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Justice to Launch "Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation" Grant Process

On February 16, 2010, the Department of Justice announced that a new, single grant application process has been created for use by American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and communities to apply for *tribal-specific* FY 2010 funding opportunities under the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process will enable the Department to "consider the totality of a tribal community's overall public safety needs" and allow the OJP, COPS and OVW "to coordinate in making award decisions to address these needs on a more comprehensive basis." It is anticipated the CTAS will be launched by mid-March.

For the non-tribal specific grant opportunities, tribes/tribal or Native consortiums may still submit applications but via the process specified by that program rather than through CTAS. In addition, the OVW's *Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions* will be outside the CTAS process and require eligible applicants to submit a separate application.

According to the Department's press release, the CTAS was developed in response to concerns raised by and input provided tribal leadership during the 2009 Tribal Nations Listening Session and other consultations.

Please let us know if we may provide additional information regarding the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation process.

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