CURRENT NEWS

The Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) Deadline is February 28, 2021

Please continue to use PMT for quarterly performance measure data reporting. PMT will be used until JustGrants can fully support all performance management functionality, including subgrantee reporting. If you have questions specific to your grant or the reporting requirements outlined in your award’s special conditions, please contact your OVC program specialist. If you need access or have questions about the performance measures or the PMT, please email the OVC PMT Helpdesk at ovcpmt@usdoj.gov. Data entry in the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) PMT for grant activity from October through December 2020 is due February 28, 2021.

Required semi-annual or annual roll-up reports previously submitted in the Grants Management System will be submitted in JustGrants per the reporting frequency established for the award. After completing all quarterly data reports in the PMT, create a PDF semi-annual report and submit it as an attachment in JustGrants. Please create your semi-annual report by logging into the PMT and selecting the Reports tab. Select “Semi-Annual” in the table to generate the semi-annual report PDF.

JustGrants News and Notices

The Department of Justice’s new grants management and payment system offers several helpful resources to assist grantees in using the system.

- Learn more about the new grants management and payment management systems [here](#).
- Access JustGrants self-guided training resources on various topics, including entity management, application submission, financial reporting, and more [here](#).
- Stay informed; sign up for JustGrants News & Updates [emails](#) and read [past messages](#).

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Submit Your Population Certification for the OVC Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Formula Grant Program

The OVC FY 2021 TVSSA Formula Grant Program supports Tribal communities to enhance services for victims of crime. OVC is seeking Population Certifications from eligible applicants to signal their intent to participate in the noncompetitive FY 2021 TVSSA Formula Grant Program. Population Certifications determine formula award amounts for each participating Tribe. If you applied in FY 2020, you may resubmit the population certification form from that application period if the data is still accurate.

Learn how to submit your Population Certification here.

View webinar recordings and associated materials from the two pre-application webinars here.

For questions, contact OVC at OVCTribalSetAside@ojp.usdoj.gov.

The Population Certification Form is available here.

Population Certification Submission Deadline: Friday, March 5, 2021 by 11:59pm ET

2021 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW) Resources

NCVRW resources for 2021 are now available online to help your organization plan its public awareness activities before and during the commemoration of NCVRW April 18-24, 2021. Access various materials, such as posters, artwork, and color palettes, in English and Spanish here. These materials aim to inspire your community and raise awareness of victims’ rights. Use the 2021 NCVRW artwork to help your organization promote NCVRW and this year’s NCVRW theme - Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities. You can also sign up for the NCVRW subscription list to receive important email updates, including the 2021 NCVRW Resource Guide.

Please Participate in the Tribal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Experience Survey Today!

In partnership with OVC, Unified is conducting a survey of all federally recognized Tribes regarding their experience with VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grants and the Crime Victims’ Compensation Fund in your state. This survey asks about Tribes’ current understanding and experiences with the VOCA programs and suggestions to improve awareness and access. The information gathered from this survey will be presented to the Office for Victims of Crime, a subdivision of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to inform potential updates and improvements to VOCA resources. This survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete. Access the survey here.

Strategy Helps Law Enforcement Connect with Victims and Build Community Trust

With support from OVC, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) released the second edition of a strategy to help build broader community-wide trust and confidence in the police, foster the healing process for victims, increase victim participation in the criminal justice process, and produce stronger cases to hold offenders accountable. Find more information about the second-edition release here. The Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims Strategy, Second Edition introduces law enforcement leaders to the benefits and methods for adopting victim-centered, trauma-informed philosophies to improve the response to crime victims.

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RESOURCES

Indigenous Elder Justice Resources
The National Center on Elder Abuse, in collaboration with the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative, has released nine new resources. Some of these resources include Elder Caregiving in Indian Country, Financial Abuse and Exploitation of Elders in Indian Country, and Healthcare and Elder Abuse in Indian Country. For more information, visit the Indigenous Elder Justice Resources webpage [here](#).

Healing Journeys: Keristyn’s Story
Keristyn Weber, a Valdez Native Tribe Victims Services Advocate, shares her story of personal trauma with the hope of inspiring others to break the silence and begin their “Healing Journey” as well. Listen to her story in the Valdez Native Tribe’s [new video series](#), Healing Journeys, where she describes how “the pain of personal trauma is like the prickly spikes on the stem of a Devil’s Club, implanting themselves deep beneath the skin.” She also shares a traditional Wooms (Devil’s Club) Tea recipe!

Traditions and Connections for Urban Native Americans (TACUNA) Research Project
TACUNA is a research project focused on learning more about urban American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) young adults, their social and cultural connectedness, and substance use. The Research and Development (RAND) Corporation and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) are conducting this project in partnership with Sacred Path Indigenous Wellness Center and Native American communities. AI/AN adults between the ages of 18-25 are eligible to participate, and participants can receive up to $280 for their time. Participants will complete confidential surveys and attend virtual group workshops on substance use, Native culture, and wellness. To sign up, go [here](#) or call 1-866-447-9672. Direct any questions to [asktacuna@rand.org](mailto:asktacuna@rand.org).

Disrupting the Cycle of Violence: Prosecuting Domestic Violence Offenders in Possession of a Firearm
*Disrupting the Cycle of Violence: Prosecuting Domestic Violence Offenders in Possession of a Firearm* focuses on the efforts of a Western District of Oklahoma (WDOM) USAO initiative, known as Operation 922. Operation 922 is a local implementation strategy of Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) that prosecutes “domestic violence-derived” violent crime cases by focusing on enforcing federal gun laws. Operation 922 focuses on domestic violence (DV) abusers subject to a Victim Protection Order or previously convicted of a misdemeanor DV crime. This dual focus of Operation 922 removes violent offenders from the community and protects current and potential victims of DV. The brief examines the problem that Operation 922 aims to address and describes the program’s strategies and impact, including lessons learned, which can help technical assistance and service providers develop similar approaches. View the brief [here](#).
Transcend App
The National Mass Violence and Victimization Resource Center (NMVVRC) developed the Transcend app for survivors, their families, and anyone who wants to support those affected by mass violence. The app allows users to learn about the impact of mass violence and practice coping strategies useful in managing emotional and behavioral reactions to trauma. Resource topics include strategies for calming the body, managing distressing thoughts, maintaining healthy activity levels, coping with loss, asking for help, and helping others. Transcend offers survivors and those seeking to help others the option of exploring the coping resources within the app or taking a brief assessment to direct them to sections that might be most helpful. Access Transcend from your iOS or Android smart device, or search for “Transcend NMVC” in the App or Play Store.

Art Heals: The Jingle Dress Project
Artist and photographer Eugene Tapaha, Navajo, takes viewers on a visually stunning and healing journey. The strong young women of The Jingle Dress Project represent the strength of Indigenous people. The Jingle Dress Project aims to take the healing power of the Ojibwe jingle dress and capture a series of images to document the spiritual places ancestors once walked, and to unite and give hope to the world through art, dance, and culture to help everyone heal.

Human Trafficking Action Research Toolkit
The Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center’s (OVC TTAC) Human Trafficking Action Research Toolkit provides information, strategies, tools, and other resources to help organizations and programs understand and conduct action research. Any victim service program wishing to perform action research can benefit from the information and resources provided within the toolkit. The toolkit defines action research, explains why action research is essential, and provides a detailed overview of the action research process.

StrongHearts Native Domestic Violence Hotline is Now Available 24/7
Advocates are now available around the clock to help all AI/AN affected by domestic, dating, or sexual violence. The hotline is safe, anonymous, free, and confidential. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center. Call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) or visit their website here.
TRAINING AND EVENTS

Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Response to Child Sex Trafficking
The National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC) is hosting this team-based virtual training to guide existing MDTs to improve their responses to child sex trafficking and assist those who seek to establish a formal MDT in their communities to more effectively respond to child sex trafficking cases. Subject matter experts will work with teams to identify gaps and develop short and long-term response plans. To attend the training, you must be part of an MDT and your team members must attend with you. The training is first offered in March, then repeated in April and May.

Find more information or register [here](#). Dates: March 15-18, 2021 from 10am-1pm ET and 2-5pm ET

Find more information or register [here](#). Dates: April 12-15, 2021 from 9am-12pm ET and 1-4pm ET

Find more information or register [here](#). Dates: May 17-20, 2021 from 9am-12pm ET and 1-4pm ET

Suicide Prevention and Intervention for Victim Advocates:
The Education Development Center (EDC) H.O.P.E. Curriculum Webinar
This OVC TTAC webinar provides an overview of the importance of suicide prevention activities within victim services and introduces the EDC H.O.P.E. handbook. The handbook is an essential resource for advocates and includes a guide designed for those specifically working in Tribal communities. The webinar details tools to help advocates identify victims exhibiting suicidality symptoms, presents how to do a brief intervention, shares where to make referrals for clinical mental health services, and describes how to provide ongoing support to victims. OVC TTAC first presented this webinar in Fall 2020. Two sessions are offered this Spring.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 1pm ET

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 1pm ET

Response to At-Risk Missing and High-Risk Endangered Missing Children
NCJTC is hosting this live, online, instructor-led training provides information on engaging and constructing a collaborative response to at-risk missing and high-risk endangered missing children. Explore how a missing child’s path to becoming a victim of exploitation intersects with the child protection, law enforcement, and juvenile justice systems and acts as a risk factor to abductions. Identify opportunities within those systems for prevention and engagement. Examine the complex, layered exploitation these victims endure and how exploiters capitalize on this victimization.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 9am ET

Child Abuse: From Suspicion to Disclosure
This live, virtual training, hosted by NCJTC, reviews best practices with alleged victims of child abuse in the initial phases of a case after a concern has been identified. Additionally, the training provides participants the opportunity to develop the skills and techniques necessary to engage a child in such a way as to minimize suggestibility but still offer support beyond what is taught in a First Responder Training. Lastly, participants will review best practices in identifying a concern and learn to engage these children to maximize positive case outcomes and minimize potential behaviors that can hurt cases. Participants must attend both sessions.

Find more information or register [here](#). Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 10am-1pm ET and 2-5pm ET
OJJDP Tribal Youth Virtual National Conference
The 2021 OJJDP Tribal Virtual National Conference is a free five-day virtual conference open to everyone! The conference is presented in partnership with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, The Resource Basket, National Native Children’s Trauma Center, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Registration is launching soon. Check back for more details about the conference and an exciting agenda featuring sessions to support Tribal Youth Programs, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts, and more. Find more information here. Dates: March 29 – April 2, 2021

Child Sex Trafficking: From Suspicion to Disclosure
Through this live, virtual training, hosted by NCJTC, participants will learn techniques and strategies to enhance the likelihood of obtaining information from possible child sex trafficking victims. Additionally, participants will compare and contrast typical child sexual abuse cases with child sex trafficking (CST) cases and address the different entry points into the criminal justice and welfare system for CST victims. Presenters will help participants understand various disciplines’ roles and responsibilities and how to contribute to a positive outcome of the CST case. Furthermore, participants will examine question strategy, interview dynamics, language use, and interview suggestions as well as discuss the business model of child sex trafficking as it relates to a variety of crimes, including the use of sexually explicit images of minors (child pornography). Participants must attend both sessions. Find more information or register here. Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 10am-1pm ET and 2-5pm ET

Online Expert Q&A: Cyberharassment and Cyberstalking
Increasing numbers of individuals of all ages are experiencing harassment online, including physical threats, harassment over a sustained period, sexual harassment, or stalking. Cyberharassment, including cyberstalking, can happen on the internet and in other digital spaces, particularly social media sites. This session is an opportunity for advocates and other allied professionals to increase their understanding of the various ways that harassment can take place using electronic means, the effects of this type of harassment, and how best to support victims of these types of crimes. Find more information or register here. Date and Time: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 2pm ET

39th Annual Virtual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference
Each year, the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) hosts the largest national gathering on AI/AN child advocacy issues. With over 1,400 attendees—and growing every year—this four-day conference has become the premier national event addressing Tribal child welfare and well-being. Keynote speakers range from federal officials at the highest level of government to youth with lived experience in child welfare systems. Find more information or register here. Dates: April 11–April 14, 2021

47th National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) Annual Training Event
NOVA’s conference will commence on the 20th anniversary of 9-11, and a special ceremony is planned to honor the victims, survivors, and loved ones impacted by this terrorist attack. The conference will include over 90 workshops on emerging trends and best practices in victim assistance, as well as a robust self-care program. Find more information or register here. Date and Location: September 11-14, 2021 in Orlando, FL
VIRTUAL MEETINGS HOSTED BY YOUR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TTA) PROVIDERS

March 2021 Community of Practice Virtual Gathering: National Crime Victims’ Rights Week and Victims’ Rights in Tribal Communities
Host: Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc.
Overview: Join Unified and your fellow Tribal Victim Service Programs for an interactive discussion on National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW) and Victims’ Rights in Tribal Communities. The discussion will include federal Victims’ Rights, developing Tribal Victims’ Rights Codes, and resources available from the Office for Victims of Crime to raise awareness of Victims’ Rights during NCVRW.
Find more information or register here. Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 2pm ET

March 2021 Monthly OVC Grantee Forum – Virtual Meeting
Host: National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College
Overview: The meeting topic is best practices for safety, risk, and harm in Victim Services. Attend this meeting to discuss the various strategies and protocols used by programs to ensure victim and staff safety.
Find more information or register here. Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 12pm ET

OVC Grantee Virtual Cross-Site Meeting: Victim Advocacy Services
Host: National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College
Overview: Attend this interactive opportunity focused on victim advocacy services. This live instructor-led event will provide participants with information on building stakeholder support for victims, developing legal advocacy for victims, utilizing culture and traditional practices in programming for victim services, and safety planning and crisis response.
Registration: TBA Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FY 2021 Native American CDFI Assistance Program (NACA Program)
Through the NACA Program, the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund provides Base-Financial Assistance awards of up to $1 million and technical assistant (TA) grants of up to $150,000. The Base-Financial Assistance awards provide funds to certified, Native CDFIs to build their financial capacity to lend to their Eligible Markets and Target Markets. The TA grants provide funds to entities that are, will become, or will create, a Native CDFI. Solicitation Materials are available here. Application Deadline: Monday, March 22, 2021

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Fiscal Year 2021 Competitive Grant
CTAS combines many of the Department of Justice’s (DOJ’s) existing Tribal government-specific competitive solicitations into a single solicitation, requiring only one application from each Tribe or Tribal consortium. This approach reduces the number of applications needed to access funds and provides federally recognized Tribes, Tribal consortia, and Tribal designees the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues. Note: CTAS is not a program but a single solicitation under which Tribes can apply to seven separate grant programs from four grant-making offices.
Solicitation Materials are available here. Grants.gov Deadline: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 9pm ET
JustGrants Deadline: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 9pm ET
**Rural Alaska Household Hazardous Waste Backhaul Service Program**
The Denali Commission (Commission) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entered into an Interagency Agreement to support the development and implementation of a household hazardous waste backhaul service program for rural Alaska. The provision of coordinated services to support rural community backhaul aligns with the Commission’s mission to promote rural infrastructure and development in Alaska and EPA’s mission to protect human health and the environment.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Friday, April 2, 2021

**Program to Support Tribal Climate Resilience Grants and Ocean and Coastal Management Planning Grants**
The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), through the Office of Trust Services, Tribal Climate Resilience Program (Program), solicits proposals from federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations to receive grants to support Tribal resilience and ocean and coastal management and planning. The Program supports Tribes as they prepare for climate change impacts on Tribal treaties and trust resources, economies, infrastructure, and human health and safety. The Program will provide funding for projects that support Tribal climate resilience as Tribes incorporate science (including Traditional Knowledge) and technical information. The Program also supports Tribal ocean and coastal management and planning.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Friday, April 23, 2021 at 5pm AKT

**Indian Highway Safety Law Enforcement Grants**
The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) solicits proposals for implementing traffic safety programs and projects designated to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Grants are reimbursable grants available to federally recognized Tribes.

**Solicitation Materials** are available [here](#). **Application Deadline:** Monday, May 3, 2021

Find funding opportunities from the OJP [here](#).
For a complete list of current funding solicitations, visit the Grants.gov website [here](#)!