



# DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TRIBAL JUSTICE, SAFETY, AND WELLNESS RESOURCES

American Indian and Alaska Native people face unacceptably high levels of violence and are victimized at rates much higher than the national average. The Department of Justice is working hand in hand with tribal nations and tribal partners to build safe and healthy communities. Resources from the Department's Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women, and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services are supporting a range of effective criminal justice, prevention, intervention, reentry, and victim services. A comprehensive directory of Department of Justice grant programs that tribes are eligible to apply for is available on the Department's [Tribal Justice and Safety website](#). Funding opportunities can be found on [grants.gov](#) and are announced as they become available on the OJP, OVW, and COPS Office websites. Visit [here](#) to sign up for regular updates on funding and other activities.

## **CORRECTIONS**

Programs managed by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are helping to strengthen tribal corrections infrastructure and support those who enter and emerge from tribally managed facilities. Grants sup-



My Administration understands that Native people, particularly survivors of violence, know best what their communities need to feel safe. That is why we must work hand in hand with Tribal partners through each phase of the justice system to create solutions that are victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate.

– **President Biden**

The Justice Department seeks to honor and strengthen our nation-to-nation partnership as we work together on behalf of Tribal communities.

– **Attorney General Garland**

port not only construction and staffing, but also residential drug treatment, sentencing alternatives, recidivism reduction strategies, and a range of youth and adult reentry programs.

## **COURTS**

Grants from OJP and OVW provide legal assistance and emotional support to those who enter tribal, state, and local court systems. Funding goes toward traditional healing programs, youth and adult drug and veterans treatment courts, and legal aid for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Grants also make legal fellows available in Indigenous and other marginalized communities. In addition, OJP's Bureau of Justice Statistics provides funding and technical support to tribal governments as they contribute to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

A number of Justice Department funding resources are tailored to crime prevention measures, including youth violence interventions, mentoring for young people affected by opioids and other drugs, school violence prevention strategies, and programs designed to reach people who are vulnerable to victimization because of disabilities or who are at risk of elder abuse.

## **DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Grants are available to help tribes support the treatment and recovery of justice-involved youth and adults. In addition to youth, adult, and family drug courts, funding resources are tackling the ongoing crisis of opioids, particularly the rise in dangerous synthetic opioids. Grants are helping tribal governments develop comprehensive response and treatment strategies that employ diversion, sentencing alternatives, and jail-based programming.

## **JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Grants from the Department provide resources to deploy comprehensive and coordinated approaches to public safety and victimization in tribal communities. Funding helps strengthen tribal criminal and juvenile justice infrastructure and supports innovative cross-system collaboration in responding to individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Investments from OVW support tribes in their efforts to hold non-Indians accountable for domestic and dating violence committed on tribal lands.

## **JUVENILE JUSTICE**

The Department of Justice is firmly committed to supporting the safety and development of tribal youth. Grants are aimed at preventing and reducing youth and gang violence, supporting healing to wellness, mentoring young people who are at risk of drug misuse, and addressing the needs of chil-

dren who are exposed to trauma and violence. Funding also supports programs that reduce risk for girls in the juvenile justice system, serve young victims of human trafficking and domestic abuse, and support tribal juvenile justice system professionals charged with the custodial care and supervision of youth.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Supporting tribal law enforcement is one of the Justice Department's key responsibilities to tribes. Grants from the COPS Office provide critical resources to tribes in hiring officers and expanding their policing capacity. Resources are also available to improve access to mental health and wellness services and to develop effective safety and wellness strategies. Funds help tribes implement school violence prevention and intervention measures, institute body-worn camera programs, investigate hate crimes and human trafficking cases, and respond to the opioid crisis in tribal communities.

## **RESEARCH, EVALUATION, AND STATISTICS**

OJP's National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics provide foundational data and research that enable tribes to assess the state of public safety in their communities and design effective strategies for meeting their most pressing challenges. NIJ research has helped quantify the magnitude of crime and violence in tribal communities, and ongoing data gathering activities from BJS shed light on the composition and characteristics of tribal law enforcement and court systems.

## **SEX OFFENDERS**

OJP's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking Office plays a critical role in helping tribes manage sex offenders who reside on tribal lands or who cross tribal boundaries. SMART Office grants enable federally recognized tribes to upgrade registry systems, digitize criminal history records, receive training and technical assistance, procure hardware and software, hire personnel, and improve information sharing.

## **VICTIMS OF CRIME**

The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims have access to services on a par with other victims. Grants, primarily from OJP's Office for Victims of Crime and from OVW, provide a full range of comprehensive services designed to meet the needs of children, youth, and elder victims, as well as survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Funding supports culturally specific victim assistance and helps tribes build victim service capacity. A tribal victim service set-aside program provides millions of dollars each year to tribes to provide shelter and transitional housing, crisis intervention, legal services, mental health care, and a host of other critical victim services.