

- Reports describing the training provided to tribes;
- Recommendations for and descriptions of training workshops to be included in OVC sponsored conferences for assisting child victims in Indian Country; and
- Activity reports that summarize major activities and accomplishments of the grant to be submitted to OVC four times during this stage of program activities.

Eligibility Requirements: Eligible applicants are Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations. Grant awards will be limited to tribal organizations as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. 450b. Applications must be signed by the leader or chief executive of the tribe. In those cases where the Tribal Council serves as the governing body, the application must be signed by the Chairman of the Council or other recognized leader of that group. Applicants also must adhere to the requirements of Sections VI-XI of this Announcement.

Selection Criteria: In determining which applications to fund, OVC will use a grant review panel to evaluate and rank the application on the following criteria:

A. The problem to be addressed (15 points)

The need for such a program, including the problems experienced and issues related to child physical and sexual abuse in the community is clearly stated. A description of the agencies involved (tribal, local, state and Federal) is provided and, where possible, statistics on the number of cases reported, investigated and substantiated; referred for services; and prosecuted are included.

B. Goals and objectives (20 points)

The goals and objectives are clearly defined and relate directly to the program purpose, the problem to be addressed and the implementation of this project. The objectives are stated in measurable terms.

C. The appropriateness and soundness of program design (25 points)

The program design and methodology clearly address the identified problem and provide a clear description of how the project will achieve the stated goals and objectives. The method for implementing project components must be consistent with the goals and objectives. In addition, the program strategy contains an implementation plan that includes a timeline schedule and milestones for the accomplishment of objectives and submission of products.

D. Budget (15 points)

The budgeted costs are reasonable, cost-effective and accurately reflect how grant funds will be used to promote the development of the project.

E. Organizational capability (20 points)

The organizational capability demonstrates a capacity for developing and packaging a comprehensive program that addresses the investigation, prosecution, case handling and treatment of child physical and sexual abuse. This criterion includes: (1) Adequacy of the tribe's management structure and financial capability (10 points), and (2) the qualifications of key staff identified to manage and implement the project (10 points). Where the applicant has previously received CJA funds, the progress made under the previous grant is discussed.

F. Assessment Plan (5 points)

The plan for assessing the impact of the project in improving the investigation, prosecution, and overall handling of child sexual abuse cases is clearly defined.

Award Period: 3 to 5 years, depending on the availability of funding and success of the grantee in achieving the goals and objectives of the project.

Contact: Cathy Sanders, (202) 616-3578 for further information and to obtain a copy of the Application Kit.

Cross-Cultural Skills Development and Training for Federal Criminal Justice Personnel in Indian Country (Cooperative Agreement)—Award Amount: \$150,000 (in Cooperation With BJA)

Purpose: To encourage culturally-sensitive responses from Federal criminal justice personnel and Federal Victim-Witness Coordinators to the rights and diverse needs of Native American victims of crime. This project will support the development of a monograph and companion trainer's guide/training curriculum and a video that offers basic skills and effective program strategies for culturally-sensitive service delivery to Native American victims of crime by criminal justice personnel.

Background: There are more than 535 Federally-recognized Indian tribes in the United States, each having extremely diverse cultures that include clan systems, customs, language base, and traditional as well as non-traditional religious beliefs. Governed by a complex array of Federal, state, and tribal law, certain crimes committed by non-Indians against Indians can fall within Federal criminal jurisdiction for purposes of investigation and

prosecution (The Indian Country Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C. section 1152, and The Major Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C. section 1153). Federal criminal justice personnel are also responsible for providing victims' rights and victim assistance services to Indian victims of Federal crime.

Non-Indian personnel often run the risk of unknowingly alienating Native American victims of crime by their actions. Special care needs to be taken by non-Indian criminal justice personnel to ensure that cultural stereotyping does not become a barrier to providing effective criminal justice and victim assistance services. One of the ways to counteract potential stereotyping and to encourage culturally-sensitive service delivery is to understand the abundant diversity within Indian culture.

Goals:

- To enhance the provision of culturally-sensitive services by non-Indian Federal criminal justice personnel to Native American victims of crime;

- To create a package of material that includes a monograph, a companion trainer's guide/training curriculum, and a video designed to promote a better understanding of the diversity among Native American people and to improve the quality of the response of Federal criminal justice personnel and victim assistance providers to Native American victims of crime; and

- To disseminate information about effective strategies for responding to Native American crime victims through the monograph, training curriculum, and video to Federal criminal justice personnel having jurisdiction in Indian Country.

Objectives:

- To identify and assess effective practices and related training material used by law enforcement and victim assistance agencies to respond in culturally-sensitive ways to victims of crime who are Native American;

- To develop and print a monograph that promotes awareness of the diverse needs of Native American victims of crime, as well as a companion trainer's guide/training curriculum, incorporating skills-building exercises and effective strategies for providing culturally-sensitive services to Native American victims of crime;

- To develop a broadcast quality video tape that promotes awareness of the diverse needs of Native American victims of crime and state of the art strategies for providing culturally sensitive services to Native American victims of crime;