

# Federal Funding Opportunities for Implementing VAWA's Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction: FY 2015 CTAS Purpose Areas #3 and #5

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**FY 2015 CTAS RFP Due: February 24, 2015**

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# Outline of Webinar Presentation

- Brief Overview of VAWA Title IX
- FY 2015 CTAS (Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation) RFP
  - CTAS purpose area #3 (BJA Tribal Court Assistance Program and Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program)
  - CTAS purpose area #5 (OVW Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program)
- Brief Overview of other potentially relevant purpose areas
- Overview of other non-CTAS funding sources
- General Grant Writing Tips
- Questions

# What this Webinar will NOT be Covering

- Full range of information and resources needed for a complete CTAS application.
  - For more CTAS resources, please see [www.justice.gov/tribal/grants](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/grants)  
Includes extensive CTAS resources – such as CTAS Fact Sheets and FAQs
- Full range of federal grant opportunities that could be used to fund VAWA implementation.
- Exhaustive overview of VAWA special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction requirements.



## Tribal Implementation of VAWA

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# Title IX of the 2013 VAWA




- Section 904: Tribal Jurisdiction over Crimes of Domestic Violence
  - “Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction” which recognizes a tribe’s inherent criminal jurisdiction over **non-Indians** for the crimes of
    - Domestic Violence
    - Dating Violence
    - Violation of Protection Order

# March 7, 2015

- Sec. 908 of Title IX of VAWA provided that the “special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction” (SDVCJ) would not take effect until **March 7, 2015**.
- In the meantime, interested tribes were invited to apply to participate in a Pilot Project.
  - Currently the following tribes are exercising SDVCJ under the Pilot Project
    - Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
    - Pascua Yaqui Tribe
    - Tulalip Tribes







# Limitations on Utilizing TLOA Enhanced Sentencing and/or VAWA Criminal Jurisdiction

Limitations	TLOA	VAWA
<p><u>Particular Offenses Only:</u>            Defendant must either (1) previously have been convicted of same or comparable offense by any jurisdiction in U.S.; or (2) is being prosecuted for a “felony” (an offense that would be punishable by more than 1 year imprisonment if prosecuted by U.S. or any of the States).</p>		
<p><u>Particular Offenses Only:</u>            Defendant must be prosecuted for either (1) domestic violence, (2) dating violence, or (3) violation of a protection order.</p>		
<p><u>Particular Defendants Only:</u>            Defendant must have sufficient ties to the community, which could be either (1) residence on the reservation, (2) employment on the reservation, or (3) a relationship with a tribal member or Indian resident.</p>		

TLOA and VAWA Due Process Requirements		TLOA	VAWA
1.	Defendants are provided with effective assistance of counsel equal to at least that guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.	✓	✓
2.	Tribal government provides to an indigent defendant a defense attorney licensed to practice by any jurisdiction in the United States.	✓	✓
3.	Defense attorney is licensed by a jurisdiction that applies appropriate licensing standards and effectively ensures the competence and professional responsibility of its licensed attorneys.	✓	✓
4.	Judges presiding over criminal proceedings subject to enhanced sentencing/non-Indian defendants have sufficient legal training to preside over criminal trials.	✓	✓
5.	Any judge presiding over criminal proceedings subject to enhanced sentencing/non-Indian defendants are licensed to practice law by any jurisdiction in the United States.	✓	✓
6.	The tribe's criminal law, rules of evidence, and rules of criminal procedure are made available to the public prior to charging the defendant.	✓	✓

TLOA and VAWA Due Process Requirements		TLOA	VAWA
7.	Tribal court maintains a record of the criminal proceeding, including an audio or other recording.	✓	✓
8.	Any defendant sentenced under either Act is sentenced to a facility that passes the BIA jail standards for enhanced sentencing authority.	✓	✓
9.	Tribal court has a process for determining that the defendant has sufficient ties to the community, including either residence on the reservation, employment on the reservation, or a relationship with a tribal member or Indian resident.		✓
10.	Tribal court provides the defendant the right to a trial by an impartial jury.		✓
11.	Tribal court ensures that the jury reflects a fair cross section of the community.		✓
12.	Tribal court ensures that juries are drawn from sources that do not systematically exclude any distinctive group in the community, including non-Indians.		✓

TLOA and VAWA Due Process Requirements		TLOA	VAWA
13.	Tribal court ensures that anyone detained under the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction is “timely notified” of his/her rights and responsibilities.		
15.	Tribal court ensure that a defendant is notified of their right to file “a petition for a writ of <i>habeas corpus</i> in a court of the United States.”		
14.	Tribal court ensures that “all other rights whose protection is necessary under the Constitution of the United States in order for Congress to recognize and affirm the inherent power of the participating tribe to exercise special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction over the defendant” are provided.		
15.	Tribal court ensures that “all applicable rights under the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction provisions” are provided.		

# Potential Areas of Need

- Effective assistance of counsel for defendants
- Free, appointed, licensed attorneys for indigent defendants
- Law-trained Judges who are licensed
- Publicly available criminal laws and rules
- Recorded criminal proceedings
- Jury pool selection
- Law enforcement training
- Detention facilities
- Probation
- Create a Domestic Violence Court
- Code Development
  - Domestic Violence Offenses
  - Firearm Offenses
  - Victims' Rights

CTAS

# Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

DOJ launched CTAS in FY 2010 in response to Tribal leaders' concerns about the inability of Department's grant process to provide the flexibility tribes needed to address their criminal justice and public safety needs.

Through CTAS, federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal consortia submit a single application for most of DOJ's Tribal grant programs. DOJ designed this comprehensive approach to save time and resources and allow tribes and the Department to gain a better understanding of the Tribes' overall public safety needs.

For more information on CTAS – see [www.justice.gov/tribal](http://www.justice.gov/tribal)

Application Due Date: **February 24, 2015**

# CTAS: Application Timeline

## □ Solicitation:

- Opened November 20, 2014
- ***Closes February 24, 2015*** (9pm Eastern)
- For applicants without Internet access who cannot submit an application electronically to DOJ's Grant Management System, please contact the Response Center at 1.800.421.6770 no later than January 23, 2015 to request instructions on how to submit an application by alternative means.
- Recommended to register for GMS no later than February 3, 2015.
- DOJ expects to award grants no later than September 30, 2015



# Considerations

- DOJ has updated ALL Purpose Areas to allow for special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians under VAWA.
- The strategic planning program has been expanded, with an opportunity to request additional funding in FY 2015, with the submission of an approved strategic plan.
- The removal of funding for planning and NEW construction projects for juvenile justice facilities under Purpose Area 4 (renovation only).

# CTAS: What is New in FY 2015

- The solicitation and application process is beginning earlier in the funding cycle by opening in mid-November, 2014.
- *Potentially*, unfunded FY 2015 applications may be considered and funded in FY 2016.
- Tribes may apply as part of a consortium *and* individually, so long as the applications are for distinct activities.
- Purpose Area 8 has transformed from “Juvenile Justice” to “Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts”

# CTAS: Application Timeline

## FY 2015 CTAS Purpose Areas

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### **FY 2015 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Areas**

1. Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS Tribal Hiring Grant Program and Tribal Resources Grant Equipment/Training)

2. Comprehensive Tribal Justice System Strategic Planning (BJA, COPS, OJJDP, OVW, and OVC)

**3. Justice Systems, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA—Tribal Courts Assistance Program and Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program)**

4. Corrections and Correctional Alternatives (BJA—Tribal Justice Systems Infrastructure Program)

**5. OVW—Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (TGP)**

6. Victims of Crime (OVC—Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities)

7. Victims of Crime (OVC—Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program)

8. Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP—Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws-EUDL; and Drug Courts)

9. Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP—Tribal Youth Program – TYP)

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# CTAS: Peer Review Selection Process

- **Tribal Community & Justice Profile (30%)**
  - Executive Summary
  - Tribal Narrative Profile
- **Purpose Area Narrative (50%)** *(primary focus of this webinar)*
- **Budget Detail Worksheet & Narrative, including Demographic Form (15%)**
- **Project/Program Timeline (5%)**
- **Other Docs:**
  - Tribal Authority to Apply Documentation
  - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
  - Other Attachments (as needed) (e.g. letters of support, resumes of key personnel, etc.)

# www.justice.gov/tribal/grants



## Online Guide: Preparing for the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

This online guide was created by the Education Development Center in coordination with the Department of Justice to assist Tribes as they prepare for, write, and submit their applications for complex grants such as the Coordinated Tribal Assistant

Solicitation (CTAS).

This guide contains strategies to:

- Read and comprehend a complex grant solicitation
- Coordinate a robust grant-writing team
- Identify and articulate the needs of your community through data driven processes
- Generate and capture ideas and solutions from your community
- Organize key community players to execute the proposed program

Explore the tool 

# Possible Approach/Process

- **Step #1:** *relevant section from “Purpose Areas – Specific Information” section of RFP (pages 17-39 of CTAS RFP)*
- **Step #2:** *relevant section from “Type, Amount and Length of Awards” section of RFP (pages 39-41 of CTAS RFP)*
- **Step #3:** *relevant section from “Performance Measures” section of RFP (pages 43-46 of CTAS RFP)*
- **Step #4:** *relevant Purpose Area Narrative Questions section (See [www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations); but download from GMS)*
- **Step #5:** *relevant Purpose Area specific FAQs from FAQs (See [www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations); but download from GMS)*

# While planning and before submitting...

- If you are working on your application and you make a **single** file made up of separate attachments-DO NOT submit it to DOJ this way.
- It is very important to use **separate attachments** of documents when submitting your application to DOJ.
- Clearly label each attachment.
- Combine related attachments such as resumes so peer reviewers are not overwhelmed with multiple attachments.

# Resources: [www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/open-solicitations)

## FY 2015 CTAS SOLICITATION

On November 20, 2014, the Department of Justice announced the opening of the grant solicitation period for comprehensive funding to support public safety, victim services, and crime prevention improvements in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) is administered by the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The funding can be used to enhance law enforcement; bolster adult and juvenile justice systems; prevent and control juvenile delinquency; serve sexual assault, domestic violence, and elder victims; and support other efforts to combat crime. The department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) can be viewed below.

- • Final FY-2015 CTAS Solicitation
- Final sample version of FY-2015 CTAS Assurances
- Final sample version of FY-2015 CTAS Certifications
- • Final FY-2015 Sample Timeline Template
- Final FY-2015 CTAS General FAQs
- CTAS 2015 Fact Sheet
- • Final FY-2015 CTAS Sample Executive Summary Template
- Final COPS PA 1 Cost List for FY-2015 CTAS
- • Final FY-2015 CTAS sample Tribal Narrative Profile
- Final sample templates for purpose areas 1
- Final sample templates for purpose areas 2
- • Final sample templates for purpose areas 3
- Final sample templates for purpose areas 4
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# Tribal Community and Justice Profile

## Part A: Executive Summary

- 1-2 pages
- Identify problems; strategy to address problems; and the Purpose Areas being requested

### Tribal Community and Justice Profile Part A: Executive Summary (5%)

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Strategy:** The tribe proposes to use the following purpose areas to address a collaborative response as follows:

Problem	Strategy to address the problem	Purpose area(s) addressing the problem
<p>EXAMPLE</p> <p>Need to provide better services for tribal youth returning to the reservation from a correctional setting or residential treatment.</p>	<p>EXAMPLE</p> <p>Provide community-based juvenile delinquency prevention services and juvenile probation services.</p>	<p>EXAMPLE</p> <p>PA #8—Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts and PA #3—Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program</p>

# Tribal Community and Justice Profile

## Part B: Tribal Narrative Profile

Tribal Community and Justice Profile Part B: Tribal Narrative Profile

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tribal Narrative Profile (25%)

You may enter as much text or as little as you need to fully describe your community as long as the total number of pages for the entire Tribal Narrative Profile does not exceed 15 pages. Remember that the individuals reviewing the application may not be familiar with the community, so descriptions should be as clear and detailed as possible. Be sure that every question is answered. If there are questions that you are unable to answer, provide an explanation as to why the information is unavailable.

- Describe the community's
  - Strengths
  - Resources
  - Challenges
  - Needs
- 15 pages
- Readers may not be familiar with community
- Each question should be answered, even if it's reason why question cannot be answered

1. Describe the general form of your Tribal Government.
2. Briefly describe the tribal justice system, including prevention or intervention initiatives for members at risk of involvement or already involved in the justice system (youth or adult); law enforcement, including any cross-jurisdictional agreements; courts; alternative dispute resolution; corrections, including juvenile detention facilities; services for victims and survivors of crime (e.g., violent crime, drug-related crime, child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking); tribal reentry programs; and sex offender registry obligations. If services are not available within the tribe, please describe how they are accessed or provided.
3. Describe the significant tribal justice, community safety, juvenile delinquency, and victimization issues (e.g., child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, dating violence, and stalking) facing the tribal nation and explain why these issues are the most pressing. *Ensure that the problems described are connected to the purpose area(s) for which the tribe is applying. For example, if the tribe is applying for Purpose Area #1 (COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program-Hiring and Tribal Resources Grant Program-Equipment/Training), the tribe should discuss law enforcement related issues. If the tribe is applying for multiple purpose areas, all of the relevant issues should be identified in this portion of the profile.*
4. Describe current and future plans to comprehensively address the tribe's public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, or victimization issues (e.g., violent crime, drug-related crime, child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking).
5. Discuss any additional information about your tribe that would be important in the understanding and evaluating your application.

The Tribal Community and Justice Profile will be rated based on the following criteria:

- The extent to which the application fully responds to the requested information
- The need for funding as described in the Tribal Community and Justice Profile

# Project/Program Timeline

(5% of CTAS application score)

Applicants should submit a timeline or milestone chart encompassing the

- *entire federal project period.*
- indicates objectives and major tasks,
- assigns responsibility for each, and
- plots completion of each task by year and then by month or quarter for the duration of the award

Applicants can either submit a separate Timeline for each Purpose Area or one comprehensive Timeline that covers all Purpose Areas included in the application.

The Project/Program Timeline submission will be rated on the following criteria:

- The extent to which the timeline is complete and reasonable given the activities described
- The extent to which all activities can be reasonably completed within the grant period and with the resources allocated

# Sample Timeline

## CTAS Sample Timeline

Tribe name:

36-month project/program timeline

Purpose area/s:

Months	Purpose area/project goals	Related objectives	Activities	Expected completion date	Person responsible

# Budget Detail Worksheet, Budget Narrative, and Demographic Form

- The Budget Detail Workbook includes the
  - Demographic Form;
  - The Budget Detail Worksheet(s); and
  - The Budget Narrative(s)
- Only one workbook is required per completed application
- Should include a complete itemization of all proposed costs

# Budget Narrative(s) and Worksheets

Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse												
1									Purpose Area (3)			
2	Program Office								BJA	16.608		
3												
4	Note: Non-Federal match is not required for this purpose area but can be provided if desired.											
5	<b>A. Personnel</b>											
6	Name/Position				Computation							
7	<i>List each position and name, if known. New positions may be grouped by type.</i>				<i>Show annual salary rate &amp; amount of time devoted to the project for each name/position.</i>							
8	Add Personnel		Delete Selected		# of Positions	Salary	Rate	Time Worked (\$ of hours, days, months)	%	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
9												
12												
12									Total(s)	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	Narrative								Add Additional Narrative Text Area			
14												
16	<b>B. Fringe Benefits</b>											
17	Type of Benefit				Computation							
18	<i>List each grant-support fringe benefit that is provided to the grant-funded position.</i>				<i>Show the basis for computation.</i>							
19	Add Benefit		Delete Selected		Base	Rate	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request			
20												
23												
23									Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
24	Narrative								Add Additional Narrative Text			

# Budget Summary

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	<b>Budget Summary</b>										
2	<i>Note: Any errors detected on this page should be fixed on the Purpose Area specific tab.</i>										
3		PA(1)	PA (2)	PA (3)	PA (4)	PA (5)	PA (6)	PA (7)	PA(8)	PA(9)	
4		COPS		BJA	BJA	OVW	OVC	OVC	OJJDP	OJJDP	
5		16.710	16.608	16.608	16.596	16.587	16.582	16.582	16.585	16.731	
6	Budget Category	Public Safety and Community Policing	Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning	Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse	Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program	Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program	Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities	Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program	Tribal Juvenile Healing To Wellness Courts	Tribal Youth Program	Total(s)
7	A. Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	C. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10	D. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11	E. Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	F. Construction	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0
13	G. Consultants & Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14	H. Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
16	<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
17	I. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
19	<b>Total Project Costs</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
21		Up to 100% of total Project	Up to 100% of total Project	Up to 100% of total Project	Up to 100% of total Project	Up to 100% of total Project	Up to 100% of total Project	Up to 100% of total Project	Up to 90% of total project	Up to 100% of total Project	
22	Federal Request	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
23	Non-Federal Contribution	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24	Required Match Met	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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# Demographic Form

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	<b>Demographic Form</b>									
2	Please fill out this form in its entirety. Note that each subsection has individual instructions. Please read them carefully before filling out this form. If you are applying as a consortium please aggregate the data for all the Tribes represented in your application.									
3	<b>I. Tribe Information</b>									
4	1. The name of each federally-recognized Indian Tribe that will be served by the proposed project(s):									
5	Name(s)		<input type="text" value="The name(s) of your tribe and represented tribes."/>							
6	BIA Region(s)		<input type="text" value="Your BIA Region(s)"/>							
9	2. What is the Tribe's current enrollment?							<input type="text"/>		
10										
11	3. Of your current enrollment, what is the Tribe's total number of unemployed 18 years and over?							<input type="text"/>		
12										
13	4. Of your current enrollment, what is the Tribe's total number of under-employed (below the poverty line) 18 years and over?							<input type="text"/>		
14										
15	5. Of your current enrollment, what is the Tribe's total number of employed 18 years and over?							<input type="text"/>		
16										
17	6. What is the current local population base?							<input type="text"/>		
18										
19	7. Please enter the approximate square mileage of the reservation/jurisdiction to be served: (sq. miles)									
20								<input type="text"/>		
21										
22	8. Please check the crime victim population area(s) that best describe the services the Tribe typically supports.									
23										
24	<input type="checkbox"/> Abused or neglected children					<input type="checkbox"/> Stalking				
25	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence					<input type="checkbox"/> Survivors of homicide				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Abuse					<input type="checkbox"/> Survivors of attempted homicide and/or assault				
	PA1 PA2 PA3 PA4 PA5 PA6 PA7 PA8 PA9 Budget Summary									



# CTAS Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, P.L. 111-352, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation **must provide data that measure the results of their work.**

For each applicable Purpose Area, sample performance measures and required data are listed. The listed measures and data are not exhaustive, but are intended to provide applicants with insight into the measures and data on which they will be expected to report.

# CTAS Performance Measures

**Submission of performance measures data is not required for the application.**

Performance measures are included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit specific data to DOJ as part of their reporting requirements after an award is made.

# CTAS Performance Measures

## #3: Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse

Objective	Sample Performance Measure(s)	Sample Data Grantee Must Provide
<p>Purpose Area #3: Justice systems and alcohol and substance abuse (BJA)</p>	<p>Percent increase in the number of cases handled by Tribal Courts</p> <p>Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) judicial and other court positions created or funded under the grant award</p> <p>Percent reduction in the number of arrests for crimes where alcohol or substance abuse was a factor</p> <p>Percent increase in number of individuals receiving treatment services as a result of this program.</p> <p>Percent increase in number of participate at tribal community prevention trainings</p>	<p>Number of cases filed in the court during the prior period.</p> <p>Number of cases filed in the court during the current reporting period.</p> <p>Number of judicial and other court positions created as a result of the grant during the reporting period.</p> <p>Number of arrests for crimes where alcohol or substance abuse was a factor for the period prior to grant funding.</p> <p>Number of arrests for crimes where alcohol or substance abuse was a factor for the current reporting period.</p> <p>Etc.</p>

# CTAS Performance Measures

## #5: Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program

Objective	Sample Performance Measure(s)	Sample Data Grantee Must Provide
Purpose Area #5: Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW)	Number of professionals trained to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.  Percent of victims requesting services who received them.	Number of professionals trained to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.  Number of victims requesting and receiving services.

# Other Possible CTAS Attachments

Other attachments, as necessary, include:

- Letters of support
- Resumes of key personnel
- Job descriptions for unfilled positions
- Memoranda of Understanding

# Purpose Area Narratives

- Applicants must submit a separate narrative for each Purpose Area.
- Template questions cover
  - Problem identification and problem solving strategy
  - Project/program design and implementation
  - Capabilities and competencies
  - Impact/outcomes and evaluation/plan for collecting data for performance measures, as applicable
- Each Purpose Area has a unique template
- 15 pages

# CTAS Purpose Area #3: Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)

## Purpose Areas #3:

- Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP)
- Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Program (IASA)

Purpose Area	Estimated Amount of Funding Available	Estimated Number of Awards to be made; Estimated Award Amounts	Length of Award
3) Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)	\$16.8 million	Approximately 20-30 awards; Approximately \$250,000-\$750,000 per award.	3 years

- Last Year: 121 applications were received, 25 awards were made

*BJA Point of Contact:*

**Trish Thackston:** (202) 307-0581 m.patricia.thackston@usdoj.gov

# CTAS Goals and Objectives

## Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)

- To develop, enhance, and continue **tribal justice systems** including: ... law enforcement, pretrial services, risk and needs assessment development and implementation, diversion programming, tribal court services, ..., detention programming, community corrections, reentry planning and programming, justice system infrastructure enhancement, justice system information sharing, etc. ...
- **To implement enhanced authorities and provisions under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. ...**
- To engage in comprehensive strategic planning to improve tribal justice and community safety as it relates to tribal courts and alcohol and substance abuse.



# CTAS Goals and Objectives

## Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)

- Applicants may apply for funding to include, but not limited to:
  - Tribal courts
  - Tribal jails programming
  - Reentry
  - Law enforcement
  - Equipment
  - Strategic planning
  - Training

# CTAS Purpose Area #3 Narrative Template

## Narrative

*Purpose Area #3 Narrative (15-page limit including template text; answers should be double-spaced)*

1. Identify one or more of the crime and public safety problems described in the Tribal Community and Justice Profile that the tribe plans to address through the proposed grant funding and describe the problem(s) with as much additional detail, including data, as necessary to clearly describe the nature and extent of the problem(s).
2. Describe current or previous efforts, if any, to address the problem(s) identified in item #1 and state whether they were effective.
- 3. Describe any current gaps in services related to the problem(s) identified in items #1 and #2 that will be addressed through this grant application.
4. Explain how your tribe identified and prioritized the problem(s) described above to be addressed through this grant funding.
- 5. Describe how the proposed grant-funded program will address the identified problems.
6. For each identified problem in item #1, identify the specific goals and objectives of the proposal that will be accomplished in 36 months. Provide details about the specific tasks and activities necessary to accomplish each goal and objective.
7. Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete each of the proposed projects, and any organizational changes that may result if funding is awarded. Include detailed information about existing resources within the tribe and the community that will help make this project a success.
8. Identify current government and community initiatives that complement or coordinate with the proposal and any partnerships that will be created or enhanced as a result of funding. Describe the roles of each identified partner. *Examples may be advisory boards, Tribal Leaders, nonprofits, private organizations, and regional relationships, etc.*

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Applicant Name:

Purpose Area #3 Justice Systems, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)

9. Describe how the applicant will know if the program works and how success will be determined and measured. Describe how data will be collected and assessed to measure the impact of proposed efforts.
  - i. What will be measured?
  - ii. How will data be collected?
  - iii. Who is responsible for collecting the data?
  - iv. How is success defined?
10. Describe how evaluation, collaborative partnerships, or other methods will be used to leverage ongoing resources and facilitate a long-term strategy to sustain the project when the federal grant ends.
  - i. Describe any challenges you anticipate in sustaining the program beyond the grant funding.
11. Address the tribe's need for financial assistance and the inability of the agency to implement the proposed plan without federal funding. This should be linked to the needs identified in the Tribal Narrative Profile.
12. If you are requesting funding in multiple purpose areas, is the receipt of BJA Purpose Area #3 funding required for the implementation of any other purpose area being requested? If so, explain. *Examples of this may be requesting an officer from BJA Purpose Area #3 and equipment for that officer from COPS Office Purpose Area #1.*

# CTAS Purpose Area #3: Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)

## Purpose Areas #5:

- Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW)

Purpose Area	Estimated Amount of Funding Available	Estimated Number of Awards to be made; Estimated Award Amounts	Length of Award
5) Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program	\$32 million	Approximately 60 awards; Approximately \$450,000 for new grantees; up to \$900,000 for current grantees	3 years

- Last Year: 83 applications were received, 54 awards were made

OVW Point of Contact:

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# CTAS Goals and Objectives

## Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program

- Drafting or revising tribal codes related to domestic violence, dating violence ...;
- Funding for dedicated victim advocates, law enforcement investigators, or prosecutors , judges, probation officers, and other court staff;
- Training for dedicated victim advocates, law enforcement investigators, or prosecutors , judges, probation officers, and other court staff; ...
- Provide legal advice and representation to victims of crimes; and
- Develop and promote legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian women.
- **Note:** OVW funds **CANNOT** be used to fund criminal defense related activities.

# CTAS Goals and Objectives

## Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program

- Applicants may apply for funding to include, but not limited to:
  - Strategic planning
  - Staffing
  - Victim Services
  - Criminal justice interventions
    - “...undertaking activities necessary to implement ... special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Act of 2013”
  - Training and travel
  - Prevention
  - Equipment and supplies
  - Cultural and traditional practices

# Notes on the Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program

- FY 2013 and 2014 grantees are not eligible to apply for new or continuation funding.
  - Limitations on eligibility of FY 2012 grantees
- Collaborative partnership requirement
  - Indian victim services provider organization;
  - Tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalition; or
  - Advisory committee
- Application must reflect “sound strategies to enhance victim safety and offender accountabilities”
  - See RFP for list of discouraged activities
- Funds for legal assistance require certification

# Other Purpose Areas

Purpose Area	Estimated Amount of Funding Available	Estimated Number of Awards to be made; Estimated Award Amounts	Permissible Funding Topics
1) Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS)	\$27 million	Estimated 50 awards; approximately \$300,000-\$1,000,000 per award	Law Enforcement staffing, training, equipment, travel
2) Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (BJA, COPS, OJJDP, OVW)	Up to \$375,000	Estimate 5 awards; approximately \$75,000 per award	Justice system-wide strategic planning
4) Corrections and Correctional Alternatives (BJA)	\$7.5 million	Estimate 3-6 awards; approximately \$1 million-\$4 million per award	Renovate or expand correctional or multipurpose justice centers
6) Victims of Crime (OVC)	\$2.7 million	Estimate 6 awards; approximately \$450,000 per award	Provide responses to child abuse victims
7) Victims of Crime (OVC)	\$3.6 million	Estimate 8 awards; approximately \$450,000 per award	Provide responses to victims of crime



# Common CTAS Problems: biggest reasons for unsuccessful CTAS applications overall

- Not responding to all of the requested information
- Failed to draw connection between pressing problems identified in the “tribal community and justice profile” and programmatic activities proposed in the “purpose area narrative.”
- Not providing the requested information in relevant section where peer reviewers could easily locate it
- Failed to draw the connection between the proposed budget and the programmatic activities requested in the “purpose area narrative.”
- Inconsistencies within proposal - different writers by section
- Did not provide specific measurable targets for performance measures

# Tips for submitting a CTAS proposal

- 1. Read the Solicitation.** Read entire solicitation and follow all instructions carefully. No detail is too small and no instruction should be ignored. Be sure to respond to all questions and requirements in the solicitation.
- 2. Check all of the resources available through the Online CTAS website.** Many required forms – such as the vital narrative questions by purpose area – are only available through online CTAS website.
- 3. Don't wait until the deadline to apply!** Avoid connection issues with the Internet or the Grants Management System (GMS) and apply early. GMS runs slowly on the deadline day because of increased website traffic. Apply at least 72 hours before the deadline!
- 4. Go back and review the “tribal community and justice profile” after completing the purpose area narratives:** Make changes as needed to ensure that the connection is clearly drawn between pressing problems identified in “tribal community and justice profile” and programmatic activities requested in “purpose area narrative.”
- 5. Go back and review the budget after completing the purpose area narratives:** Make changes as needed to ensure that the connection is clearly drawn between proposed budget and programmatic activities requested in the “purpose area narrative.”

# Federal Resources to Support Tribal Criminal Defense

- Access to Justice Initiative—  
U.S. Department of Justice  
[www.justice.gov/atj](http://www.justice.gov/atj)



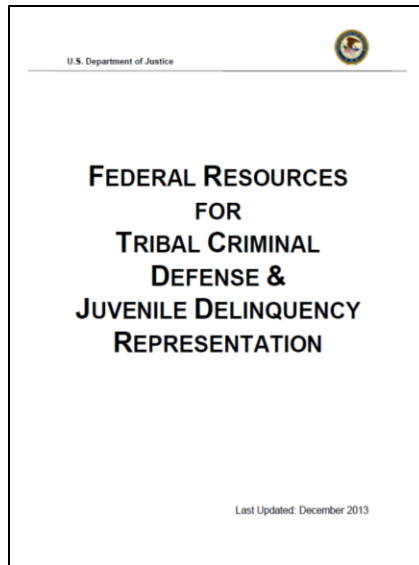
# Attorney General Eric Holder

“Let me assure you ... that this is not a passing issue for the Justice Department. I have asked the entire Department to focus on indigent defense issues with a sense of urgency and a commitment to developing and implementing the solutions we need. As many of you know, we recently took an historic step to make access to justice a permanent part of the Department’s work, with a focused effort by our leadership offices to ensure that this issue gets the attention it deserves.”

- June 19, 2010, Wilmington, NC



# Federal Resources for Tribal Criminal Defense



<http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/atj/legacy/2013/12/11/tribal-defense-resource-guide.pdf>

## DOJ Funding:

- CTAS: Purpose Areas 3, 8, 9
- Tribal Civil & Criminal Legal Assistance (TCCLA)
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- John R. Justice Loan Repayment Program
- Juvenile Accountability Block Grants
- Juvenile Title II Formula Grant Program

## DOI Funding:

- Public Law 638 Contracts
- One-Time Funding to Tribal Courts
- Tribal Court Review Strategic Plan

## Training & Technical Assistance

- DOJ/CTAS: [www.justice.gov/tribal/tta.html](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/tta.html)
- TCCLA, Gideon's Promise, Tribal Access to Justice Innovation Project, Tribal-State Collaboration Project
- DOI Tribal Court Trial Advocacy Training Program

# Additional Resources

- Grant Information from the Access to Justice Initiative  
[www.justice.gov/atj/grant-info.html](http://www.justice.gov/atj/grant-info.html)
- DOJ Funded Indigent Defense Publications  
[www.justice.gov/atj/idp/](http://www.justice.gov/atj/idp/)
- DOJ & DOI Expert Working Group Report: Native American Traditional Justice Practices  
<http://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/atj/legacy/2014/10/09/expert-working-group-report--native-american-traditional-justice-practices.pdf>
- DOJ Expert Working Group Report: International Perspectives on Indigent Defense  
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# For More Information

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# General Approach to Federal Grants

- 1. Plan Ahead – *Do Not Wait until the RFP is out***
- 2. Regular Annual Rhythm/Pattern for most Federal Grants**  
*(RFP in January-April with Grant Award not until September)*
- 3. Contact Agency Grant Managers**
- 4. Contact Tribal Technical Assistance (TA) Providers**
- 5. Review Online Resources and Prior Proposals**
- 6. Serve as Peer Reviewer (*or at least Mock Peer Review Exercise*)**
- 7. Register on Grants.gov and GMS well ahead**



# If You Have Applied Unsuccessfully:

- Always ask Agency to provide you with strengths and weaknesses comments
- Keep prior proposals & comments (*although different review panel each time*)
- Ask Agency what other services can be provided such as:
  - Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) without grant
  - Capacity Building
  - Scholarships for Conferences/Trainings
- Ask Agency who was funded and for copies of successful applications
- Ask Agency for TA Provider contact information

# Tips for Writing Grants

- **Focus on deadline and any necessary attachments** (*tribal resolutions, support letters*)
- **Focus on scoring criteria** (*think of it as a checklist because it is*)
- **Use scoring criteria as a general guide for how many pages you devote to each section**
- **Always answer every question / address every issue**
- **Use all available pages**
- **Utilize attachments if at all possible** (*timeline, support letters, etc.*)
- **Follow all format directions** (such as labeling sections/page numbering)
- **Make it easy for the reviewer to read and score**
- **Have staff internally review and score**
- **Always PDF everything**
- **Always label clearly**
- **Do something different, interesting, and replicable**

# Questions