. The Office strives to strengthen the juvenile justice system’s efforts to protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and provide services that address the needs of youth and their families.

OJJDP sponsors research, program, and training initiatives; develops priorities and goals and sets policies to guide federal juvenile justice issues; disseminates information about juvenile justice issues; and awards funds to states to support local programming.

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