

2021 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-grant Program Request for Proposals

Application Information

Eligible Entities: Federally recognized tribal nations outside of Alaska¹ who did not receive victim services funding from NCAI Fund in 2020. Tribal nations may apply as a part of a consortium of eligible tribal nations or may designate an organization to apply on the tribal nation's behalf.

Program Description: Funding can be used to support a wide range of program activities and services to crime victims, including conducting a needs assessment or developing a strategic plan, purchasing equipment or supplies, or other support for new or existing victim services programs.

Funding Amounts: The NCAI Fund has approximately \$2.5 million available for this program. NCAI Fund anticipates most micro-grant awards will be \$25,000-\$150,000.²

Performance Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Application Deadlines: The NCAI Fund will review applications on a rolling basis, beginning April 1, 2021, until funds are expended.³

The NCAI Fund has partnered with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute to provide technical assistance to eligible applicants as they complete their project proposals and budgets.

Additional information and all application materials for the 2021 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-grant Program are available at www.tribalvictimservices.org.

¹ The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has entered into a separate agreement with the Denali Commission to support tribal crime victim services in Alaska. Information is available at www.denali.gov/grants.

² Applicants may request more than \$150,000 and must provide additional justification explaining actual need and ability to spend funds within the 12 month project period. In no case will an award exceed \$350,000.

³ In the event of similarly rated applicants under the selection process, priority will be given to applicants that have not received tribal set aside victim services funding from DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime in FY 2018 or FY 2019.

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About the Funding and Eligibility

The NCAI Fund received an award from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) as part of the FY 2019 tribal set-aside funding from the Crime Victims Fund.⁴

Awards will generally be for \$25,000-\$150,000. Applicants may request additional funding with additional justification **explaining actual need and ability to spend funds within the performance period (12 months)**. The total award amount per applicant cannot exceed \$350,000. Recipients of this funding will be required to comply with all applicable federal policies and regulations.

This funding opportunity is available to federally recognized tribal nations who did not receive victim services funding from NCAI Fund in 2020. Eligible tribal nations may choose to apply together as a consortium. Eligible tribal nations may also authorize a designee organization to apply on their behalf. Consortia applicants and designee organizations will be asked to provide appropriate documentation from the eligible tribal government or governments.⁵

It is our goal to ensure this funding is available to the communities that need it. To better assist tribal nations in receiving these funds, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) is available to provide technical assistance and support to applicants in the development of their projects and summary budgets.

Use of Funds

Funding can be used for a wide variety of activities related to supporting victims of crime in your community. Please reference the attached overview of allowable and unallowable costs.

With this funding, your tribal nation can:

- Assess the need for additional programming and services for victims of crime or develop a strategic plan to improve or expand existing victim services.
- Purchase equipment and supplies necessary for victim services programming or victim services grant management.

⁴ With the passage of the Victims of Crime Act, VOCA, in 1984, Congress created the Crime Victims Fund to be the federal government's primary source of funding for crime victim services and compensation. In FY 2018, Congress for the first time directed 3% of the total outlays from the Crime Victims Fund to tribal governments – an amount totaling \$133 million. In FY 2019, Congress again directed a percentage of the Crime Victims Fund be directed to tribal governments – a total of \$168 million.

⁵ Prior to receiving an award, consortia applicants or designee organizations will need to submit documentation (a letter, resolution or other documentation) that demonstrates that the applicant has authorization from the tribal nation or tribal nations to apply for and implement the proposed project on tribal lands.

- Implement program activities, including personnel costs, to support victims of crimes.

Application

All application materials are available at www.tribalvictimservices.org. Please reference the attached copy of the application questions.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning April 1, until all funds are expended.

The NCAI Fund has partnered with TLPI to provide technical assistance to eligible applicants as they complete their project proposals and summary budgets. Please contact TLPI for assistance during the application process: Lonna Hunter, lonna@tlpi.org.

Application Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a combination of internal and external subject matter experts. All applicants will be vetted for eligibility, against the Federal Excluded Parties List, and for duplication of federal funding. Selection of awardees will be based on:

- viability of the proposal,
- geographic distribution,
- risk of non-compliance with federal statutes,
- previous access to DOJ Office for Victims of Crime Funding (in the event of similarly rated applicants under the selection process, priority will be given to applicants that have not received OVC funds⁶), and
- date application was submitted, if submitted after April 1.

The NCAI Fund will make the final determination on all awards.

Additional Requirements

Prior to receiving a Letter of Agreement, all awarded applicants must complete a detailed budget, a Financial Management Capacity and Required Certifications form, and a Subgrant Award Report.

⁶ Under the terms of our agreement with DOJ, priority will be given to tribal nations outside Alaska who did not receive funding from one of the following grant programs in 2018 or 2019:

- OVC FY 2019 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program;
- DOJ FY 2019 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (Purpose Area 7 Tribal Victim Services); and
- OVC FY 2018 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program.

Informational Webinars

Please join us on our upcoming webinars, to learn more about this funding opportunity and how to apply:

- Program Planning webinar: March 16, 2021 at 10:00am PT / 11:00am MT / 12:00pm CT / 1:00pm ET
 - Please register here:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1622647578389289227>
- Program Development webinar: March 23, 2021 at 10:00am PT / 11:00am MT / 12:00pm CT / 1:00pm ET
 - Please register here:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8362326202191104267>