

Questions from OVW Framing Paper on Streamlining OVW Tribal Grant Process and Enhancing COVID-19/VAW Response:

1. Do Tribes support creating an OVW Tribal-specific grant process – consolidating and simplifying the application process for OVW’s Tribal-specific grant programs – outside of DOJ’s Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)?
2. Do Tribes support OVW’s proposal to test this process by issuing an OVW-specific, COVID-19 focused solicitation this summer?
3. Are there advantages/disadvantages to removing OVW’s Tribal Governments Program from CTAS that Tribes have identified, beyond those listed in the framing paper?
4. Would Tribes support any of the ideas listed in the framing paper for creating an OVW Tribal-specific grant process and streamlining the application process for OVW’s Tribal-specific grant programs, particularly if OVW no longer participates in CTAS?
5. Do Tribes have additional ideas for streamlining the application process within OVW for these programs or enhancing Tribes’ access to OVW funding?
6. Do Tribes have suggestions on how to encourage Tribes that have never received OVW grant funds to apply for grants to expand the reach of OVW funding in Tribal communities?

Specific Questions About the Potential Summer Solicitation to Enhance COVID-19/Violence Against Women Response:

1. How long should the solicitation be open to get the funds out quickly?
 - a. OVW intends to make the application requirements as simple as possible, but we want to give the tribes enough time to submit their applications. Would four weeks be enough? Six?
 - b. Would tribes support making awards on a rolling basis as the applications come in as a way to get the funds out faster, recognizing that the funds may run out before the solicitation closes?

2. How large should the awards be?
 - a. Would relatively small awards make sense, given that the funds would be used only for COVID-related needs to address violence against women in Tribal communities?
 - b. For example, would awards in the range of \$50,000 to \$100,000, with the possibility of a larger award based on demonstrated need be appropriate?

3. How long should the awards be?
 - a. Would 12-month awards be long enough?

4. The COVID Tribal solicitation likely will incorporate funding from two different grant programs, OVW's Tribal Governments Program (TGP) and Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP). OVW will have to make separate awards depending on the funding source.
 - a. Would tribes prefer to submit two separate applications if applying for both Tribal Governments and TSASP funding – or one consolidated application with separate project narratives and separate budgets?

5. Unless there is an additional COVID appropriation that includes funding for the Tribal Jurisdiction Program (TJ), OVW will not have enough carryforward money to make competitive COVID-related awards in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range under this program. At most, we could offer existing grantees up to \$10,000 in special awards for COVID-related activities.
 - a. Should OVW offer these small awards to existing Tribal Jurisdiction grantees on a non-competitive basis?