FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Document

This document provides an overview of current federal funding opportunities. It is designed to highlight key information to help jurisdictions evaluate whether to pursue these opportunities. Please refer to the linked Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) as the official source of guidance on application procedures, eligible and allowable expenses, and deadlines. If a funding opportunity appears relevant to your plans, carefully review the NOFO to ensure all requirements are addressed. Many Department of Justice funding opportunities involve a two-step application process, each with its own deadline. These deadlines are detailed within the descriptions.

Audience

The grant programs outlined in this document are open to a range of eligible applicants, including state, local, and tribal government entities, as well as nonprofit organizations. Eligibility varies by program, so it is essential to review the eligibility criteria. If your jurisdiction or organization does not qualify to apply directly, many programs permit and even encourage partnerships through sub-grants or contracts with eligible applicants.

Grant Program Priorities

Please note that many grant programs identify program-specific priorities. See specific instructions in each notice of funding to determine what information is required to receive the priority consideration. This resource will note if a NOFO indicates that there is rural priority or a rural-specific category. The priorities are defined as follows:

Office of Justice Programs Funding Priorities The Office of Justice Programs will provide priority consideration to applicants that propose projects designed to advance the goals listed below. Applicants seeking priority consideration should specify in the proposal narrative (and in the budget detail form, if applicable) which of the following goal(s) the project is intended to advance and how it will do so: (a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations); (b) Combatting violent crime; (c) Supporting services to American citizens; (d) Protecting American children; and (e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Rural-Specific Category

This specifies whether a grant program includes a funding category exclusively for rural jurisdictions. Be aware that each program generally defines "rural jurisdiction" differently, so it is important to carefully review each NOFO to confirm whether your jurisdiction or target audience qualifies. If applicable, the specific language regarding rural categories is included in the grant program description.

Rural Priority

This identifies whether a grant program includes additional priority language prioritizing funding for rural jurisdictions. If applicable, the specific rural priority language is provided in the grant program description.

BJA Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S Department of Justice

COPS Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice

OJIDP Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S.

Department of Justice

OVC Office for Victims of Crime

OVW Office on Violence Against Women

SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services

Other Relevant Resources:

While the document links to the most relevant federal funding opportunities for rural jurisdictions and stakeholders, there may be other information available from federal partners to support the process of applying for funding. Please be sure to sign up for grant alerts and access these federal funding pages often. To learn more:

- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Current Funding Opportunities
- <u>U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Current Funding Opportunities</u>
- <u>U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Current Funding Opportunities</u>
- <u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Current Funding Opportunities</u>

In addition, many federal agencies offer application guidance through webinars and other support services. Below are links to division-specific webinars/resources to support jurisdictions during the funding process.

- Bureau of Justice Assistance Funding Webinars
- Office for Victims of Crime Funding Webinars
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention How to Apply for Funding
- Office on Violence Against Women Resources for Applicants
- Applying for a New SAMHSA Grant

Connecting with Researchers:

The Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN) has developed a resource for local jurisdictions to find and connect with researchers called <u>CONNECT</u>. CONNECT is a researcher and practitioner collaboration and discovery tool and aims to help facilitate multidisciplinary research and programmatic collaboration across the health and justice fields. You can browse or search information on researchers, practitioners, publications, and organizations.

Training and Technical Assistance:

If your community is not ready to apply for funding but still needs assistance, keep in mind that many federal agencies offer free training and technical assistance to connect you with subject matter experts to provide training or technical expertise on certain topics. You can request assistance through the following training and technical assistance centers available through the federal government:

- Bureau of Justice Assistance National Training and Technical Assistance Center
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention National Training and Technical Assistance Center
- Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center

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This document will be updated regularly as new grant programs are announced.

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Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program





Eligible entities:

Tribal coalitions that meet the following criteria, pursuant to 34 U.S.C § 10441(d)(2)(A): (i) meet the statutory definition of a "Tribal coalition;" (ii) are recognized by OVW; and (iii) provide services to Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian communities.

Total Available Funding: \$7,800,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 21

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$371,888

Length of Project: Up to 1 year **Cost Sharing/Match Required?** No

Description:

This program provides funding to support the development and operation of nonprofit, nongovernmental Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions. Eligible applicants will be invited by OVW to apply. Each recognized coalition will receive the same amount of base funding. Sexual assault coalitions and dual domestic violence/sexual assault coalitions will receive an additional amount for sexual assault-focused project activities.

What can be funded?

- Increasing awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against Indian or Native Hawaiian women;
- Enhancing the response to violence against Indian or Native Hawaiian women at the federal, state, and Tribal levels;
- Identifying and providing technical assistance to coalition membership and Tribal communities or Native Hawaiian communities to enhance access to essential services to Indian or Native Hawaiian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence, including sex trafficking; and
- Assisting Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian communities in developing and promoting state, local, and
 Tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian
 or Native Hawaiian women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex
 trafficking, and stalking.

Additional areas of funding can be found on page 8 of the funding opportunity. In addition, please see pages 8-9 for program-specific priorities.

Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative





Eligible entities:

States and territories, local government, Indian tribal government, tribal organizations, non-profits, institutions of higher education.

Total Available Funding: \$8,000,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 7

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$500,000 (except for

topic area #7, which may be for up to \$5,000,000)

Length of Project: 1-3 years (except for topic area #7, which may be between 36 and 48 months)

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to study approaches to preventing and addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. By studying the efficacy of strategies for serving victims and holding offenders accountable, the R&E Initiative helps communities assess their current programs and adopt proven strategies. The initiative is designed to support researcher-practitioner partnerships and a broad range of research and evaluation methods, including qualitative, mixed-method, quasi-experimental, and experimental designs. Because OVW has limited funds to support research and evaluation, this initiative prioritizes topics for which a stronger evidence base would help OVW recipients use federal funds most effectively.

What can be funded?

Funds under this program must be used for the research and evaluation that will contribute to knowledge in these six areas of study: justice, victims' needs, access to services and justice, impact, indicators of success, promoting desistance and reducing recidivism.

Topics for research and evaluation:

- Evaluations of VAWA-funded interventions
- Evaluations or systematic reviews of trainings, strategies, policies, practices, tools, and other means of
 fostering trauma-informed law enforcement and prosecutorial responses to sexual assault, domestic/
 dating violence, and stalking.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of training curricula, tools, and other technical assistance (TA) resources developed and implemented with OVW grant funds.
- Evaluations of emerging innovations for serving victims and holding offenders accountable.
- Secondary data analyses related to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.
- Research, evaluation, and data analysis related to domestic violence homicide prevention.
- Multi-site evaluation of the effectiveness of trauma-informed, victim-centered training for law enforcement funded under the Abby Honold Act Program

Restorative Practices Pilot Sites Program





Eligible entities:

Indian tribal governments, tribal organizations, tribal non-profit organizations, local government, institutions of higher education, victim service providers, private or public non-profit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$23,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards: 23

Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Length of Project: Up to 4 years **Cost Sharing/Match Required?** No

Description:

This program provides funding to support, strengthen, enhance, and expand existing restorative practice programs that prevent or address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in accordance with the "restorative practices" as defined in the funding announcement.

What can be funded?

Funds under this program must be used to implement a program for restorative practices focused on preventing or addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This funding opportunity outlines specific application priority considerations. See page 10 for more information.

Proposed restorative practices to be funded through this program must be unaffiliated with any civil or criminal legal process, meaning that they cannot be housed within or administrated by a court, prosecutor's office, law enforcement agency, or any component of the civil or criminal justice system, and the decision to participate in such a program is initiated voluntarily by the person harmed and is solely determined by that individual.

Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program





Eligible entities:

States and territories, local government, Indian tribal government, tribal organizations, victim service providers, non-profit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities and deaf people.

Length of Project: Up to 3 years

Total Available Funding: \$12,000,000 Anticipated Number of Awards: 20

Cost Sharing/Match Required? No Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$600,000

Description:

This program provides funding for training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and abuse by caregivers against individuals with disabilities (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) and Deaf people, and to enhance direct services to such individuals.

What can be funded?

Funds under this program must be used for one or more of the purposes listed below. Applicants proposing to address purpose area 6 must propose to address another purpose area as well. Additionally, grantees that modify facilities under purpose area 6 will be required to work with OVW to meet the requirements of relevant laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

- 1. To provide personnel, training, technical assistance, advocacy, intervention, risk reduction (including using evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide), and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against individuals with disabilities and Deaf people:
- 2. To conduct outreach activities to ensure that individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking receive appropriate assistance;
- 3. To conduct cross-training for victim service organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and other first responders, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities about risk reduction, intervention, prevention, and the nature of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
- 4. To provide technical assistance to assist with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure equal access to the services, programs, and activities of victim service providers for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
- 5. To provide training and technical assistance on the requirements of shelters and victim service providers under federal anti-discrimination laws, including –
 - a. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.); and
 - b. Section 794 of Title 29 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973).
- 6. To modify facilities, purchase equipment, and provide personnel so that shelters and victim service organizations can accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities and Deaf people;
- 7. To provide advocacy and intervention services for individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault; or
- 8. To develop model programs to enhance the capacity of organizations serving individuals with disabilities and Deaf people who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program





Eligible entities:

Indian tribal governments, tribal organizations, tribal nonprofit organizations.

Total Available Funding: \$8,224,117 Anticipated Number of Awards: 13 Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$600,000 Length of Project: Up to 3 years Cost Sharing/Match Required? No

Description:

This program provides funding to Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and nonprofit Tribal organizations for the operation of sexual assault programs or projects in Indian Tribal lands and Alaska Native villages to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to assist those victimized by sexual assault.

What can be funded?

Funds under this program must be used for the operation of sexual assault programs or projects in Indian Tribal lands and Alaska Native villages to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to assist those victimized by sexual assault.