

CJA 101: Understanding & Applying for the FY09 Children's Justice Act Grant Program

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Partnerships for Indian Communities 1

Overview

- CJA Grant Program
- Solicitation
- Applying via Grants.gov
- GMS

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OVC Tribal Initiatives

- Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Grant Program
- Counseling & Faith-Based Services for Crime Victims in Indian Country Grant Program
- Tribal Victim Assistance Grant Program

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FY09 Competitive Announcements

- Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Grant Program
- Tribal Victim Assistance Grant Program
- Announced: **January 6, 2009**



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CJA Program



- \$17 Million to ACF for CJA
- \$3M Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities
 - 1984 Anti-Drug Abuse act authorized use of funds to help tribal communities develop programs to improve investigation, prosecution & case management of severe child abuse/child sexual abuse
 - Up to \$3M per funding cycle
 - No match requirement

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CJA Goal & Purpose

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the capacity of tribal communities to address the needs of child abuse & child sexual abuse victims, in a manner that lessens the trauma to the victim and increases culturally appropriate service provision. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve capacity of existing tribal systems - Develop specialized services and procedures that address the needs of child abuse victims |
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Investigation

- Practical Needs of Victims
 - Tribal LE has limited role in investigation
 - Investigators need specialized skills to work with victims w/special needs
 - Lack of tribal control or influence on BIA
- Practical Solutions
 - Establish MDT
 - Develop protocols for service providers
 - Provide training on report writing; interviewing, victims rights 101

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Investigation

- Physiological/ Psychological Issues
 - Victim Interventions
 - Cultural Concerns
 - Political Concerns
 - Personnel Issues
 - Data Issues
- Physiological/ Psychological Solutions
 - Establishing the appropriate referral for victims with SAB
 - Utilize indigenous resources/treatment in service delivery
 - Increase

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Investigation

- Technical & Infrastructure Issues
 - Poor IT Support
 - Lack of Communication: satellite, wireless
 - Evidence collection and storage
 - LABS
- Technical & Infrastructure Solutions
 - Funds to update IT equipment
 - Collaborate with criminal justice & victim service agencies to design integration plans
 - Work with GSA to identify facilities

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Prosecution

- Practical Needs of Victims
 - Case Preparations
 - Laws
 - Jurisdictional Issues
 - Victim concerns
 - Insufficient prosecutorial staff
- Practical Solutions
 - Intergovernmental collaboration
 - Victim representation at all court levels in criminal & civil proceedings
 - Cross-disciplinary trainings to better understand the different systems
 - Declination letters

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Prosecution

- Physiological/Psychological Issues
 - Minimizing victims trauma
 - Lack of resources to collect evidence
 - Blame
 - Need for forensic interviewers
- Physiological/Psychological Solutions
 - Coordinate victim advocate with MDT
 - Community education to minimize blaming
 - Training on secondary trauma
 - Native trainers/tribal friendly process for requesting TTA

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Prosecution

- Technical & Infrastructure Issues
 - Access to evidence collection technologies – i.e. Telemedicine
 - Access to SANE Nurses
 - High turnover of medical staff at HIS
- Technical & Infrastructure Solutions
 - Funds to update IT equipment
 - Collaborate with criminal justice & victim service agencies to design integration plans

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Case Management

- Practical Needs of Victims
 - Child Safety & Stability
 - Family Support
 - Cultural Resources
 - Advocacy
 - Collaborative Response
- Practical Solutions
 - High Level Policies
 - Comprehensive victim assessments
 - Culturally relevant awareness curriculum
 - Adaptation of culture-based methods/approaches

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Case Management

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 - Political Concerns
 - Personnel Issues
 - Data Issues
- Physiological/ Psychological Solutions
 - Establishing the appropriate referral for victims with SAB
 - Utilize indigenous resources/treatment in service delivery
 - Increase awareness & education among
 - Develop training plans

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Case Management

- Technical & Infrastructure Issues
 - Poor IT Support
 - Data Usage – poor systems integrations
 - Poor Infrastructure
- Technical & Infrastructure Solutions
 - Funds to update IT equipment
 - Collaborate with criminal justice & victim service agencies to design integration plans
 - Work with GSA to identify facilities

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Program Strategy

- Conduct a systemic evaluation of the current method of investigating, prosecuting and managing child abuse and child sexual abuse cases.
- Three year funding cycle = 3 Phases
 - **Phase 1:** Assessment & Program Development
 - **Phase 2:** Program Implementation & Training
 - **Phase 3:** Service Delivery & Program Evaluation

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What An Application Must Include

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Project Narrative
 - Seven Sections
 - Not to exceed **30 double-spaced pages**

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Project Narrative – 7 Parts

<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Project Abstract<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Brief 1 page summary■ Problem Statement<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Emerging issues, various needs of child victims– Community challenges■ Project Goals & Objectives<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Specific goals & objectives w/timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Project Design Implementation Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Explains how specific tasks will be accomplished■ Organizational Capacity Project Management<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Discuss staffing needs■ Plans for Measuring Progress & Outcomes<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Plan for assess. Effectiveness■ Budget Detail Worksheets & Narrative
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Performance Measures

Program Goals/Objectives	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
To assist AI/AN communities in developing, establishing, and operating programs to improve the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of cases of child abuse, child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse, in a manner that increases support for and lessens additional trauma to the child victim. The funding will support the development and implementation of comprehensive child abuse programs and child sensitive policies and procedures for addressing child abuse cases in the tribe's criminal justice and child protection service systems.	Percent increase in the number of developed, established, and operating programs that improve the investigation, prosecution and overall handling of child sexual abuse and physical abuse cases. Percent increase in the number of child abuse/sexual abuse victims identified and served.	The number of developed, established, and operating programs that improve the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of cases of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse.

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Where to Apply – Grants.gov

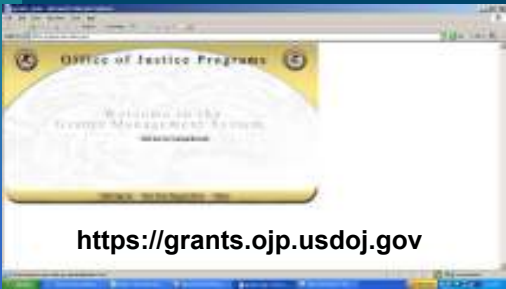
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Grants.gov Registration

- Lengthy Process
- Three Steps:
 - Register at Central Contractor Registry
 - Orgs Representative
 - Orgs E-Business POC
- CCR Registration: <http://www.ccr.gov>
- Orgs Representative <https://apply.grants.gov/OrcRegister>
- E-Business POC <https://agency.grants.gov/AorMgrGetID>
- Call: 1-800-518-4726

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Grants Management System - GMS



<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>


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Application Support

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 - 202-616-3218
- Grants.gov Support
 - 1-800-518-4726
- GMS Support
 - 1-888-549-9901

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Questions



■ Thank you for your time and attention.

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