

FY 2019 Tribal Set Aside (CVF/VOCA) Funding Available

This is the tribal setaside of VOCA/CVF Funds (the 5% that Congress appropriated within the FY19 Appropriations) resulting in approximately \$168M intended for Tribal Victim Services. Originally, DOJ put these funds into CTAS Purpose Area 7; however, only received 59 applications for \$24.8M dollars. As a result of concerns brought forward by tribal leaders during OVC's Alaska consultation, **DOJ decided to re-announce through a new solicitation.**

Through the FY 2019 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program solicitation, OVC seeks to provide support to tribal communities to improve services for victims of crime. This program will support a comprehensive range of activities including needs assessment, strategic planning, program development and implementation, and other activities needed to address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in tribal communities.

Apply under one of the following purpose areas:

Purpose Area 1: Establishment of a New Victim Service Program

Applicants that have no existing victim services program, including applicants that do not have programs and are going to coordinate with others to provide services to them.

Purpose Area 2: Coordination and Expansion of Existing Victim Service Program

The goal under this purpose area is for existing victim service programs to expand and enhance their services so that they can become more victim-centered, culturally competent, and provide more services, better services, serve more victims, and provide services to crime victims for whom there were no services available previously.

Pre-Application Webinars: OVC will conduct two pre-application webinars to review the solicitation requirements and conduct a question and answer session.

The first webinar will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, from 1–2 p.m. eastern time
An additional webinar will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019, from 1–2 p.m. eastern time.

Register for the webinars at: <https://go.usa.gov/xmsFH>

*****Applications are due July 29, 2019.**

*****Apply at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=316491>**

Some examples of projects for serving Native victims of crime include (provided by NIWRC):

- Tribal Shelters for victims of Domestic Violence, and Sexual Violence, including sex trafficking. There are currently fewer than 50 tribal domestic violence shelters in operation (and only 2 in Michigan).
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners. The rate of sexual violence in Indian Country far exceeds rates of sexual violence in other communities in the United States. More than two-thirds of tribal lands, however, are more than 60 minutes away from the nearest sexual assault forensic examiner.
- Services for sex trafficking victims. Sex trafficking victims need specially designed services, including navigators to connect sexually exploited youth throughout the state with the shelter, support and services they need; shelters and housing; and training for criminal justice and child protective services professionals who come into contact with such victims.