

Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program Phase 1: Population Certification

OVC is seeking population certifications from eligible applicants to signal their intent to participate in the noncompetitive Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program. OJP will use the population certifications to run the formula to determine award amounts for each applicant. Those applicants will then be invited to submit a full application under a subsequent solicitation to be released later in 2021.

Background: This administrative formula program supports the provision of services to crime victims in American Indian/Alaska Native communities through a Crime Victims Fund set-aside. The noncompetitive program is open only to federally recognized tribal governments (applying individually or as consortia) and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANSCA) regional corporations, and their designees. The goal is to provide support to tribal communities to improve services for victims of crime through activities such as community needs assessment; strategic planning; victim service program development and implementation; victim service program expansion; community outreach and education; purchasing or procuring tangible items related to victim services; and other activities that address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in tribal communities.

Eligibility: The following are eligible to submit population certifications:

- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible, as are ANSCA regional corporations.

If you meet the eligibility requirements to apply, complete the [population certification form](#) and submit it to ovctribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov by **11:59 p.m. (eastern time) on Friday, March 5, 2021**. Include "Population Certification Form" in the subject of your email. **Note:** If you applied in FY 2020, you may resubmit the population certification form from that application period if the data is still accurate.

If your tribe intends to participate in the FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program, you must submit a population certification by March 5, 2021.

If you are a designee or consortia, submit documentation of your authority to apply for the grant on behalf of each tribe listed on the population certification form (e.g., a tribal resolution, consortium bylaws, etc.) with your form.

If you do not provide a population number or applicable population tier on the form, the applicant or tribe will be placed in Tier 1 (the lowest population tier) and will receive a Tier 1 funding allocation. For consortia, a Tier 1 funding allocation will count toward the total sum of the application.

Population Tier

Tier 1: 999 and below	Tier 5: 15,000–24,999
Tier 2: 1,000–4,999	Tier 6: 25,000–39,999
Tier 3: 5,000–9,999	Tier 7: 40,000–59,999
Tier 4: 10,000–14,999	Tier 8: 60,000+

If a designee or consortium applies on behalf of a federally recognized tribe that has also submitted an individual application, OVC will deem the federally recognized tribe as the eligible applicant, and the designee or consortium allocation will be correspondingly reduced.

Determining Population: OVC will accept a tribe's own certification of its population number and tier, and will use the certified population number unless OVC has reason to believe that it is inaccurate. In general, OVC suggests using a population number that is well established for the applicant, and that relates to the victim services that the tribe anticipates providing. OVC suggests that tribes use *tribal resident population*, *tribal enrollment*, or *service population*, but will accept others.

More Information: Visit the [OVC website](#) and review the solicitation from [last year's closed funding opportunity](#).