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BASIC INFORMATION

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Announcement Type: Initial

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Funding Opportunity Number: BIA-2026-ICWA

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Assistance Listing Number(s): 15.144

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Estimated Total Program Funding: \$2,000,000

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Expected Number of Awards: 10

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Award Ceiling: \$300,000

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Award Floor: \$100,000

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Cost Sharing Required?

No

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Closing Date Explanation

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

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Executive Summary

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The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), is soliciting grants from Indian Organizations to establish and operate off-reservation Indian child and family service programs. The intent of the Indian child and family service programs is to provide services for stabilizing Indian families and Tribes, preventing the breakup of Indian families and, in particular, to ensure that the permanent removal of an Indian child from the custody of his/her Indian parents or Indian custodian should be a last resort.

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ELIGIBILITY

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Eligible Applicants

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Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

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Additional Information on Eligibility

Eligibility for funding will be limited to activities that support and are consistent with the intent and activities outlined in the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) section 202 (25 U.S.C. 1932).

Indian Organizations may apply individually or as a consortium for a grant under this notice. Indian Organization, solely for the purpose of eligibility for grants, means any legally established group, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity which is owned or controlled by Indians, or a majority (51 percent or more) of whose members are Indians. A consortium is created by an agreement or association between two or more eligible applicants who enter into an agreement to administer a grant program and to provide services under the grant to Indian residents in a specific geographical area when it's administratively feasible to provide an adequate level of service within the area. An applicant may not submit more than one application nor be the beneficiary of more than one grant under this notice.

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Cost Sharing Requirement

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Cost Sharing Required?

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GET READY TO APPLY

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Required System Registrations

Unique Entity Identifier and SAM.gov Registration

Before applying, all **applicants** except individuals applying as a natural person **must be registered in SAM.gov**. During the SAM.gov registration the entity will obtain their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

The SAM.gov registration process can take several months. If your organization is not already registered in SAM.gov, begin the registration process as soon as possible.

To register in SAM.gov, go to the [SAM.gov website](#) and use the available resources to complete registration.

- **Financial assistance registrants** must review and certify compliance with the SAM.gov “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications”.

- **Already registered?** You already have a Unique Entity ID. Before applying, check that your “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications” on SAM.gov is complete. Remember to renew your registration every year to keep it active while you have an award or application in progress. You can update your registration whenever you need, including during renewal.
- **Need help?** For additional information and contact information on the [SAM.gov Help page](#).

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Refer to Attachment – Submission Instructions & Tips.

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GRANTS.GOV

This program accepts applications through [Grants.gov](#) so once you receive your UEI return to Grants.gov to [register](#) with Grants.gov. Please allow 30 days to register and set up a Workspace in Grants.gov. See [Submission Instructions](#) section below for additional details.

GRANTSOLUTIONS

This program accepts applications through GrantSolutions.gov. You must register with GrantSolutions. See [Submission Instructions](#).

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Program Goals

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- The intent of the Indian child and family service programs are to provide services for stabilizing Indian families and Tribes, preventing the breakup of Indian families and, in particular, to ensure that the permanent removal of an Indian child from the custody of his/her Indian parent or Indian custodian shall be a last resort.

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Program Description

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The BIA is the Federal agency charged with administering ICWA funding to Federally recognized Tribes and will distribute a total of \$2.0 million (subject to FY 2025 fund availability) in grants to off-reservation Indian Organizations through a competitive grant process as outlined in 25 CFR §23.31-23.35, Subpart D. Grants to off-reservation Indian Organizations for Title II Indian Child and Family Services Programs which will include, but are not limited to:

- (1) a system for regulating, maintaining, and supporting Indian foster and adoptive homes, including a subsidy program under which Indian adoptive children may be provided support comparable to that for which they would be eligible as Indian foster children, taking into account the appropriate state standards of support for maintenance and medical needs;
- (2) the operation and maintenance of facilities and services for counseling and treatment of Indian families and Indian foster and adoptive children;
- (3) family assistance, including homemaker and home counselors, day care, after-school care, and employment, recreational activities, and respite care; and
- (4) guidance, legal representation, and advice to Indian families involved in child custody proceedings.

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Legislative Authority

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This ICWA grant program uses funding that is provided through non-recurring appropriations made by the Congress in its annual appropriations to the BIA. These funds are provided on a year-to-year basis and may or may not be provided in future years.

The House Report (H. R.) 119-1968, Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2025 provided \$2,000,000 once again as provided in the fiscal year 2025 for off-reservation programs authorized by section 202 of ICWA (25 U.S.C. 1932).

Additional authorizing statutes for the program include:

- Section 202 of ICWA (25 U.S.C. 1932)
- P.L. 93-638, ISDEAA of 1975, as amended
- P.L. 101-630, The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act
- P.L. 114-165, Native American Children's Safety Act (NACSA) of 2016
- 25 CFR part 23, ICWA
- 25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq., ICWA of 1978
- 2 CFR, Grants and Agreements, Volume 1, 1-299
- 43 CFR part 18 (31 U.S.C. 1352) New Restrictions on Lobbying
- Indian Child Welfare Act Title II Authorities

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Type of Award

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PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

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Application Content and Format

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Pre-Application Requirements

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Applicants should review presidential actions found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidentialactions/> and DOI Secretary's Orders found at:

<https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order>. By applying in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity, the applicant certifies awareness and compliance with all currently effective and applicable executive orders and secretary's orders, including, but not limited to the Executive Order titled Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing as well as the Executive Order and Secretary's order titled Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their proposed activities are consistent with the intent and requirements of these directives.

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Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following forms with their application as specified below. Instructions for accessing and submitting application forms are provided in the [Submission Instructions](#) section of this document below. For instructions on completing form fields, see the form instructions on the [Grants.gov Forms Repository](#).

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Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
<p>SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance</p> <p>Note: For applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Representative's signature (or electronic equivalent) on the Application for Federal Assistance form also represents their certification of the statements in Appendix A to 43 CFR 18-Certification Regarding Lobbying</p>	Required from all applicants
SF-424A, Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs	Required for non-construction projects
SF-424C: Budget Information – Construction Programs	Required for construction projects
<p>SF-429 (Cover Page & Attachment B), Request to Acquire, Improve, or Furnish Real Property</p> <p>Note: The SF-429 forms are only available in the Grants.gov Forms Repository. Applicants must download the form and include the completed form as an application attachment.</p>	Required if requesting to acquire, improve, or furnish real property.
SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Required if requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds <u>and</u> the applicant has used or plans to use funds other than Federal appropriated funds for lobbying related to the proposed project.
<p>Project Abstract Summary (OMB 4040-0019). Must include, in plain language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award purpose, • Activities to be performed, • Expected deliverables or outcomes, • Intended beneficiaries, <p>Subrecipient activities (if known or specified at time of award)</p>	Required from all applicants
<p>DOI Research and Development (R&D) – Current and Pending (Other) Support</p> <p>Note: This form is available on the DOI website. Applicants must download the form and include the completed form as an application attachment.</p>	Required for research projects.

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
DOI Research and Development (R&D) – Biographical Sketch Note: This form is available on the DOI website . Applicants must download the form and include the completed form as an application Attachment .	Required for research projects.

Project Narrative

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Required Documents: Applicants must attach the following documents.

a. Project Narrative:

Includes an Executive Summary and a Technical Summary. The Project Narrative must not exceed 20 pages.

- An Executive Summary includes an overview or an initial assessment of the project and includes a description of the specific ICWA services and activities the Indian Organization provides to Indian communities. The Executive Summary must outline the Organization’s understanding of the ICWA and explain the existing working relationship with Indian child and family service programs, specifically in reference to family reunification and the prevention of Indian family breakups. This section will describe the challenges or needs faced by the communities served and how the goal/vision for this proposal will meet those needs. At a minimum, it should include:
 - o A technical description of the proposed project and communities served, including geographic location, the population in the service area, and available information relevant to ICWA.
 - o A description of the existing ICWA services in the context of readiness to exercise the project’s objectives and goals. The description must identify strengths and gaps in ICWA services where relevant. Provide examples of other Federal projects and/or similar projects for which funding is being requested.
 - o Describe the deliverable services that the project is expected to develop and the resources available to implement the proposed project(s).

- The Technical Summary is a narrative description of the program’s skills and abilities, which includes the Scope of Work (SOW) outlining what will be done. This section must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and needs to be identified in the Executive Summary. It must clearly state the project’s measurable goals, objectives, activities, methodology used, including culturally defined approaches, which the applicant will incorporate to achieve the identified goals and objectives. Indicate the project purpose (i.e., start up, expansion, or replacement), describe the proposed project and what it will accomplish (e.g., number of children and families it will service, service area, type of services).
 - o The SOW must include a detailed outline of the project(s) deliverables, timeline, and milestones that will enhance ICWA services provided to children and families. The SOW explains how the applicant will measure and/or track the objectives and outcomes of the proposed project (performance measures), and why the methods utilized will achieve the stated goals. Tools may include quarterly performance reports and other data collected during the reporting period.

. Deliverables: Is the result that clearly defines each item(s) that the project will deliver. Whether it is a product or a service, state the reason why the task/item is being executed in the project for the customer – Tribe.

. Timeline: Is the road map that outlines the project from start to finish. The document delineates the major phases across the schedule of the project's duration.

. Milestones: Breaks down the timeline into manageable parts or tasks. This document should help to monitor the project's progress and assist the planned schedule. Key milestones, such as project kickoffs, meetings, hand-offs, and how proposed project activities and services will reach the population identified.

. Performance Measures and Outcomes: Is the process that the applicant will use to collect data and analyze the services provided to the organization, individual, group, or system (e.g., number of Indian children and families supported in family reunification foster and adoptive homes).

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Budget Narrative

Applicants must describe and justify items and costs listed in their budget. The budget narrative must identify the following cost items: total estimated costs, non-Federal cost share, third-party contributions, and any pre-award costs. Total project cost is the sum of all allowable costs, including required and voluntary cost share and third-party contributions.

Budget items must be:

- Reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary
- Compliant with [2 CFR §200 Subpart E](#) cost principles

Indirect Costs: Applicants must indicate in their budget narrative how they will charge indirect costs, including the rate to be applied:

- De Minimis Rate: If eligible, state if your organization is opting to use the de minimis rate of up to 15% of total modified direct costs. Entities that do not have a current Federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may propose to use the de minimis rate. For more information, refer to [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#).
- Negotiated Rate: State if you will negotiate with your cognizant agency. If your organization has previously negotiated a rate, attach a copy of the most recently negotiated rate agreement (active or expired).

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Provide a budget narrative that describes separately all major line item grant expenditures such as personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, direct client services, contractual, indirect costs, or other major expenditures. Budget narrative must correlate to the project scope of work and clearly break the project down into defined tasks with an associated budget line item for each task. Include justification for each task and identify cost.

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Conflict of Interest and Unresolved Matters Disclosures:

If any actual or potential conflict of interest exists related to this project at the time of application, the applicant must provide sufficient information to support a program determination of significance per [2 CFR 1402.112](#). Refer to [2 CFR 200.112](#) Conflict of Interest and [2 CFR 200.113](#).

Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement:

Applicants must state in their application if the activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel proposed in this application overlap with those in any other Federal proposal or award or not. If no overlap exists, include a statement to that effect. If any overlap exists, provide:

- Activities: Description any overlapping activities.
- Costs: Description of any overlapping costs.
- Time: Description of any overlapping key personnel time.
- A copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity.
- Details on when any overlapping proposal was submitted, to whom, and the expected date of the funding decision.

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Other Required Information

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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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Address to Request Application Package

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Submission of a complete application in digital form to grants.gov is required. For instructions, see <https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/Applicants/HowToApplyForGrants.htm>. In very limited circumstances, the BIA may accept a non-digital application. Please contact the BIA at least a week prior to the submission deadline for approval.

Please use descriptive file names to help the BIA quickly locate specific components of the application.

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Submission Dates and Times

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Closing Date for Applications: 06/16/2026

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Closing Date Explanation

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Submission Instructions

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Apply Through Grants.gov

To apply through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), please follow the instructions in the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Before applying, ensure that at least one person at your organization is registered and has the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Only the AOR can submit the application. If you need more users, they must create their own Grants.gov account. Follow these steps below to apply:

- *Create a Workspace:* Creating a workspace allows you to complete it online and route it through your organization for review before submitting.
- *Complete a Workspace:* Invite participants to the workspace so you can collaborate on the application. Required applications forms are included in the Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Package and can be completed in the Workspace, unless noted otherwise in the Required Forms table above. Check for errors before submission.

- *Submit a Workspace:* An application may be submitted through workspace by clicking the Sign and Submit button on the Manage Workspace page, under the Forms tab
- *Track a Workspace Submission:* After successfully submitting a workspace application, a Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) is automatically assigned to the application.

The system generates a date and time stamp and sends it to the applicant's AOR via email as proof of submission. Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password-protect any files. Only registered individuals in SAM as both a user and an AOR can submit applications. Please allow 30 days to register in Grants.gov.

Application System Technical Support: For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms, and application packages, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at Support@grants.gov.

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Apply Through GrantSolutions

To apply through [GrantSolutions](#), follow these steps:

1. **Register your organization.** Send an e-mail to help@grantsolutions.gov with:

- Subject: New Organization Request
- Entity name (organization or individual applying as a natural person)
- Entity type
- SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (not required for individuals)
- Employer Identification Number (individuals, do not include your SSN)
- Address
- Contact details (First and last name, e-mail, phone)

This information should be the same as entered on the entity's SAM.gov profile.

2. **Assign system user roles.** Follow the [GrantSolutions "Recipient user" registration instructions](#).

Submit a separate Recipient User Account Request form for each official to be assigned a system role. At minimum, the Authorizing Official (ADO) and Principal Investigator/Program Director (PI/PD) must be assigned.

3. **Log in.** GrantSolutions requires users to log in through Login.gov. Each user must create a [Login.gov](#) account. For instructions, see the [GrantSolutions Training Resources web page](#).

4. **Find and apply to this Funding Opportunity.** After logging in, click on either the "Begin an application" link (first time applicants) or the "Funding Opportunity" link to go to the "Competing Announcements-Application Kits" list screen. Search the list for this Funding Opportunity's title and number. Click on the associated "Apply" link. Follow the prompts from

there. Required applications forms are provided with the Funding Opportunity in GrantSolutions unless otherwise indicated on the Required Forms table above.

5. For detailed instructions, see the [GrantSolutions Training Resources web page](#).

6. **Need help?** Find help topics and contact information on the [GrantSolutions Contact Us page](#).

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APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

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Eligibility Review

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During the eligibility review, the application is checked for timely submission, completed packages (see [Application Documents](#) above) and alignment with the requirements of this announcement. The Federal agency may remove an application if it does not pass the eligibility review.

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Eligibility for funding will be limited to activities that support and are consistent with the intent and activities outlined in the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) section 202 (25 U.S.C. 1932).

Indian Organizations may apply individually or as a consortium for a grant under this notice. Indian Organization, solely for the purpose of eligibility for grants, means any legally established group, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity which is owned or controlled by Indians, or a majority (51 percent or more) of whose members are Indians. A consortium is created by an agreement or association between two or more eligible applicants who enter into an agreement to administer a grant program and to provide services under the grant to Indian residents in a specific geographical area when it's administratively feasible to provide an adequate level of service within the area. An applicant may not submit more than one application nor be the beneficiary of more than one grant under this notice.

Each Indian Organization must verify that it has an active and updated registration in SAM.gov (<https://sam.gov/SAM>). This must include a UEI.

Current and active ASAP Enrollment with the BIA

Each Indian Organization must be actively enrolled with the BIA in the Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) system to receive the grant. This information must be provided on the critical information page.

Submitted Applications must include all four (4) Standard Forms and all seven (7) attachments (a-g) described above. The BIA will not accept or review any incomplete applications.

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If an applicant selected for funding hasn't finished their SAM.gov registration (see [2 CFR 25.200](#) and [2 CFR 25.110](#)) when the federal agency is ready to make an award, we may decide that the applicant is ineligible for the award and choose to grant it to someone else. Please refer [2 CFR 25.205](#) for more information.

Prior to making an award, the DOI checks the anticipated recipient and their key project personnel against the current list of prohibited or restricted persons or entities in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Exclusions database. We are prohibited from making an award if a recipient or any key personnel are found ineligible, prohibited, restricted, or otherwise excluded from receiving or participating in an award, as their ineligibility condition applies to this program.

If removed from consideration for ineligibility, the Federal agency will notify the applicant in writing.

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Merit Review

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Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether (1) the applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the NOFO has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements of the NOFO are satisfied; (4) the proposed project is responsive to the program objectives of the NOFO (program determination); and (5) the proposed project is in compliance with all applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President's executive order on Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing as well as the executive order and Secretary order on Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements or objectives of the

NOFO, or does not provide sufficient information for review, the applicant will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from further review.

Applications will be evaluated for responsiveness to ICWA components under each Funding Category. Review criteria and the scoring system for each category are identified below.

1. Project Description and Scoring System

Executive Summary (30 points): The Committee will evaluate the applications based on the clarity and content outlined in the Project Narrative [Executive and Technical Summaries, Section VIII, B (1)]. The

Committee will assess if the application:

- Demonstrates an understanding of the ICWA.
- Describes examples of other Federal projects and/or similar projects for which funding is being requested.
- If the application describes the current Indian population served and if it operates an existing child and family service program, the application contents emphasize the prevention of Indian family breakups and how project(s) will complement these existing services.
- Applicant understands the challenges faced by the community and the proposed project clearly defines how it addresses these challenges.
- If the application offers a clearly defined narrative description of the program for the service area for the project that describes, service population and geographic area.
- Describes specific services and/or activities with recent baseline data with plans that address gaps in services identified.

2. Project Objective, Technical Description, and Scope of Work (25 points): This criterion will evaluate the project objective, technical description, and scope of work as described in Section VIII, B (2). The clarity of the described work and the appropriateness of the project in terms of meeting the intent and goals of the grant. The Committee will assess if the application:

- Includes activities in the proposed project that directly relate to the intent and provisions of the grant.
- Offer examples that reflect an understanding of the social problems or issues affecting the resident Indian client population (including cultural issues) that the applicant proposes to serve and provides a clear link between the proposed activities and the needs identified by the population to be served.
- Includes the technical barriers created by existing public and private programs. For example, availability of transportation, distance between communities to be served, specific needs of the Indian clientele and how the proposed project will reach the population in the service area identified.
- Presents measurable goals, objectives, and a timeline for implementation of proposed projects that are clearly defined; and describes how it will measure its progress in achieving the projects' goals and objectives.
- Includes documentation that the Indian Organization or consortium has authority to apply for the grant, is legally established, and submits letters of support from the Tribe(s).

3. Deliverable Products (25 points): The Committee will evaluate the extent to which the expected outcome and budget proposal meets the applicant's stated goals, based on the deliverables described below. The Committee will assess if the application:

- Presents a narrative that includes a needs assessment, quantitative data, and demographics of the Indian population to be served.
- Estimates the number of Indian people or families served based on available data.
- Offers a narrative description of the program; the program goals and objectives, stated in measurable terms.
- Includes culturally defined approaches and/or procedures by which the applicant will accomplish the identified goals and objectives.
- Explains the internal monitoring process or describes how it will measure the project's progress and accomplishments.
- Provides a budget narrative that separately describes all major line item grant expenditures, and it correlates

to the project scope of work.

- Clearly breaks the project down into defined tasks with an associated budget line item for each task; it includes justification for each task and costs identified.
- Has a budget that includes how the cost of goods and services are determined and how they will fulfill the objectives of the project.
- Has a reasonable budget, based on the resources needed to implement the project(s) in the identified specific geographic location.

4. Key Personnel and Administration (20 points): The Committee will evaluate key personnel experience working with Tribal communities on ICWA related matters. The Committee will assess how the Indian Organizations perform administrative functions and produce quality project deliverables. The Committee will assess if the application:

- Provides proof of its Indian Organization or consortium status.
- Includes resumes that demonstrate key personnel who have ICWA experience, and position descriptions.
- Submitted the Federal Assistance forms (SF-424, SF-424A, Key Contacts, Project Abstract Summary).
- Includes a UEI.
- Includes certification that the bookkeeping and accounting procedures used meet existing Federal standards for grant administration and management.
- Includes verification, in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3201 et seq. (Pub. L. 101-630), title IV, the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, that character and background investigations of key personnel is or will be conducted.
- Demonstrates compliance with a Drug-Free Workplace.
- Demonstrates financial management capability by providing its most recent audit report.

The BIA Director will approve all final award selections. The BIA will notify all award applicants in writing.

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Review and Selection Process

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This program reviews proposed budgets to ensure:

- figures are correct
- estimated costs are necessary and reasonable and clearly linked to project narratives
- avoid obviously unallowable costs
- identify costs requiring prior approval
- ensure indirect cost rates are applied correctly
- confirm cost sharing requirements are reflected in the budget.

This program reviews applications for potential overlap or duplication between the proposed project and any other funded or proposed project. Depending on the circumstances, DOI may choose to not make an award.

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Applicants that have received notification of intent may be required to provide additional or revised information, i.e. updated budget information to remove disallowed costs.

Applications will be evaluated for responsiveness to ICWA components under each Funding Category. The BIA Director will approve all final award selections. The BIA will notify all award applicants in writing.

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Risk Review

Prior to making an award, the applicant will be assessed for their level of risk per [2 CFR 200.206](#). This assessment includes the applicant's financial management capabilities, project delivery experience, staffing resources, past award performance, administration and reporting compliance records, and overall project complexity and potential for challenges. If an award will be made, special conditions may be applied to the award corresponding to the assessed risk. For awards over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$350,000), a review of the applicant's eligibility and financial integrity information in the applicant's SAM.gov records will also be performed per [2 CFR 200.206](#).

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AWARD NOTICES

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Notices of Federal Award are sent electronically via GrantSolutions or e-mail. These notices outline the terms, conditions, and payment instructions per [2 CFR 200.211](#). The Notice of Federal Award signed by an authorized Grants Officer is the legal instrument obligating financial assistance to a recipient. Any other prior

notice is not an authorization to begin work. If the program allows pre-award costs per [2 CFR 200.458](#), beginning performance before receiving a Notice of Federal Award is at the applicant's own risk.

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Anticipated Project Start Date: 08/04/2026

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Anticipated Project End Date: 08/03/2028

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The anticipated start date is 08/04/2026. Because this is a two-year program, the anticipated end date is 08/03/2028.

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POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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Administration and National Policy Requirements

For award administration and national policy requirements, see the [DOI General Terms and Conditions](#). Infrastructure projects require the use of American iron, steel, manufacture products, and construction materials per [2 CFR 184](#).

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Geospatial Data

If you receive financial assistance from the Department of the Interior (DOI), recipient must follow these rules for geospatial data:

Follow Federal Standards: All geospatial data you collect or create must meet the standards set by the Federal Geospatial Data Committee (FGDC) or the Department of the Interior. This is required by the Geospatial Data Act of 2018, which is part of Public Law 115-254, specifically in Subtitle F (Geospatial Data), sections 751-759C (codified at [43 U.S.C. §§ 2801–2811](#)).

Include Metadata: Your Geographic Information Systems (GIS) files must include complete metadata. Metadata is information that describes the data, such as where it came from, how accurate it is, and how it should be used. This is to ensure that anyone using the data understands its context and quality.

Check for Existing Data: Before you start collecting new geospatial data, you need to check GeoPlatform.gov. This is to see if there is already existing geospatial data from federal, state, local, or private

sources that can meet your needs and is available for free. If such data is available, you should use it instead of gathering new data.

These rules help ensure that geospatial data is reliable, high-quality, and that resources are used efficiently.

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Reporting

The recipient's Notice of Award will detail all reporting requirements, including frequency, due dates, and instructions for requesting extensions. In general, but not limited to, recipients must:

- Submit Federal Financial reports and Program Performance reports.
- Use the [Federal Financial Report \(SF-425\) form](#) for financial reporting,
- Monitor award activities and report on program performance per [2 CFR 200.329](#),
- Promptly notify the awarding program in writing of any issues, delays, or conditions impairing award objectives per [2 CFR 200.329\(e\)](#),
- Disclose any conflicts of interest related to their award that arise during the award period per [2 CFR 1402.112](#),
- Report on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest per [2 CFR 200.330](#), and
- Report all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award per [2 CFR 200.113](#).
- Report any matters related to recipient integrity and performance to SAM.gov per [Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200](#).
- If the Federal share of the award is more than \$100,000 and the recipient makes or agrees to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection to the award, disclose those activities using the Disclosure of Lobbying (SF-LLL) form per [43 CFR 18.100](#).
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) and 2 CFR 170 requires certain recipients to report information on executive compensation, and information on all sub-awards, subcontracts and consortiums equal to or over \$30,000 to SAM.gov.

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