

Fiscal Year 2025
Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside
Formula Program
Notice of Funding Opportunity
Webinar Series:

Application Preparation & Submission

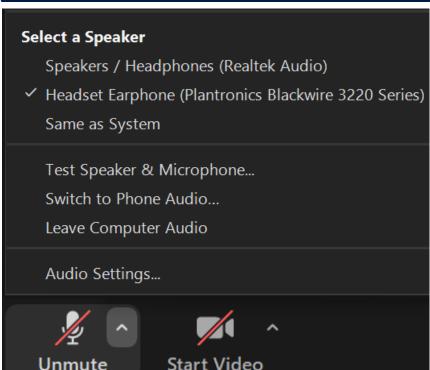
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About the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

OVC raises awareness of crime victims' issues and supports programs that assist all victims in the aftermath of crime. The office provides leadership and funding for:

- Providing critical direct services
- Analyzing emerging needs and existing gaps in victim services
- Identifying and replicating best practices
- Implementing data-driven and technical innovations in victim services

OVC administers the Crime Victims Fund, supporting state victim assistance and compensation programs, and the Tribal Set-Aside Formula Grant.







Webinar Outline



Application Preparation





FY 2025 Tribal Set-Aside Program

Federal Award Information

Total amount available to be awarded:

OVC will make new FY 2025 awards to every eligible Tribe (or Authorized Designee) that submitted a Population Certification and completes the application process.

A total of 315 awards are expected to be made: Dollar amounts of awards made under this program vary and were determined by a formula.

Funding Amounts for Individual Awards are posted on the OVC Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside web page:

FY 2025 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program Allocations (ojp.gov)

More Federal Award Information

Funding Opportunity Title: OVC FY25 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program-Invited to Apply

Opportunity ID: O-OVC-2025-172320

Assistance Listing Number: 16.841

Notice of Funding Opportunity is available on the OVC Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside web page:

https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/current-funding-opportunities

Period of Performance start date:

October 1, 2025 or January 1, 2026

Period of Performance duration: 12 to 60 months, as

determined by the applicant

FY 2025 TVSSA Program Overview

OVC's FY 2025 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Formula Grant Program provides support to Tribal communities to enhance services for victims of crime through activities that address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in Tribal communities.

Funds can be used for:

- direct services for victims of crime;
- traditional healing practices;
- · community needs assessment;
- strategic planning;
- construction/renovation
- program development and implementation;
- program expansion; and
- other activities to address the needs of a wide variety of crime victims in Tribal communities.





Key Aspects of TVSSA

Funds are provided through the Crime Victims Fund and awarded annually using a noncompetitive administrative formula.

Applicants can request an award period of 12 to 60 months.

TVSSA has a two phased application process and simplified the application process for FY 2025.

Did you know?

The TVSSA grant must be used to improve services for crime victims. It can be used for almost any program to help any type of crime victim—including victims of:

Sexual Assault/ Rape

Teen Dating Violence

Victims of Assault/ Robbery or other Crimes Domestic Violence

Elder Abuse

Families of Missing or Murdered Persons

Victims of Financial Abuse or Identity Theft

Child Abuse including Child Sexual Abuse

Human Trafficking



What services and activities help crime victims?

- Victim advocacy.
- Mental health counseling/ support groups.
- Safety-planning, transportation.
- Medical care and shelter.
- □ Food, clothing, personal care supplies.
- Traditional/cultural healing practices.
- Victim Tribal Code development.
- Civil legal assistance.
- Multi-disciplinary teams.
- Victim services training.
- Community outreach & awareness about crime victim issues and available services.
- Support to families of MMIP.
- Renovation/construction of victim services offices or program space for crime victims.



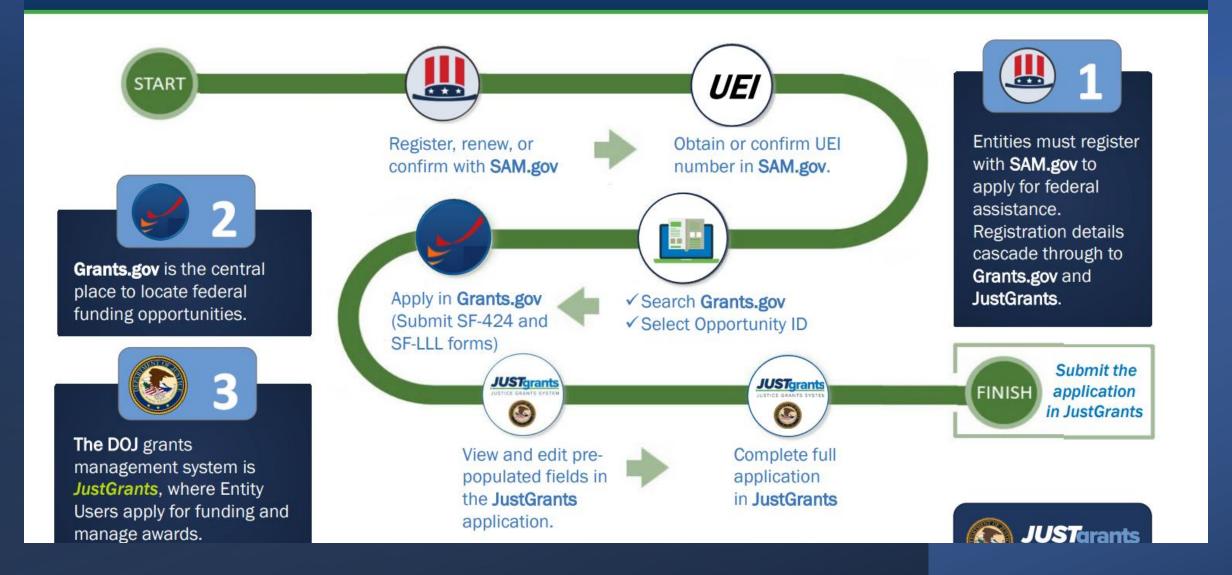


Let's pause for questions.



Application Documents and Submission Process

Onboarding: SAM.gov to Grants.gov to JustGrants



FY 2025 TVSSA Funding Opportunity Identifiers & Deadlines

- □ Funding Opportunity Number: O-OVC-2025-0172320
- □ Assistance Listing Number: 16.841
- □ Grants.gov Deadline: September 22, 2025 8:59 p.m. ET
- JustGrants Deadline: September29, 2025 8:59 p.m. ET
- □ DOJ expects to award grants by September 30, 2025
- Project START dates should be
 October 1, 2025 or January 1, 2026

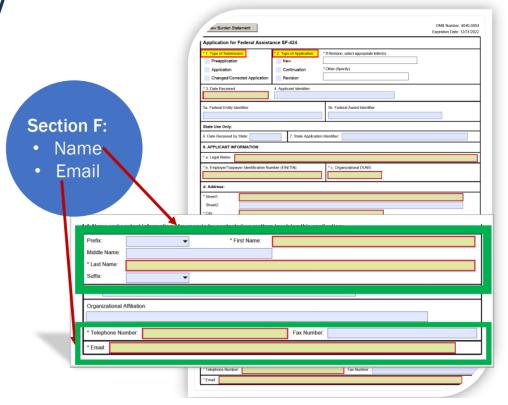


Grants.gov: Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF)-424)

SF-424 in Grants.gov

The person and email listed in SECTION (F) of SF-424 will automatically become the Application Submitter for your entity's application.

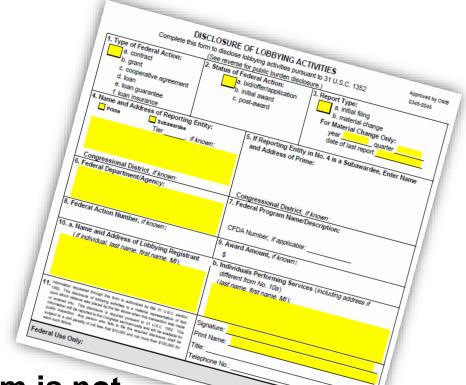
The Application Submitter is the ONLY user able to complete the application in JustGrants unless the EA reassigns the role AFTER submission in Grants.gov.





JustGrants: Lobbying Form (SF-LLL)

All applicants <u>must disclose</u> the existence or nonexistence of lobbying activities by completing and submitting Form SF-LLL in JustGrants.gov.





Access to funds may be withheld if this form is not submitted with the application.



JustGrants: Applications Must Include

The following information <u>must be included</u> in the application submission in JustGrants:

- 1. Budget Detail Worksheet including Budget Narrative (attachment)
- 2. Project Timeline (attachment)
- 3. Construction Project Questionnaire (if applicable)
- 4. Proposal Narrative Questionnaire



Your grant funding cannot be released until we have all these documents, and all application issues have been addressed.



Proposal Narrative Questionnaire

Applicants must complete the Proposal Narrative Questionnaire:

- 1. New This Year: The Proposal Narrative Questionnaire which can be completed in JustGrants on your own.
- 2. The instructions and an example of information to include can be found in the TVSSA Applicant Resource Guide.
- 3. For additional information on how to respond to the questionnaire, please join the **Completing a Proposal Narrative Questionnaire**Webinar; Thursday, August 7, at 2 p.m. ET
 - Registration Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_3V0WwOT-TQuPe2bcXrQu3w

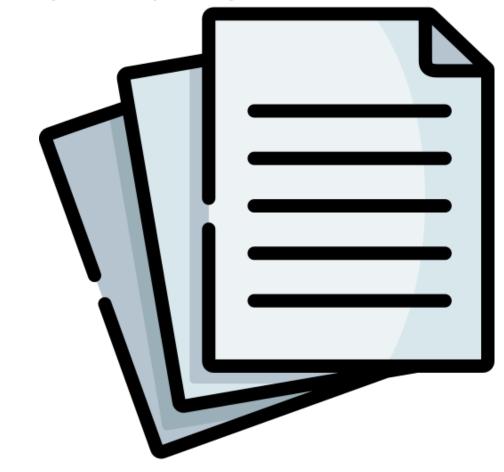


Proposal Narrative Questionnaire

Key information to be provided in the questionnaire are:

- Key elements of your project
- Description of the issues and needs of the population you are serving
- Implementation Design, the where and how
- Project Goals and Objectives

See pages 15-18 of the OVC FY25 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program | Office for Victims of Crime NOFO to learn about the questionnaire.





Proposal Narrative Questionnaire

FY2025 TVSSA PROPOSAL NARRATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

Applicant Name and Name of individual who is completing the Questionnaire (Please provide name, title, and Tribe/organization)			
Tribal and Applicant Information: Tribal Entity and Applicant Type:			
 □ Federally Recognized Tribe □ Consortium or two or more Federally Recognized Tribes □ Authorized Designee of a Federally Recognized Tribe 			
Name each Federally Recognized Tribe, Consortium, and/or Authorized Designee who are applying.			



Project Timeline

You must submit a project timeline, which includes project activities and major milestones that will be carried out over the length of the proposed project period.

- A template has been provided for your use.
- The timeline must be submitted as a separate attachment.
- See the FY25 TVSSA NOFO for additional information.





Optional: Construction Project Questionnaire

Office for Victims of Crime
Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program
Construction and Renovation Efforts Questionnaire

Instructions: Please complete this questionnaire if you are using OVC grant funds for any type of renovation, remodeling, expansion, or construction project, including the purchase and installation of modular buildings, mobile homes, trailer homes, or other prefabricated structures. Please be as thorough as possible in your responses. The information provided will help OVC understand the full scope of your construction, renovation, or expansion project. The information provided is also important in helping OVC determine the level of construction training and technical assistance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance support needed for your project.

Applicant/Grantee Name:

Project Title:	
Application or Award # (if known):	
Grant Point of Contact (POC):	1
POC Email:	

For more information about construction, please reges to attend the upcoming webinar session on August 13th, 2025 at 2:00 pm ET



You can find the TVSSA Construction-Renovation Questionnaire at https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/fy25-tvssa-construction-renovation-questionnaire.pdf



Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative

- Use the Excel Budget Detail Worksheet.
- ☐ Include salary & fringe benefits for employees working on the grant.
- Include travel for a minimum of one to two staff to attend at <u>least one</u> OVC required meeting or conference per year.
- □ The budget should include all costs necessary to fully implement the project and must cover the entire award period.
- ☐ For more information about the budget process, please register to attend the upcoming webinar session on August 12th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET.

The Budget Detail Worksheet can be accessed at https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/forms/ojp-budget-detail-worksheet



Budget Guidance Chart

agency from using grant funds to employ

FY2025 TVSSA Budget Guidance Chart

A. Personnel

Personnel Costs: Award funds may be used to pay the salary for full- and part-time employees who will spend their time and effort providing services to victims of crime. See DOJ Grants Financial Guide (3.9 Allowable Costs, Compensation for Personal Services) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.430.

Note: Recipients must track staff time spent on grant activities. Time not spent on grant-related activities (i.e., not allocable to the grant) may not be charged to grant funds.

Example:

- If the Executive Director is expected to spend only 30% of their time on grant activities, salary for the position should be budgeted at 30% of annual salary.
- The recipient must keep documentation (e.g., timesheets) that show the Executive Director's time spent on grant activities, and this
 documentation must be consistent with the amount of grant funds obligated, expended, and drawn down for those activities.
- If the Executive Director ends up spending only 20% of their time on grant activities, the grantee may only obligate, expend, and draw down funds commensurate with that, and not the full 30% budgeted.

Cost Category	Allowable Cost Examples	Unallowable Cost Examples
Personnel	Types of Costs Salary: Compensation paid must be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar work in the organization. Annual cost-of-living increases/COLA. Performance-based bonuses (incentive compensation) to the extent that overall compensation is reasonable, and bonuses are consistent with a pre-existing employment agreement or grantee policy. 2 C.F.R. 200.430(f). Types of Positions Victim advocates, coordinators, specialists, etc.: Professionals trained to support crime victims (e.g., counsel victims, offer emotional support, provide information, accompany victims, staff crisis hotlines, run support groups). Case managers provide follow-up care and identify, coordinate, and link victims to services. Program coordinators: Personnel who lead multidisciplinary team efforts—for example, Sexual	Time not allocable to grant activities. Personnel activities that include the following: Fundraising. Grant-funded personnel performing fundraising activities may not charge time/effort spent on those fundraising activities (e.g., coordinating/organizing fundraising) to the award. Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations or administrative policy (cf. 18 U.S.C.§1913), whether conducted directly or indirectly. Offender services not related to victimization. Investigation, prosecution, court, and corrections personnel, such as law enforcement officers, criminal investigators, prosecutors, pre-trial services officers, probation officers, judges, clerks, and court administrators. (This does not preclude an investigation, prosecution, court, or correction.)

Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response

For more information about Allowable and Unallowable Costs Chart, please attend the *Developing Your Budget* webinar

August 12th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Review the FY 2025 Chart at: https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/fy25-tvssa-budget-guidance-chart.pdf

Unallowable Costs



TVSSA funds can be used to provide a wide range of services for <u>victims of crime</u>, however, there are some **statutory limitations.**

These funds <u>cannot</u> be used to pay for costs associated with:

- **Services for criminal offenders;**
- O Costs associated with law enforcement investigation or prosecution activities;
- O Primary prevention activities;
- Lobbying or Fundraising;
- Food at meetings, conferences or trainings.



Unallowable Use of Funds

The activities listed below are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

- Any program or activity that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the
 violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders
 the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C.
 § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested
 notice to DHS agents;
- Any program or activity that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations, or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.



Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire

- □ Beginning in 2024, every OJP applicant is required to complete the web-based Financial Questionnaire form in JustGrants.
- ☐ See the Application Resource Guide for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide | Office of Justice Programs

☐ Screenshots of what you will see in the webbased form are available on the OJP Website

https://www.ojp.gov/financialcapability.pdf

Complete the Certifications, Disclosures and Assurances

Notice of Funding Opportunity Instructions

Standard Applicant Information

Standard Applicant Information

Confirm Authorized Representative

Verify Legal Name and Address

Proposal Abstract

Proposal Narrative

- Budget and Associated Documentation
 - MOUs and Other Supportive Documents
 - Additional Application Components
- Disclosure And Assurances

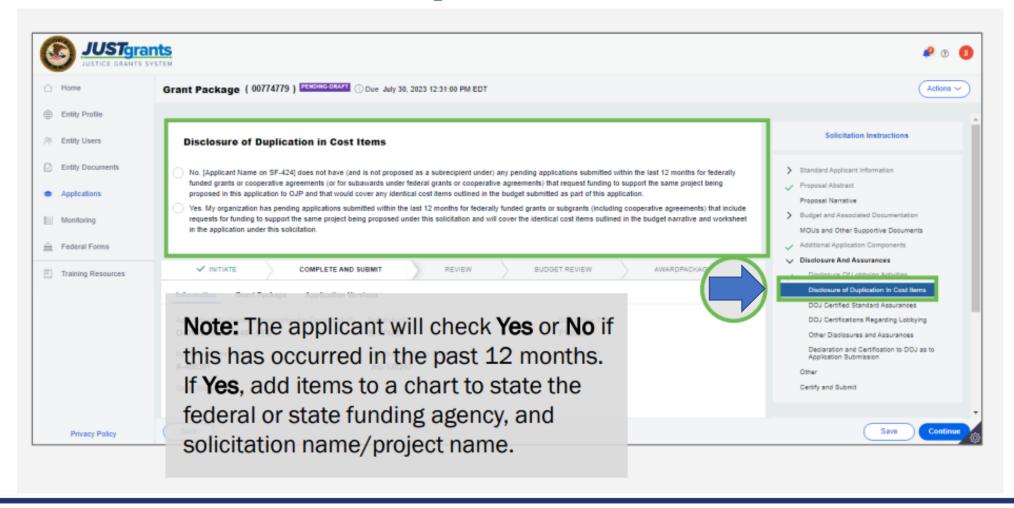
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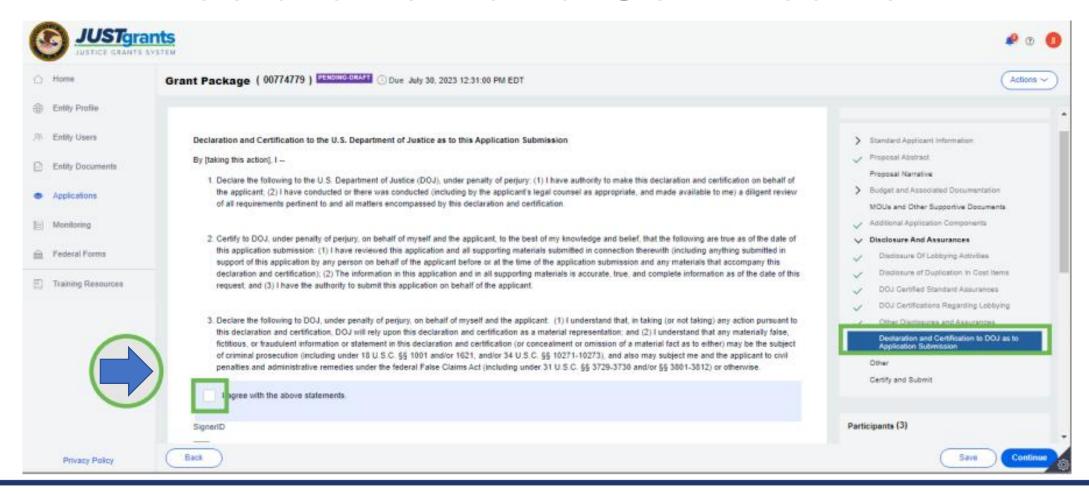
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Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items





Declaration and Certification





Click Submit in JustGrants

Once all sections are completed, the application submitter will submit the application.



Upon successful submission of an application, persons in the following roles will receive an email from JustGrants confirming submission of the application:

- Application Submitter;
- 2. Entity Administrator; and
- 3. Authorized Representative

For Technical Assistance Submitting the <u>FULL APPLICATION</u> in JustGrants 833–872–5175 | <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>



What to Expect After Submitting an Application

The entity will be notified that they have received an award when all applications have been reviewed by the Office for Victims of Crime.

The system will notify:

- The Entity Administrator and Authorized Representative when the deadline for applications has changed.
- The Application Submitter, Entity Administrator, and Authorized Representative when the application is received in JustGrants from Grants.gov.
- The Entity Administrator when the award notification has been sent.

The entity should check the system regularly so that any upcoming deadlines for submitting applications and documentation are addressed in a timely manner.

Once the application deadline passes in JustGrants, you may see a banner that says it is past due. If your status is "Submitted," your application has been received by DOJ and you can ignore the past due banner.





Let's pause for questions.



Tools & Resources

Help Desks

SAM.gov

If you need help with creating a new SAM account or logging in to update an existing registration, please contact the Federal Service Desk (FSD)

FSD Helpdesk: 866-606-8220

Log into SAM.gov: https://sam.gov/content/home

The final date to register in SAM.gov is Monday, September 8, 2025.

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

If you need help with creating a user account, finding a funding opportunity, and submitting the SF 424 and SF-LLL.

Grants.gov Email: support@grants.gov

Grants.gov Phone: 800-518-4726

Log into Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov/

The final date to complete the SF-424 in Grants.gov is Monday, September 22, 2025.



Help Desks

JustGrants Service Desk

The deadline to submit your full Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) application into JustGrants is **Monday, September 29, 2025 at 8:59pm EST**. If you need technical assistance with your account, logging on to the JustGrants system, or have difficulty with application submission, contact:

JustGrants Email: <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>

JustGrants Phone: 833-872-5175

• Log into JustGrants: https://justgrants.usdoj.gov



Office Hours: TVSSA Application Support

Applicants have the option of attending a virtual office hour session hosted by OVC.

- OVC Grant Managers and training and technical assistance providers will be available during the office hour session to respond to applicants' questions on how to complete their applications.
- If you elect to participate in the Office Hours session to ask questions and receive assistance to prepare your application, please use the link below to register. The staff from your tribe/tribal entity who will be responsible for developing and implementing your proposed project should register for the session.

• **Date:** Sept 4, 2025

• **Time:** 2:00-4:00 p.m., eastern time

• Registration:

https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/qD1pHE8gTYCWfwSaqAI9ow#/registration

Check for updates on other weekly training sessions:

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/application-submission



Upcoming OVC Pre-Application Webinars

- Completing a Proposal Narrative Questionnaire: Thursday, August 7 at 2 pm ET
- Developing your Budget: Wednesday, August 12 at 2 pm ET
- Considerations for Construction Projects: Wednesday, August 13 at 2 pm ET



Additional Resources

Email OVC at OVCtribalsetaside@ojp.usdoj.gov with questions about the TVSSA Program.

Email the T-VSTTA team for help with the application Proposal Narrative or Project Timeline at support@t-vstta.org.

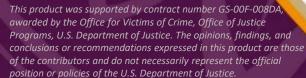
Email TFMC for assistance with the financial pieces of the application including the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative at TFMC@OVCTFMC.org.



T-VSSTA

Tribal Victim Services Training and Technical Assistance

- T-VSTTA provides tailored assistance to Tribal grantees and potential grantees.
- With over a 100 years of combined experience in victim services, the T-VSTTA team meets each grantee and potential grantee where they are, working together to build upon the resilience within Tribal communities.





How Can T-VSTTA Support You?

T-VSTTA provides tailored, victim-centered, and trauma-informed assistance to Tribal grantees and potential grantees.

With over a 100 years of combined experience in victim services, the T-VSTTA team meets each grantee and potential grantee where they are, working together to build upon the resilience within Tribal communities.

OVC funds the T-VSTTA program, which offers the following no-cost services:

- Individual Customized Assistance
- Connecting Conversations
- Office Hours
- Talking Circles
- Gatherings (meetings and conferences)
- Peer Learning



T-VSTTA Meets You Where You Are

Request assistance with a variety of topics depending on your needs, including—



GRANT NAVIGATION

- Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Grant Applications
- Program Documentation
- Project Modifications



PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

- Outreach and Awareness
- Policies and Procedures
- Staff Care and Training



VICTIM SERVICES

- Intake Forms
- Healing-Centered Engagement
- Partnerships



Contact T-VSTTA

T-VSTTA provides a single-entry point for Tribes and organizations working with Tribes to access OVC support.

Visit T-VSTTA's website at:

ovc.ojp.gov/t-vstta/home

support@t-vstta.org or 1-833-887-8820





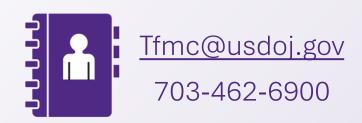
Tribal Financial Management Center

Individualized Training and Technical Assistance: provides tribal grantees with customized financial assistance to support grant compliance and optimal grant management

- FY25 TVSSA Application Support: assistance with the financial pieces of application including the Budget worksheet and Budget narrative at tfmc@usdoj.gov
- Virtual Support Center: grantees submit questions and/or requests for technical assistance

Plain Language Tools (OJP.gov/TFMC): for developing and/or enhancing policies and procedures

- Guide Sheets: over 40 topic areas
- Webinars
- Microlearnings





Reminders/Questions?

Reminders:

SAM.gov Registration Deadline: September 8, 2025

GRANTS.GOV Application Deadline: September 22, 8:59 p.m. ET

JUSTGRANTS Application Deadline: September 29, 8:59 p.m. ET

Register to participate in the next three pre-application webinars and the OVC Office Hours Session.

