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Department of Justice FY 2012 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grants

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is soliciting grant applications under the FY 2012 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). This is a single application process by which federally-recognized tribes and tribal consortia may apply for tribal-specific FY 2012 funding under the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The complete grant announcement and other resource links are available via <http://www.justice.gov/tribal/ctas2012/ctas-solicitation.pdf>.

Several changes have been implemented in the FY 2012 application process including:

- Addition of a new *strategic planning pilot program*
- *Purpose Areas* modified to address tribal concerns and provide greater flexibility
- Use of a *demographics form* instead of reliance on a general narrative to improve capturing the unique characteristics of each tribe
- Requirement that *legal tribal documentation* authorizing the application for grant funding be submitted at the time of application; documentation is defined more broadly than just a tribal resolution as was the case for the FY 2011 application process

Tribes/tribal consortia may apply for funding under the following Purpose Areas that "best address Tribes" concerns related to public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and the needs of victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of violence":

1. *Public Safety and Community Policing*; funding source: COPS–Tribal Hiring Grant Program and Tribal Resources Grant Equipment/Training (TRGP); estimated \$27 million to be available to fund 50 awards of \$450,000–\$1 million per award. The award amount will be based on several factors including the current number of sworn officers. An applicant must have "an established law enforcement agency or an existing contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for law enforcement services, or an existing contract with a state or local agency for law enforcement services."

2. *Comprehensive Planning Demonstration Project*; funding source: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); estimated \$375,000 to be available to fund 3-5 awards of \$75,000 per award.
3. *Tribal Justice Systems, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse*; funding source: BJA–Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP) and Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program; estimated \$16.8 million to fund 25-35 awards of \$250,000–\$750,000 per award, including 2-4 awards for developing and implementing correctional alternatives.
4. *Corrections and Correctional Alternatives*; funding source: BJA–Correctional Systems and Correctional Alternatives on Tribal Lands Program (CFTL); estimated \$7.5 million to fund 2-4 planning grants of \$150,000 per award; 2-4 renovation/construction grants of \$1 million per award; and 1-2 renovation/construction grants for a regional facility (detention, multi-purpose justice center, correctional alternatives) of \$2-4 million per award. Additional requirements regarding funding for staffing, operations, and maintenance, and other criteria are noted.
5. *Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program*; funding source: OVW; estimated \$3.8 million to fund up to 12 awards of up to \$300,000 per award.
6. *Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program*; funding source: OVW; estimated \$32 million to fund 60 awards of no more than \$900,000 per award for current grantees (with restrictions), and \$450,000 for applicants that have never received an OVW grant previously or whose last grant was more than 12 months ago.
7. *Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities*; funding source: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC); estimated \$1.5 million to fund 7 awards of up to \$215,000 per award.
8. *Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program*; funding source: OVC; estimated \$3.6 million to fund 8 awards of up to \$450,000 per award.
9. *Juvenile Justice*; funding source: OJJDP–Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Program (TJADG); estimated under \$1 million to fund 2-3 awards of \$250,000–300,000 per award.
10. *Tribal Youth Program*; funding source: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)–Tribal Youth Program (TYP); estimated \$8 million to fund 12-15 awards of \$300,000–\$500,000 per award.

Note: funding levels and number of awards for each Purpose Area are estimates.

Each of the above Purpose Areas is described in greater detail, including eligibility exceptions, goals and objectives as well as possible uses of funds at Section E of the grant announcement. There is also additional information and updates available at <http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-sol.html>, including a FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS document which provides extensive information on the CTAS.

Tribes/tribal consortia are limited to *one application* under the CTAS. Applications must be submitted electronically through DOJ's Community Partnership Grants Management System (CPGMS) *by 9 p.m. on April 18, 2012*. Applicants are advised to register with CPGMS by April 4 to ensure the application submittal process runs smoothly. Applicants who do not have the capability to submit an application electronically must contact the Response Center by March 16. The grant announcement contains the contact information for technical and programmatic assistance as well as the application criteria and purpose area-specific eligibility requirements.

Please let us know if we may provide additional information regarding the DOJ FY 2012 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

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