



GRANT FUNDS FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES TO ENHANCE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE FORMULA PROGRAM

Overview

Grant funds are available to enhance services for victims of crime. Congress has authorized funds for tribal communities to support victim services through the [Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program](#), part of the [Crime Victims Fund](#), established by the [Victims of Crime Act](#) of 1984. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) administers the funds.

Federally recognized tribal governments (applying individually or as consortia) and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) regional corporations, and their designees¹ are eligible to receive funds under this program, and the program is not competitive. To receive funding, complete a two-step process: (1) submit a [population certification](#) and (2) complete a non-competitive application. OVC allocates funds to tribes based on population size.

Allowable Uses of Funds

Money from the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside can be used to enhance services for victims of crime.

Uses of funds include, but are not limited to—

- Community needs assessment;
- Strategic planning;
- Victim service program development and implementation;
- Victim service program expansion;
- Community outreach and education;

¹ Tribal designees and consortia must submit a current tribal authorizing resolution or other satisfactory evidence of legal authority from the tribe to apply for funding.

- Purchasing or procuring tangible items related to victim services; and
- Other activities to address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in tribal communities.

Applying for Funds

Eligible applicants complete a non-competitive, two-step process to receive grant funds.

- Step One: **Submit a population certification** to OVC. The certifications will be used to determine the distribution of available funds to the submitting tribes.
- Step Two: Either prepare a project narrative OR (1) complete a checklist or (2) speak with an OVC grant manager over the phone to **submit the application** to OVC.

Anticipated 2021 Timeline

February	OVC releases the population declaration; eligible applicants indicate their intent to participate in the program by submitting a population certification form to OVC.
March	OVC runs the formula to determine individual tribal award amounts based on the population certifications submitted and notifies each applicant.
April	OVC releases solicitation for tribes to submit application materials (narrative OR checklist; project budget). If they wish, tribes may opt to speak with an OVC grant manager who will complete the project checklist on their behalf.
June	Tribes submit project applications.

Additional Resources

- [OVC Tribal Financial Management Center](#) offers free financial resources for managing federal funding and access to financial specialists. Email TFMC@OVCTFMC.org or call 703-462-6900.
- [Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center](#) offers free coaching to assist tribes with program planning and development. Email contact@htcbc-ovc.org or call 844-682-0411.

