

providing services and securing rights for crime victims in Indian Country.

*Objectives:*

- To review current information on victim assistance and how crime victim cases are handled in Indian Country;
- To plan an agenda for the national conference using a planning committee with tribal, Federal, and state representatives;
- To fund the travel of tribal representatives to the conference;
- To present a three-day national conference; and
- To complete an assessment of the training provided and identify strategies for future training.

*Program Strategy:*

**I. Assessment**

- Compilation of information on victim assistance and child abuse programs in Indian Country and previous Indian Nations Conferences; and
- Establishment of a planning committee composed of tribal, Federal, and state representatives with OVC's recommendations and approval.

**II. Planning**

- Convening of the planning committee to decide upon conference site, dates, theme, agenda, presenters, and speakers;
- Development of the conference agenda with OVC review and approval;
- Arrangement of conference facilities;
- Publication of conference brochure with scholarship application;
- Notification of tribal, Federal, and state personnel of conference and solicitation of scholarship applications;
- Compilation of victim assistance materials in a conference notebook; and
- Selection of scholarship recipients with OVC approval.

Scholarships to pay for travel, lodging, per diem and registration will be awarded to individuals in the following order of priority: (1) VAIC subgrantees and CJA grantees; (2) tribal representatives attending as part of a multidisciplinary team (see next paragraph); and (3) others involved in victim assistance and/or child abuse case handling services.

In an effort to enhance tribal-Federal-state partnerships, a portion of the scholarship funds should be set aside for tribal representatives attending as part of a multidisciplinary team. The scholarship application should set forth this priority. Examples of individuals on a multidisciplinary team would include: A tribal prosecutor; a tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement officer; a tribal child protective services worker;

a tribal victim assistance coordinator; an Assistant U.S. Attorney; a Federal Victim-Witness Coordinator; and a Federal investigator.

**III. Training**

- Host three-day national training conference.

The purpose of the conference will be to: Enhance the skills of victim service providers in Indian Country; train professionals involved in the investigation, prosecution, and management of child abuse cases; promote an interdisciplinary strategy to respond to Native American crime victimization and child abuse; and present established and new models, including traditional approaches, of assisting Native American crime victims and handling child abuse cases.

The conference will also serve as a forum for promoting communication among tribal, Federal, and state officials, exchanging information on promising practices unique to Indian Country, "showcasing" promising programs, and identifying and solving problems.

**IV. Assessment**

The grantee must review conference assessments and prepare a conference report that includes conference evaluations and recommendations for future strategies.

*Eligibility Requirements:* In addition to the requirements of Sections VI–XI, applicants must demonstrate:

- Knowledge of and experience with victim assistance and child abuse case handling in Indian Country; and
- Management capability to organize and host a national conference.

*Award Period:* 12 months. The award will be made in early FY 1996.

*Contact:* Carolyn Hightower, (202) 616–3586.

**III. Non-Competitive Programs**

The statement of purpose, goals, objectives, and strategy are not outlined in this Program Announcement for continuation and non-competitive funding. This information will appear in the application kits, grant award documents, and reimbursable agreements for the programs that follow.

All grantees awarded new programs following the OVC peer review and selection process are expected to work closely with the OVC project monitor during all phases of the award period. All written products resulting from these grants must be submitted on computer disk and in hard copy.

**A. OVC Training and Technical Assistance Resources**

Trainers Bureau—\$170,000

Through the Trainers Bureau, OVC responds to requests for training and technical assistance by providing expert consultants in the field of victim services. Skilled trainers capable of conducting high quality workshops are available to offer training and technical assistance at a wide range of victim-related conferences, seminars, and other types of training events. The Trainers Bureau also includes professionals capable of providing appropriate, effective on-site technical assistance to address significant operational problems or needs commonly experienced by agencies.

For further information, either as an agency wishing to apply for assistance or a party interested in serving as a consultant, contact Vicki Rapoport, (202) 616–3572. Applications will be accepted for consideration throughout the award period.

Immediate Response to Emerging Problems (IREP)—\$50,000 in Early FY 1996

IREP allows OVC the flexibility to respond to requests for training or technical assistance from communities and Federal, state, and local agencies that must respond to a major crisis involving multiple victims. This jointly funded OVC/BJA program provides rapid response victim assistance for communities in crisis. Through this program, OVC can sponsor a team of diverse professionals, including mental health providers, law enforcement, victim advocates, and medical personnel, to assist these communities.

Approved on-site assistance will be short-term, generally between one and three days. No funds will be awarded directly to successful applicants. OVC and BJA will absorb all costs in accordance with Federal guidelines. Requests for assistance must not exceed \$10,000.

Applications will be accepted throughout FY 1995 and 1996. For further information, contact David Osborne, (202) 616–3580, or Sue Shriner (Federal cases), (202) 616–3577.

Assistance for Victims of Federal Crime (Reimbursable Agreement)—\$75,000

Since 1988, OVC has provided funds to support essential emergency victim services, such as emergency shelter and transportation to scheduled judicial proceedings, for Federal crime victims when these services are unavailable from any other source. OVC will continue this program so that funds can