

against women. Under this program, teams from one community can visit a "promising program" in another community to learn about multidisciplinary approaches in handling family violence cases. This funding will augment limited training and technical assistance dollars provided by the Violence Against Women (VAWA) Office for states receiving formula grants and will be used for the same purposes.

OVC will reserve up to \$200,000 available for this non-competitive initiative.

Meeting of the Anti-Stalking Resource Group (Non-competitive)—\$9,906

BJA awarded the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) a grant in September 1993 to conduct a series of regional seminars in the states on implementing anti-stalking codes. NCJA is invited to convene a resource group meeting to conclude its previous work and to issue a final report that could be included in OVC's national agenda project with a compilation of a historical perspective, promising practices, new legislation, and a model statute (see Section IV). \$9,906 is available to provide support during a 12 month period.

National TRIAD Trainings To Reduce Elder Victimization (Interagency Transfer)—\$50,000

In 1988, representatives of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) created the TRIAD program. TRIAD focuses on how crime, fear of crime, and crime victimization adversely impact older Americans and how the collaborating agencies can develop effective strategies to improve the quality of life for this population. Since then, communities across the nation have established more than 150 local TRIADs, and 21 states have signed agreements indicating the support of their state police chiefs and sheriffs' associations and AARP for this program.

To complement local efforts, OVC, BJA, and the Administration on Aging (AoA) at the Department of Health and Human Services have entered into an Interagency Agreement (IA) to fund up to five regional training conferences/seminars to support programming directed at elder abuse, victimization, provision of community services, and other related issues. These conferences will seek to further spread TRIAD programs throughout the country, identify model practices used to assist older Americans and identify resources,

such as local Area Agencies on Aging, that can be included within any local strategy addressing crimes against older Americans. OVC will make \$50,000 available to assist this effort. These funds will be transferred to BJA, which will award combined OVC, AoA, and BJA funds to NSA to plan and implement these conferences.

Training for Military Chaplains (Continuation/Cooperative Agreement)—\$60,000

This training and technical assistance project will be implemented by the current OVC grant recipient, the Spiritual Dimension in Victim Services. Traumatized victims of crime on military installations often seek assistance from chaplains rather than from other service or law enforcement professionals. This project seeks to modify the current training manual for military chaplains and to provide up to three regional training programs on victim assistance for military chaplains from all four military services and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Regional Training Seminar Series: Bias Crime Training for Law Enforcement and Victim Assistance Professionals (Continuation)—\$55,000

As discussed Section II, OVC is sponsoring regional training seminar series on two topics during Fiscal Year 1995. The basic description of this initiative, its purpose, background, goals, and objectives are described in that section, as is the program strategy for the series on establishing community and institutional crisis response teams. The specifics regarding the second series, bias crime training for law enforcement and victim assistance professionals, are described here, as this grant is a continuation of a previous OVC grant.

This grant, in cooperation with BJA, will expand the scope of an OVC grant previously competitively awarded to the Education Development Center, Inc. to develop a bias crimes training curriculum that would help strengthen the knowledge and skills of law enforcement and victim service providers. The training curriculum was developed, and a pilot training session was held successfully. The grantee will modify the curriculum to include current information about Federal statutes, and then offer training at four sites to be selected with the assistance of an Advisory Board. Participants of each seminar will develop, as a final product of the training event, an action plan for incorporating skills learned into their approach to serving the victims of bias crimes.

Victim Assistance in Public Housing (Non-competitive)—\$25,000

This project, in cooperation with BJA, will provide resources to the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) to gather information about current victim assistance efforts in public housing, identify potential resources, and develop model strategies for furthering victim assistance programs within public housing developments.

This program seeks to: (1) Identify existing victim assistance programs operating within public housing developments; (2) assess the strengths and weaknesses of these programs and identify major barriers to successful delivery of victim services; and (3) solicit these programs to work with OVC, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, other related Federal agencies, and NOVA to identify and develop model strategies that support the development and sustainment of victim assistance programs within public housing developments.

NOVA will collect program materials that can be used by public housing authorities to establish victim assistance programs and will convene meetings with representatives of the above mentioned agencies and other experts in order to facilitate discussions and generate recommendations. When completed, NOVA will submit a report that includes a design for a model public housing victim assistance program and recommendations for program implementation.

#### *E. Native American Programs*

Assistance to Victims of Federal Crime in Indian Country (Continuation)—\$765,245

OVC initiated the Victim Assistance in Indian Country (VAIC) Program in 1987 to establish a network of "on-reservation" victim assistance programs in areas of Indian Country so that services normally available in towns and cities across the country would also be available to crime victims in remote sections of Indian Country. Grants were awarded to state agencies to make subgrants to Indian tribes or Native American organizations on land areas of Federal jurisdiction. Services provided through the tribal programs include crisis intervention and counseling to provide emotional support to victims following a violent crime; emergency, short-term child care or temporary shelter for family violence victims; help in participating in Federal criminal justice proceedings; and payment for forensic medical examinations for