



# Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside NOFO Webinar Series

**Part 1:**  
Submitting the Population Certification Form

**February 11, 2026**

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# Webinar Agenda



## Overview

OVC  
OVC Tribal Division  
The TVSSA Program



## Completing Part 1 of the TVSSA Application Process

The Population  
Certification Form  
Completing & Submitting  
the Form



## Resources & Tools



## Questions & Answers



# About the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

OVC raises awareness of crime victims' issues and supports programs that assist all victims in the aftermath of crime. The office provides leadership and funding for:

- Providing critical direct services
- Analyzing emerging needs and existing gaps in victim services
- Identifying and replicating best practices
- Implementing data-driven and technical innovations in victim services

# Polling Question

Did your Tribe/organization participate in the Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant Program in prior years?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



# FY 2026 TVSSA Program Overview

OVC's FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Formula Grant Program provides support to Tribal communities to enhance services for victims of crime through activities that address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in Tribal communities.

## **Funds can be used for:**

- direct services for victims of crime;
- traditional healing practices;
- community needs assessment;
- strategic planning;
- construction/renovation
- program development and implementation;
- program expansion; and
- other activities to address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in Tribal communities.



# Did You Know?

**The TVSSA grant must be used to improve services for crime victims. It can be used for almost any program to help any type of crime victim—including victims of:**

Sexual Assault/ Rape

Domestic Violence

Victims of Financial Abuse  
or Identity Theft

Teen Dating Violence

Elder Abuse

Child Abuse including  
Child Sexual Abuse

Victims of Assault/  
Robbery or other Crimes

Families of Missing or  
Murdered Persons

Human Trafficking



# Key Aspects of TVSSA

Funds are provided from the Crime Victims Fund & awarded annually using an administrative formula

Applicants choose their own:

Award Start Date: 10/1/2026 or 1/1/2027

Award Period: 12, 24, 36, 48, or 60 months

2-Part Application Process

Part 1: Population Certification

Part 2: Submit full application in Grants.gov & JustGrants

FY 2026 TVSSA- funded projects will begin the new five-year project cycle of reduced burden in the application and reporting processes.

# Eligibility

OVC will only accept TVSSA applications from one of the following:

- Individual federally recognized Tribes
- A consortium of federally recognized Tribes
- Authorized designees



# Eligibility: Tribal Consortia

Two types of Tribal consortia are eligible:

- A nonprofit organization created to address the healthcare, public safety, or general welfare of multiple federally recognized Tribes.

Examples: healthcare, tribal courts, law enforcement consortia; inter-tribal councils

- One federally recognized Tribe submits an application for funding that would benefit itself and at least one other federally recognized Tribe.



# Eligibility: Authorized Designees

## ***What is an authorized designee?***

A legal entity other than a federally recognized Tribe that is authorized to apply for TVSSA funding to benefit a specific federally recognized Tribe.

## ***Who can be an authorized designee? (Not an exhaustive List)***

- A program/unit of Tribal government
- A nonprofit, nongovernmental organization
- A college/university



# Tribal Resolutions: Tribal Consortia & Authorized Designees Only

Must submit a resolution, letter, affidavit, by-laws, or other documentation, as appropriate, that demonstrates (as a legal matter) that the applicant has the requisite authorization from the Tribe(s) to implement the proposed project on tribal lands with their Population Certification Form

[OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#)



# What Happens If.....

The Federally Recognized Tribe(s) who authorized a tribal consortium or authorized designee to apply for TVSSA funding on its behalf submits its own Population Certification Form?

OVC will accept the form submitted by the Tribe(s).

- OVC will remove the authorized designee's form from funding consideration
- OVC will reduce the total population certified by a Tribal consortium applicant by the population of each Tribe who submits their own certification form.

# Federal Award Information

**Estimated dollar amount for each award: TBD**

**Total amount anticipated to be awarded under the NOFO: TBD**

**Period of Performance start date:** October 1, 2026 or January 1, 2027

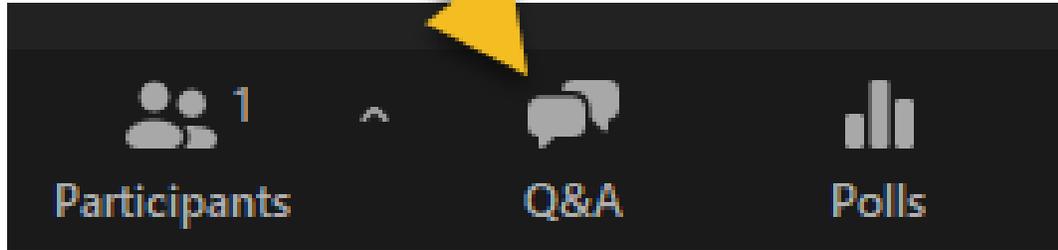
**Period of Performance duration:** 12–60 months

# FY 2026 TVSSA Application Process

**Submit an online  
Population Certification  
Form By: March 23, 2026**

**Submit a full application in  
Grants.gov  
and JustGrants Due  
Dates: TBD**





Let's pause for questions.



# Who Needs to Submit a Form?

- Every eligible applicant who would like to receive an FY 2026 TVSSA award.
- All forms must be submitted online by ***March 23, 2026, 11:59 pm, Alaska time.***
  - OVC will not accept paper submissions from previous Fiscal Years. Forms that are submitted by email will be returned.
  - Applicants can enter the same data from previous Fiscal Years into the online form.



# Where to Find the Population Certification Form



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## American Indian & Alaska Native Victim Services Resources

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### Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside [Link](#)

In 2021, Congress authorized set-aside funds from the Crime Victims Fund for a tribal victim services set-aside program which will provide support to tribal communities to enhance services for victims of crime, consistent with the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act. OVC is charged by Congress with administering the Crime Victims Fund.

[Overview](#)

[OVC Support for Tribal Communities](#)

# Entity Background Information

Add the name of your Tribe/organization and two people with your Tribe/organization who can serve as points of contact.

Please make sure the name is entered as it appears in SAM.gov

Please enter 2 ***different*** individuals as the Primary & Secondary Points of Contact

**Background Information**

**Applicant Tribe/Organization Name \***  
*Use the legal entity name as it appears in SAM.gov if applicable. If an authorized 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 authorized designee or consortium allocation will be reduced correspondingly.*

**Name of Primary Contact \***  
*This is the person filling out the form.*

**Title**

**Email Address \***

**Phone Number \***

**Name of Secondary Contact \***



# Applicant Type and Documentation

Select your applicant type. If you choose Authorized Designee or Tribal Consortium, you will be prompted to upload an Authorizing Tribal resolution or its legal equivalent.

If you have more than one file, create a zip file.

Uploads are limited to 256 MBs, if your file exceeds that size, email [OVCtribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:OVCtribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov) to make arrangements to submit documentation.

**Applicant Type \***

1. Federally Recognized Tribe

2. Authorized Designee

3. Consortium

**Designee or Consortium Documentation**

*An authorized designee or consortium must submit documentation with this certification demonstrating that it has the legal requisite authority to submit this form on behalf of a federally-recognized Tribe(s). See "Tribal Authorizing Resolution" in [the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).*

*One file only.  
256 MB limit.  
Allowed types: pdf, doc, docx, jpg, zip, .*

No file chosen

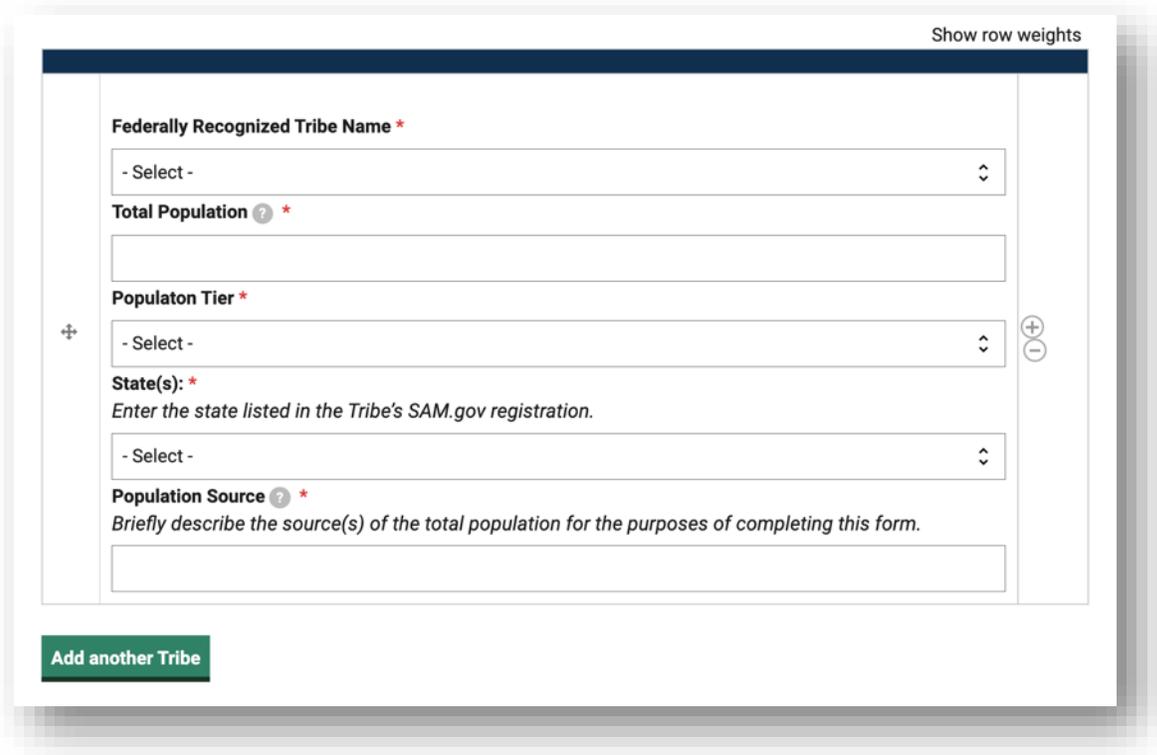


# Your Population Data

OVC recommends using one of the following as the source of population data (but we will accept others):

- Tribal resident population
- Tribal enrollment
- Area population

**Note:** Tribal Consortium applicants can add as many Tribes as needed to their submission; just click on the Add Another Tribe button.



The screenshot shows a web form for adding a tribe's population data. The form is titled "Show row weights" in the top right corner. It contains several fields:

- Federally Recognized Tribe Name \***: A dropdown menu with "- Select -" as the current selection.
- Total Population ? \***: A text input field.
- Populaton Tier \***: A dropdown menu with "- Select -" as the current selection.
- State(s): \***: A dropdown menu with "- Select -" as the current selection. Below it is a note: "Enter the state listed in the Tribe's SAM.gov registration."
- Population Source ? \***: A text input field with a note: "Briefly describe the source(s) of the total population for the purposes of completing this form."

There are plus (+) and minus (-) icons on the right side of the form, and a green button labeled "Add another Tribe" at the bottom.

# Certify and Submit

Add the certifying official's contact information, review all your answers carefully, and submit.

## Certification

By entering my information below, and by submitting this certification on behalf of the applicant named above, and in support of its application, I certify to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice, under penalty of perjury, that—

- (1) all of the information provided in the Population Certification (including the population data set out in this form) is true and correct;
- (2) I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant (that is, the entity applying directly to OVC);
- (3) the applicant has the authority to apply for this grant program, and provide the population data provided herein, on behalf of each tribe for which the applicant applies;
- (4) the applicant will keep on file (see 2 C.F.R. 200.333, generally requiring retention of records for 3 years after grant closeout), and available for inspection or audit, documentation substantiating the population data provided herein (e.g., data sets used, or correspondence from the relevant tribal enrollment official(s) and tribal chair(s), resolution(s), etc. providing or confirming such data);
- (5) I understand that OVC will rely on this certification as a material representation in any decision to make an award to the applicant entity; and
- (6) in the event that, during pre-application review, OVC becomes aware of a reason to question the population data certified herein for the tribe(s), or the certifying authority, the applicant understands and agrees that OVC may (without further notice prior to the OVC action) deny this application (or, for consortia applicants, that tribe's allocation), or use alternative data for that tribe(s) for the FY23 formula calculation.
- (7) I understand and acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification may be the subject of criminal prosecution, civil penalty, and/or administrative remedies (see 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001, 1621; 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273; 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730, 3801-3812).

### Date of Certification \*

### Name of Certifying Official: \*

### Title of Certifying Official: \*

### Official Email of Certifying Official \*



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# Receipt

After you submit your Certification Form, the submitter, and both contacts, will receive an email with the form answers and attached Tribal resolution(s).

If you do not receive a confirmation email, or if the information you submitted has an error(s) contact OVC at [ovtribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovtribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov) for technical assistance.

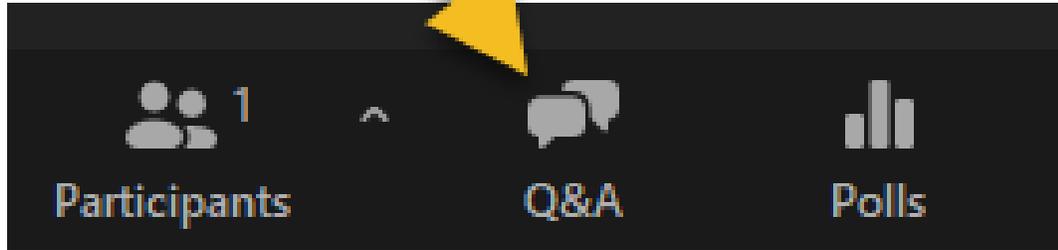
Thank you for completing the Population Certification form. Your submission serves to demonstrate your interest in participation in the FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Program.

The request for Population Certification will remain open until March 23, 2026, 11:59 p.m., Alaska time. **Below is a copy of the data entered into the web form. If you find errors in your submission or need to make any changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to the OVC TVSSA team at: [ovtribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:ovtribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov). We will assist you in making updates to your certification.**

Please remember that submitting this form is the first step of a two-step application process. OVC staff will verify the information included in the form to verify each applicant's eligibility and population data source. If Congress authorizes a Tribal Set Aside for FY 2026, OVC will invite the certifying official and both contacts identified in the form to apply for part 2 of the process in the spring/summer of 2026. For more information on the DOJ application process, please review the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

# Need Help Navigating the Population Certification Form?

- Email OVC at [OVCTribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:OVCTribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov) with questions about the TVSSA Program, eligibility requirements, or submission deadlines.



Let's pause for questions.



# What Happens Next?

- After OVC completes its review of the Population Certification Forms, we will adjust the “base” amount of funding allocated to each applicant depending on the number of tribes that successfully complete Part 1 of the application process and the total amount of the Tribal set-aside.
- OVC will post the amount of funding allocated to each applicant on the OVC Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Webpage.
- OVC will send an email to the **certifying official** inviting the applicant to submit a full application under a TVSSA Program Notice of Funding Opportunity that OVC will release on a date TBD in 2026.

# Additional Resources: OVC's TVSSA Page



**Visit OVC's website for up-to-date information:**

- Webinars & Current Tribal-specific Funding Opportunities;
- Fact Sheets & Frequently Asked Questions;
- Publications & more.

# Additional Resources: Sign-Up for OVC Updates



The screenshot shows the top portion of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) website. At the top left is the OVC logo, which includes the Department of Justice seal and the text "Office for Victims of Crime" and "OVC". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for "Help for Victims" and "Help for Victims of Mass Violence". Below the navigation is a search bar with the word "Search" and a magnifying glass icon. A horizontal menu below the search bar contains links for "About OVC", "News & Events", "Library & Multimedia", "Funding & Awards", "Programs", and "Topics". Below this menu is a "Home" link. The main content area features a large green banner with the word "Subscribe" in white text, set against a background image of the U.S. Capitol building. Below the banner is a small text credit: "Shutterstock.com (see reuse policy)".

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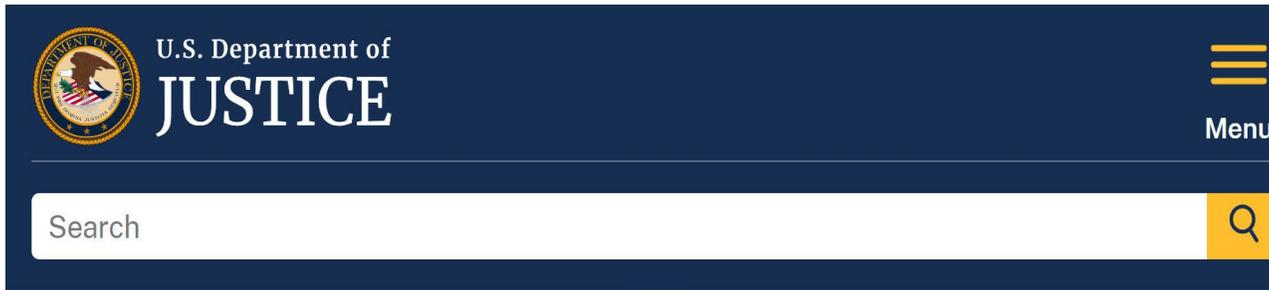
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# Additional Resources: Find Other DOJ Grants



## Department of Justice Grants Program Plan

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Visit DOJ's [Grants Program Plan](#) to find

- searchable summary of all issued and planned Notices of Funding Opportunity for OJP, OVW, & COPS for each Fiscal Year
- filter capability by keywords, eligible applicant categories, and expected release date



**Reminder: The deadline to submit your Population Certification Form  
is March 23, 2026, 11:59 PM, Alaska Time**

