

# OVC SUPPORT for TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) administers grants to enhance services for American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims and their families.

## Projects and Programs

### Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program

[ovc.ojp.gov/tvssa](https://www.ojp.gov/tvssa)

Since 2018, Congress has annually authorized set-aside funds from the Crime Victims Fund for grants and training and technical assistance to enhance and expand victim services in American Indian and Alaska Native communities and to build the capacity of Tribes to respond to crime victims' needs. The Set-Aside program (TVSSA) is administered via an administrative formula and is a noncompetitive grant program open to all Federally recognized Tribes. Tribes signal their intent to participate in the program by submitting a Population Certification in the winter of each year, and awards are made by October 1. OVC is currently funding hundreds of Tribes serving thousands of victims each year under the TVSSA program. TVSSA grantees are using funds to provide services to domestic violence and sexual assault victims, pay the salaries of victim advocates, run supervised visitation programs to allow children to stay connected to their families, provide civil legal assistance to crime victims dealing with the repercussions of their victimization, buy emergency groceries or pay for emergency housing or shelter for victims, amend Tribal codes to include stronger victim protections, lease vehicles to take victims back and forth to appointments, and hold sings and ceremonies to help victims connect back with their communities. These programs are serving victims of arson, assault, burglary, child abuse, dating violence, domestic violence, elder abuse, fraud, identity theft, kidnapping, labor trafficking, rape/sexual assault, robbery, sex trafficking, and stalking.

### U.S. Department of Justice's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Area 6: Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities

[www.justice.gov/tribal/grants](https://www.justice.gov/tribal/grants)

DOJ's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Purpose Area 6 funds federally recognized Tribes, Tribal consortia, and tribally designated organizations to support communities in developing, establishing, and operating programs that improve the investigation, prosecution, and handling of child abuse—especially child sexual abuse—in a culturally appropriate and trauma-informed manner to lessen trauma for child victims.

### Developing Future Victim Specialists To Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime

[ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2023-171529](https://www.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2023-171529)

Through the Developing Future Victim Specialists to Serve American Indian/Alaska Native Victims of Crime program, OVC seeks to cultivate a workforce focused on providing services to AI/AN crime victims in hard-to-staff positions and locations.

### Project Beacon: Increasing Access to Services for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Human Trafficking Program

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2022-171244>

The overarching goal of this program is to increase the quantity and quality of victim-centered services available to assist American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of human trafficking in urban areas. This is accomplished by developing the capacity of urban Indian centers to meet victims' needs by providing a comprehensive range of services either in-house or through referrals to a network of collaborative partners.

## Technical Assistance

### Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance (T-VSTTA)

[ovc.ojp.gov/t-vstta](https://www.ojp.gov/t-vstta)

T-VSTTA is a capacity-building program for American Indian and Alaska Native communities that provides tailored, victim-centered, and trauma-informed training and technical assistance to grantees and potential grantees as they develop sustainable victim services programs in Tribal communities.

### Tribal Financial Management Center

[www.ojp.gov/training-and-technical-assistance/tfmc](https://www.ojp.gov/training-and-technical-assistance/tfmc)

The Tribal Financial Management Center helps Tribes create strong applications for funding opportunities and supports their efforts to successfully manage their grant awards. Financial specialists are available to provide services (at no cost), including onsite and offsite requests for technical assistance and general questions.



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### **Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program Construction Project Management Technical Assistance**

[ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/tribal-victim-services-set-aside/blue-trident-factsheet.pdf](https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/tribal-victim-services-set-aside/blue-trident-factsheet.pdf)

With funding from OVC, Blue Trident, LLC provides construction project management assistance to grantees for Tribal victim services facility projects, including renovation, expansion, permanent modular, and new construction.

### **Comprehensive Environmental Compliance Support and Technical Assistance**

[ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/tribal-victim-services-set-aside/the-clark-group-factsheet.pdf](https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/tribal-victim-services-set-aside/the-clark-group-factsheet.pdf)

Funded by OVC, the National Institute of Justice, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, The Clark Group, LLC, provides comprehensive environmental compliance support and technical assistance to Tribal grantees. They assist with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance and other environmental laws, regulations, and policies that must be addressed as a condition of the grant award.

## **Resources**

### **Tribal Access Program**

[www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap](http://www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap)

The Tribal Access Program helps provide Tribes with access to national crime information systems for both criminal and non-criminal purposes. OVC is one of the U.S. Department of Justice Program Offices that funds the Tribal Access Program. Under this program, OVC funds help provide kiosks, software, and training; onboarding and vetting services; and deployment and ongoing support for Tribal nations to help protect crime victims.

### **Multimedia Resources**

[ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/multimedia](https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/multimedia)

These OVC multimedia products are designed to inform and assist victim service providers and allied professionals in their efforts to help crime victims in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

- Missing or Murdered Indigenous People: Bringing Loved Ones Home
- A Circle of Healing for Native Children Endangered by Drugs
- A Healing Journey for Alaska Natives
- Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault in Indian Country
- Partners in Justice—Bureau of Indian Affairs Victim Specialists
- Using Federal Law To Prosecute Domestic Violence Crimes in Indian Country

### **Child Victims and Witnesses Support Materials**

[ovc.ojp.gov/child-victims-and-witnesses-support/american-indian-alaska-native/guides](https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/child-victims-and-witnesses-support/american-indian-alaska-native/guides)

These materials were created specifically for children and youth from Tribal communities by Native authors and illustrators and are tailored to the needs of young children (ages 2 to 6), school-age children (ages 7 to 12), and teens (ages 13 to 18) who have been the victim and/or witness to a crime and are interacting with Tribal, state, and/or federal justice systems as a result. The goal of these materials is to provide effective, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate information and support to children in a way that they can more easily understand, so they can feel informed, supported, and empowered.

### **Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Fact Sheet**

[ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/tribal-victim-services-set-aside/mmip-fact-sheet.pdf](https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal/tribal-victim-services-set-aside/mmip-fact-sheet.pdf)

Indigenous persons experience disproportionately high rates of violence, and, relatedly, are reported missing or are murdered at high rates. Learn how Tribes and organizations that receive funding through the OVC TVSSA formula program can use their funds to help Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) in this fact sheet.

### **Tribal Resource Tool**

[tribalresourcetool.org](http://tribalresourcetool.org)

Search the Tribal Resource Tool to help locate services available to American Indian and Alaska Native survivors of crime and abuse. The Tool was created by the National Center for Victims of Crime, National Congress of American Indians, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and StrongHearts Native Helpline with funding support from OVC.

## **Additional Information**

Visit the American Indian and Alaska Native Victim Services Resources ([ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal](https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/program/tribal)) and the Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons ([ovc.ojp.gov/topics/missing-murdered-indigenous-persons](https://www.ovc.ojp.gov/topics/missing-murdered-indigenous-persons)) sections of the OVC website for more information on initiatives, publications, videos, and other resources.