Fact Sheet

U.S. Department of Justice

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation: Fiscal Year 2011

"We are witnessing tangible progress toward a healthier, brighter future for Native Americans. I want to reaffirm the Justice Department's commitment – and my own commitment – to building and sustaining healthy and safe Native communities; to renewing our nation's enduring promise to American Indians and Alaska Natives; to respecting the sovereignty and self-determination of Tribal governments; and to ensuring that the progress we have achieved in recent years is not derailed."

- Attorney General Eric Holder

In Fiscal Year 2010, The Department of Justice launched the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), which encompassed most of the Department's available Tribal government-specific grant programs. Through CTAS, in Fiscal Year 2010 the Department awarded nearly $127 million to hundreds of American Indian and Alaskan Native communities. The communities are using these funds to enhance law enforcement, bolster justice systems, prevent youth substance abuse, serve sexual assault and elder victims, and support other efforts to combat crime.

For Fiscal Year 2011, the Department worked closely with Tribal leaders and Tribal organizations to determine how the application process could be improved. A CTAS consultation was held in early October 2010, and the Department conducted an assessment of CTAS applicants. This feedback was critical in developing the FY 2011 solicitation.

How is the Department's Fiscal Year 2011 CTAS similar to the FY 2010 solicitation?

As with the FY 2010 CTAS, the Department will ask each Tribe to submit a single application for all available DOJ Tribal government-specific grant programs, according to the Tribes' needs. The advantage of this coordinated process is that, when it reviews a single application from your Tribe, the Department will have a better understanding of your overall public safety needs. The grant-making components then will coordinate in making award decisions to address these needs on a more comprehensive basis. This solicitation and application process is targeted to begin in January 2011. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

In the solicitation, each DOJ Tribal government-specific competitive grant program is referred to as a different "Purpose Area." Each Tribe may select the Purpose Area(s) that best address your public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization needs. The different DOJ grant-making components (the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and the Office on Violence Against Women) will make and administer multiple awards by Purpose Area, subject to available funding. The awarding DOJ component will manage the grants in the same manner that grants are currently managed.

Tribes or Tribal consortia may be eligible for other, non-Tribal specific DOJ grant funding opportunities and may submit a separate application to any grant programs for which they may be eligible.

What changes were made to CTAS for Fiscal Year 2011?

The Department made several changes based on input from Tribal leaders and Tribal organizations. **The Fiscal Year 2011 CTAS has a 90-day application period, with a deadline of April 21, 2011.** Other key changes include:

- Multiple Purpose Areas were merged to allow for more flexibility in funding requests
- Matching funds were eliminated for all Purpose Areas except one (#7), where it is required by statute.
- The Tribal authorizing resolution is no longer required at the time of application. It will, however, be required before a grantee can draw down funds.
- The award period has been standardized to 3 years across all Purpose Areas.

- Strategic planning opportunities are available under all Purpose Areas.
- All Tribes are eligible to apply, regardless of whether they have an existing grant from DOJ, so long as they are proposing projects that do not duplicate projects that are currently underway and supported by DOJ funding.
- In reviewing and scoring applications, more weight has been assigned to "need."

Tribal Community & Justice Profile

In preparing your application, we encourage you to review your community, public safety and justice systems to help identify gaps in services that grant programs can address. The description below is provided to help you prepare your profile.

Current Demographics: The Tribe's enrollment, its current local population; the size of the reservation; jurisdiction to be served; whether the Tribe has a direct, contract, or compact service delivery system; the Tribe's form of government; and other general information.

Victim Services: The type of victim services available to the local Tribal community, including emergency health care and behavior health care systems. Please be sure to address whether and what services are available for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Court System: Whether your Tribe is subject to Federal or State criminal jurisdiction, the type of court system operated by or for the Tribe, any cross-jurisdictional cooperative agreements with State or local courts, and any related probation, parole, reentry services available.

Law Enforcement: A description of the type of law enforcement services provided to your Tribe, including the sworn force strength, any cross-jurisdictional cooperative agreements, sex offender registry, task forces, communication-information sharing systems, or similar arrangements.

Facilities: The type of facilities used to support the public safety and justice system, such as: courthouse, police, transitional housing, jails (adult/juvenile), treatment facilities, hospitals, clinics, emergency shelters, etc.

Juvenile/Youth Services: The type of youth prevention, mentoring, delinquency, child protection teams, and rehabilitation services available in your community.

Community Needs Assessment

In this section of the Tribal Community & Justice Profile, the Tribe should address the following issues:

Problem statement: Describe the most pressing Tribal justice, community safety, and victimization issues that face your community.

Service Area: The impacted or service area(s) of the community or communities in which the grant-funded project(s) would be implemented, including geographic location, socioeconomic data, total population, age range of population, membership, governance and other relevant demographic information.

Current Efforts: Your existing and previous efforts and collaborations to address these issues, including whether you used previously awarded grant funds.

Data and Examples: Data and examples to explain the nature of the issue, including incident data, number of calls for assistance, and information on age, gender, arrest volume, crime patterns for juvenile and adult offenders, the geographic environment, and target population. If this data is unavailable, offer an explanation for the lack of the data, and provide alternative information to support the identified problem(s).

FY 2011 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Areas
1. Public safety and community policing (COPS Tribal Resources Hiring Grant Program and Tribal Resources Grant Equipment/Training), CFDA #16.710
2. Methamphetamine enforcement (COPS - Tribal Methamphetamine Enforcement), CFDA #16.710
3. Justice systems, and alcohol and substance abuse (BJA—Tribal Courts Assistance Program and Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program), CFDA #16.608
4. Corrections and correctional alternatives (BJA—Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program), CFDA #16.596
5. Violence against women (OVW—Tribal Governments Program – Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program – TSASP), CFDA #16.587
6. Elder abuse (OVC—Tribal Elder Outreach Program), CFDA #16.582
7. Juvenile justice (OJJDP—Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Program), CFDA #16.731
8. Tribal youth program (OJJDP—Tribal Youth Program – TYP), CFDA #16.731

How do you apply for DOJ grants?

If you think that your Tribe may be interested in applying for DOJ funding through CTAS, we encourage you to register to apply for funding. All potential applicants, including Tribes, need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the Federal government. Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, please visit: https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov. Registration with the OJP GMS is required prior to application submission under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. First-time applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying. Applicants with existing GMS accounts do ***not*** need to re-register; rather, they should use current user IDs and passwords to access GMS. Your Tribe may have already established a DUNS number. First tier sub awardees must also have a DUNS number and register with the CCR. Please check with your grants administrator or chief financial officer to see if your organization has a DUNS number. To obtain a DUNS number, call the Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Customer Resource Center at 1-866-705-5711 or visit http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do. To verify or renew a CCR registration, visit http://www.ccr.gov. If your organization is not registered with CCR, identify a primary contact who should register your Tribe. Keep in mind that your Tribe must receive a DUNS number ***before*** it can register with CCR. Tribes must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Please allow up to three weeks to complete the CCR registration process.

For more information please refer to our Tribal Justice and Safety website: http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/. For programmatic assistance contact the Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or by email at tribalgrants@usdoj.gov. The Response Center hours of operation are Monday - Friday (except U.S. Federal government holidays) from 9:00am to 5:00pm Eastern Time. The Response Center will remain open on the solicitation closing date until 9:00 pm Eastern Time.

For Additional Grant Opportunities Visit:

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www.cops.usdoj.gov Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

www.ojp.usdoj.gov Office of Justice Programs

www.ovw.usdoj.gov Office on Violence Against Women