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National Congress of American Indians
www.ncai.org

Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition
www.mnwasac.org

Office on Violence Against Women
www.justice.gov/ovw

National Center for Victims of Crime’s Stalking Resource Center
www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center

Native Alliance Against Violence
www.oklahomanaw.org

Oglala Lakota Heritage Institute

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Mending the Sacred Hoop
www.msh-ta.org

Red Wind Consulting
www.red-wind.net

National Criminal Justice Resource Center
www.niccsa.org

The National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault at www.niccsa.org

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Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center
www.aknwrc.org

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www.nawa.org

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Funding & Eligibility

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Awards under this program for FY 2020 will be made for up to $190,000 for the entire 36 months. At the end of the 36-month award period, grantees may be eligible to receive 24 months of additional noncompetitive funding up to $600,000 to continue their projects.

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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 and long-term 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 cooperatively with their law enforcement agency to reduce crime.

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