



U.S. Department of Justice

Fact Sheet

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation: Fiscal Year 2016

“While money alone cannot fix public safety problems, including those in Indian Country, the department recognizes it is a critical part of a comprehensive solution. Providing training and financial and technical assistance is fundamental to building tribal capacity and making a meaningful difference in the lives of the communities we serve.” Acting Associate Attorney General Stuart F. Delery

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 the Department has awarded over \$620 million to hundreds of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The Tribes are using these funds to enhance law enforcement, bolster justice systems, prevent and control delinquency and strengthen the juvenile justice system, serve sexual assault and elder victims, and support other efforts to combat crime.

In an ongoing effort to build on the success of CTAS, DOJ asked Tribes how to further refine and improve CTAS. These responses and suggestions were incorporated into the FY 2016 solicitation.

How is the FY 2016 CTAS similar to the prior year solicitations?

The 2016 solicitation and application process begins in November 2015 and remains open for more than 90 days. The single application process continues to include all available DOJ Tribal government-specific grant programs. The advantage of the coordinated single application process is that it provides the Department with a better understanding of a Tribe's overall public safety needs. The grant-making components (the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and the Office on Violence Against Women

(OVW)) then coordinate and collaborate in making award decisions that address the applicant's needs on a comprehensive basis. Each Tribal government-specific competitive grant program is referred to as a “Purpose Area.” Applicants may select the Purpose Area(s) that best address its public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization needs. The DOJ grant-making components manage and administer multiple awards by Purpose Area, subject to available funding. *Please remember that 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 2016?

- The question-and-answer templates have been further coordinated and refined across purpose areas to ensure more uniformity and cohesiveness and to reduce duplication.
- The strategic planning program (Purpose Area #2) has been updated for clarity and includes all five participating DOJ offices, while providing Purpose Area #2 grantees who submit an approved strategic plan with funding to implement the plan in whole or part in future fiscal years upon submission of an application. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds.

- Purpose Area #3 was updated to address the needs of young adults (ages 18-25) who are involved with or at risk of involvement with the justice system.
- The OVW Tribal Sexual Assault Services program will continue to be administered separately from CTAS.
- Applicable purpose areas have been updated to allow activities related to tribal jurisdiction over non-Indian perpetrators of domestic violence on tribal lands as authorized through the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.
- The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has removed the eligibility restriction for Purpose Area #9 (Tribal Youth Programs) to allow all federally recognized tribes to apply and has changed the maximum award amount from \$500,000 to \$350,000.
- OJJDP has extended the award period for both Purpose Area #8 (Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts) and Purpose Area #9 (Tribal Youth Program) to four years. Applicants are expected to submit a budget for this award period.
- The length of the award period for Purpose Area #2 has changed from 18 months to 24 months.

The following areas highlight what eligible tribes should consider for their FY 2016 CTAS application.

Tribal Community & Justice Profile: Before applying for funding, applicants should review their community, public safety and justice systems to help identify gaps in services that the grant programs can address. The Tribal Community and Justice Profile consists of an *Executive Summary* and a *Tribal Narrative Profile*. The Executive Summary should identify the problem(s) the tribe seeks to address, the strategy to address the problem(s), and the purposes area(s) being requested to address the problem. The Tribal Narrative Profile should illustrate the specific characteristics of a Tribe, the community strengths, resources, challenges and needs.

Demographic Form: The Demographic Form is designed to capture the unique characteristics of each tribe in order to paint a more detailed picture of each tribe’s strengths and challenges. Each applicant should complete the form in its entirety. If the applicant is unable to answer all or part of the form, they should provide an explanation for the missing information in the available space.

FY 2016 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. Comprehensive Planning Demonstration Project, (BJA, OJJDP, COPS, OVW, OVC), CFDA #16.608
3. Justice systems, and alcohol and substance abuse (OJP/BJA—Tribal Courts Assistance Program and Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program), CFDA #16.608
4. Corrections and correctional alternatives (OJP/BJA—Tribal Justice Systems Infrastructure Program), CFDA #16.596
5. Violence Against Women (OVW—Tribal Governments Program), CFDA #16.587
6. Victims of Crime (OJP/OVC—Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities), CFDA #16.582
7. Victims of Crime (OJP/OVC- Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program), CFDA#16.528
8. Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts (OJP/OJJDP), CFDA #16.585
9. Tribal Youth Program (OJP/OJJDP—Tribal Youth Program – TYP), CFDA #16.731

The deadline for submitting applications is 9:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 23, 2016

More information on CTAS and other resources are available at the Tribal Justice and Safety website

<http://www.justice.gov/tribal>