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Forum Cochair Judge Abby Abinanti profiled in the National Judicial College “Judicial Heroes and Legends”: [Judicial Heroes & Legends: June 2021 – Chief Judge Abby Abinanti](#)

National Judicial College – June 11, 2021

Abby Abinanti, 73, is not only one of the feistier judges you’ll meet, she’s one of the country’s most prominent, vocal, successful and influential tribal judges. In 2020 the Indian Law Section of the Federal Bar Association recognized her with its Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award.

IN THE NEWS

[Ontario releases Pathways to Safety plan in response to MMIWG inquiry](#)

CBC News - May 27, 2021

Two years after the national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) released its final report, the Ontario government has announced its strategy to address critical gaps in supporting those at risk. The response, called Pathways to Safety, includes six areas with 118 initiatives that touch on the 231 calls for justice from the final report. Also: [Pathways to safety: Ontario's strategy in response to the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#)

[Supreme Court backs tribal sovereignty in law enforcement case](#)

Indianz.com – June 1, 2021

The nation’s highest court has unanimously sided with tribal sovereignty in [one of two Indian law cases on the docket](#) during an otherwise quiet session. By a vote of 9 to 0, the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) on Tuesday confirmed that tribal police officers can stop and search non-Indians who are suspected of violating the law. The [decision was clear-cut](#), with the justices sending a message of support for the “inherent” sovereignty of Indian nations.

[The Promise and Pressures of Deb Haaland, the First Native American Cabinet Secretary](#)

New York Times – June 2, 2021

As interior secretary, Ms. Haaland runs an agency once responsible for eradicating the homes, the culture and often the lives of Indigenous people.

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[The Tragic History Of American Indian Boarding Schools — And Why You Should Care](#)

Your Tango – June 2, 2021

First Nations people are mourning for the lost souls found in the mass grave near the Kamloops Indian Residential School. For indigenous people, they aren't just 215 dead bodies. They are our lost relatives. Families were forced to send their children to these schools and far too many times, they never made it back home. The "education" indigenous children receive in such institutions is sometimes described as forced assimilation. It's actually genocide.

[U.S. Supremes Unanimously Reject “Racist Precedents” In Ruling That Tribes Can Police Non-Indians Who Are Suspected Of Crimes On Tribal Lands](#)

WitnessLA – June 3, 2021

In [a critically important ruling](#) by the U.S. Supreme court on Tuesday, June 2, the nation's highest court addressed the issue of whether Indian tribes can police non-Indians whose actions threaten the health or welfare of the tribe and/or its members.

[Oregon House Unanimously Re-Passes Legislation to Expand Protections for Native Children](#)

Oregon State Legislature – June 7, 2021

Today, the Oregon House voted to codify provisions from the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) into Oregon law. Senate Bill 562 A requires Oregon's judicial system to recognize tribal customary adoptions, which ensure that Native children who are surrendered or placed for adoption can remain connected to their tribe. The bill is almost identical to House Bill 3182, which the House passed unanimously earlier this session, with the added clarification that it will not apply to juvenile case review hearings.

[Supreme Court Rules Tribal Police Can Detain Non-Natives, But Problems Remain](#)

NPR – June 9, 2021

Tribal forces can investigate and hold non-Native Americans while waiting for back up from state police or federal officers, but they can't arrest them. Tribes say that means criminals going free.

[Indian Affairs Promised To Reform Tribal Jails. We Found Death, Neglect And Disrepair](#)

NPR – June 10, 2021

At least 19 men and women have died since 2016 in tribal detention centers overseen by the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, including the Shiprock District Department of Corrections facility, according to an investigation by NPR and the Mountain West News Bureau.

[Oregon House Sends Measure Recognizing Tribal Adoptions to Governor](#)

Imprint - June 11, 2021

Oregon lawmakers have voted to codify provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act into state law in an effort to honor tribal customs and sent the bill to the desk of Democratic Gov. Kate Brown.

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

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[Deb Haaland: My grandparents were stolen from their families as children. We must learn about this history.](#)

Washington Post – June 11, 2021

As I read stories about an [unmarked grave in Canada](#) where the remains of 215 Indigenous children were found last month, I was sick to my stomach. But the deaths of Indigenous children at the hands of government were not limited to that side of the border. Many Americans may be alarmed to learn that the United States also has a history of taking Native children from their families in an effort to eradicate our culture and erase us as a people. It is a history that we must learn from if our country is to heal from this tragic era.

[First Nations child welfare case gets underway in Federal Court today](#)

Canadian Press - June 14, 2021

Ottawa's legal challenge of two rulings involving First Nations children taken from their families by an underfunded child-welfare system will be heard in Federal Court today. The federal government has filed for a judicial review of two Canadian Human Rights Tribunal rulings - one that awarded First Nations children inappropriately taken away from their parents after 2006 \$40,000 each and to their parents and grandparents, and the second that expanded Jordan's Principle to children who live off-reserve or who are not registered under the Indian Act.

[Why we must confront the history of U.S. Native boarding schools if we hope to heal](#)

Seattle Times – June 14, 2021

The U.S. had [367 Native boarding schools](#), run by religious organizations or the U.S. government. Over 70 still operate today, the oldest continually operated one being [Chemawa Indian School](#) in Oregon. By the 1930s, an estimated two-thirds of Native people attended boarding schools at some point in their lives, [according to a 2008 story](#) in The Seattle Times.

[Canadian mass grave prompts investigation into U.S. boarding schools](#)

Indian Country Today - June 15, 2021

Researchers say that most of the more than 350 U.S. Indian boarding schools - more than double the 130 or so schools in Canada - have cemeteries associated with them. Unlike Canada, the U.S. has never had an accurate accounting of the number of Indian boarding schools here, the number of children who attended or those who died at the schools. According to data collected by the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, by 1900, there were about 20,000 children in boarding schools; by 1925, that number had more than tripled.

[Looking back at the controversial Phoenix Indian School](#)

KGUN - June 16, 2021

Recently in Canada, the remains of more than 200 Native American children were found buried at a former residential school. Here in the United States, hundreds of Native American boarding schools were once open, including here in Arizona. In 1891, the Phoenix Indian School opened its doors and for nearly 100 years, thousands of students attended.

[Native Americans to Feds: Own Up to America's Indian School History](#)

Voice of American – June 16, 2021

In late October 1912, 15-year-old Agnes White, left her home on the St. Regis Mohawk reservation in northern New York to begin five years of vocational training at the Carlisle Industrial Indian School in Pennsylvania. She would never see home again. [Records](#) show White spent only a year in the classroom. The following May, she was farmed out on the first of four work details as a servant in white households. That fall, a Philadelphia surgeon operated on her eyelid to correct a malformation caused by trachoma, a highly contagious eye infection that was epidemic throughout the boarding school system and a major public health concern.

[An unmarked gravesite drags a not-so-distant horror back into the spotlight. Is this a real reckoning?](#)

The Washington Post – June 16, 2021

The discovery of an unmarked burial site containing the remains of 215 children at the former Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia, announced last month by the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First

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Nation, dragged the horror of Canada's mistreatment of Indigenous people back into the spotlight — for the moment, at least.

[US Supreme Court Case Makes Space For Sovereignty In Police Work But Is It Enough?](#)

Montana Public Radio – June 17, 2021

The U.S. Supreme Court v. Cooley decision earlier this month upheld the practice of detaining non-Native suspects on tribal roadways. The practice of detaining non-Natives until the authorities arrive from neighboring districts is common practice on many reservations throughout the US.

[Indigenous People Advance a Dramatic Goal: Reversing Colonialism](#)

The New York Times – June 17, 2021

Fifty years of patient advocacy, including the shocking discovery of mass graves at Kamloops, have secured once-unthinkable gains.

[Alliance of First Nations says Ottawa using 'racist and colonial' policies to restrict services for Indigenous children](#)

Canadian Press - June 17, 2021

The Assembly of First Nations says Canada's attempt to narrow the list of First Nations children who can access services under Jordan's Principle is linked to the country's long-standing "racist and colonial" policies toward Indigenous Peoples. Questions about who is considered a First Nations child - and whether that definition should include children living off-reserve, those who are not registered under the Indian Act and those with just one Indigenous parent - are at the heart of arguments being heard in Federal Court Thursday.

[Canadian Bar Association launches Truth and Reconciliation Toolkit](#)

The Lawyers Daily – June 21, 2021

On June 21, the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) launched a Truth and Reconciliation Toolkit to coincide with National Indigenous Peoples Day.

[There Are Many Unmarked Graves of Indigenous Kids at US Boarding Schools Too](#)

Vice World News – June 21, 2021

There were at least 367 boarding schools in the U.S. that were run similarly and often as brutally as Canada's residential school system.

[Interior Secretary Haaland Launches Inquiry Into Past Abuses At Native American Boarding Schools](#)

KNAU NPR Public Radio – June 23, 2021

U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland is launching an inquiry into her agency's past oversight of the federal government's boarding school program for Native American children.

[Biden administration to review Native American boarding schools' dark history](#) (Includes video)

Associated Press - June 23, 2021

The federal government will investigate its past oversight of Native American boarding schools and work to "uncover the truth about the loss of human life and the lasting consequences" of policies that over the decades forced hundreds of thousands of children from their families and communities, U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced Tuesday. The unprecedented work will include compiling and reviewing records to identify past boarding schools, locate known and possible burial sites at or near those schools, and uncover the names and tribal affiliations of students, she said.

[The Federal Boarding School Initiative is a Promising Step Towards Truth and Healing](#)

Native News Online – June 27, 2021

This past Tuesday, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) addressed the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid Year Conference. She quickly mentioned the discovery late last month of 215 children buried in an unmarked grave at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in Canada.

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[Native American women face an epidemic of violence. A legal loophole prevents prosecutions.](#)

NBC News – June 30, 2021

Limits on tribal prosecutions have worsened the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, experts say. Congress is weighing a fix.

PUBLICATIONS

[Indian Child Welfare Act and Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act Compliance Case Reviews](#)

Minnesota Department of Human Services, April 5, 2021 Number #21-68-12

The Minnesota Legislature authorized additional funding for local social services agencies (counties) to offset the cost of foster care for Indian children in 2017. This legislation requires Minnesota Department of Human Services (department) staff to annually review county agency compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA). County agencies found to be substantially noncompliant with the above laws are reported according to statute. [Minnesota Statutes, section 477A.0126]

[The Indian Child Welfare Act and Active Efforts: Past and Present](#)

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges – 2020

This publication is a companion to others developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) regarding ICWA for judges, court staff, attorneys, child welfare professionals, and other stakeholders involved in child welfare cases. It focuses on the use of active efforts as an essential tool in the implementation of ICWA and as a best practice in child welfare. It is intended to provide the history behind ICWA and, in doing so, outline both the why and the how of active efforts in ICWA implementation.

[Resilience: Cultures, Communities, and Families: NICWA 2020 Annual Report.](#)

National Indian Child Welfare Association. 2020

Every Native child must have access to communitybased, culturally appropriate services that help them grow up safe, healthy, and spiritually strong—free from abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation, and the damaging effects of substance abuse.

[Case Law On American Indians](#)

Schlosser, Thomas P. (2021) "Case Law On American Indians," *American Indian Law Journal*: Vol. 9 : Iss. 2 , Article 9.

Cases on American Indians decided between August 2019 and August 2020.

[Fifteenth Annual Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation. Virtual Event. October 27-30, 2020. Annual Report of Proceedings. 2020 Tribal Consultation Report.](#)

United States. Department of Justice. Office on Violence against Women. 2021

[Active Efforts List for the Indian Child Welfare Act](#)

Children's Bureau Express – July/August 2021

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 emphasized the importance of ensuring Indian children remain connected to their community, tribe, and culture by recognizing the sovereignty of tribal nations in child welfare cases involving Indian children. One of the requirements of ICWA dictates that state child welfare agencies and courts must engage in active efforts to both prevent removal and reunify children with their families. The Capacity Building Center for Tribes, in partnership with the Tribal Information Exchange, released a resource containing guidance on active efforts for states and courts regarding the implementation of ICWA within their child welfare agencies. The resource features information from the North Dakota ICWA Implementation Partnership on active efforts [federal regulations and guidelines](#), a recent [publication](#) from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges that provides information on the history behind ICWA and active efforts as a best practice, a [webinar](#) from the Capacity Building Center for Tribes that discusses how active efforts benefit both tribal and state child welfare systems and serve the best interests of Indian children and families, and more.

Visit the [Tribal Information Exchange website](#) to learn more about ICWA active efforts.

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[Celebrating Our Magic: Resources for American Indian/Alaska Native transgender and TwoSpirit youth, their relatives and families, and their healthcare providers](#)

This Toolkit was created for: American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth who identify as transgender or Two-Spirit, their relatives, and the health providers who care for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Abstracts–25th Annual AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference

Deadline: Friday, July 9, 2021

The Judicial Council’s Center for Families, Children & the Courts is soliciting abstracts for workshop presentations at the 25th Annual AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference, which will be held October 13-14, 2021, via webinar. Priority will be given to abstracts for workshops that are interactive and not in lecture style. Please contact Michelle Vasquez at Michelle.Vasquez-T@jud.ca.gov for abstract form.

[Secretary Haaland Announces Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative](#)

Outlines Path Forward on Troubled Legacy of Federal Boarding School Policies in Remarks to National Congress of American Indians.

[Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Memo](#)

The U.S. Department of the Interior “shall undertake an investigation of the loss of human life and the lasting consequences of residential Indian boarding schools. The primary goal of the investigation shall be to identify boarding school facilities and sites; the location of known and possible student burial sites located at or near school facilities; and the identities and Tribal affiliations of children interred at such locations.”

[Department of Justice Accepting Applications for Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information](#)

The Department of Justice recently [announced](#) the opening of the application period for its Tribal Access Program (TAP) for National Crime Information. Federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply. This program allows select federally recognized tribes access to criminal justice databases and provides technology and training to protect tribal communities more effectively. TAP has helped improve police officer safety, apprehend fugitives, register convicted sex offenders, enforce domestic violence protection orders, and protect children. (See page 12 of this document for additional information)

ONLINE RESOURCES

[The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: Resources and Assistance for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#)

National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College
Webinar Recorded on May 27, 2021

Examine the resources that are available to families and law enforcement when the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is contacted. During the webinar, we will discuss NCMEC data on missing Native American children, case resources, family advocacy resources, and child sex trafficking recovery resources.

Indian Boarding School Resources

[The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition](#)

NABS was created to develop and implement a national strategy that increases public awareness and cultivates healing for the profound trauma experienced by individuals, families, communities, American Indian and Alaska Native Nations resulting from the U.S. adoption and implementation of the Boarding School Policy of 1869.

Intergenerational/Historical Trauma: [Intergenerational/Historical Trauma Resource List](#)

Article: [Colonial Instillations in American Indian Boarding School Students](#)

Webpage: [Intro to Boarding School History](#)

Video: [History & Hope](#)

Video: [Unseen Tears: The Native American Boarding School Experience in Western New York](#)

Video: [Carlisle Indian Boarding School Children--Lost Unto This World](#)

Video: [Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding School](#)

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Newslinks

This is a service that the Judicial Council Public Affairs Office puts together every day. If you would like to receive this service, please visit this [webpage](#).

Judicial Resources Network (JRN) and Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Online

This website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. For more information, please contact the Judicial Council of California Tribal/State Programs Unit at 415-865-7739 or cfcc@jud.ca.gov.

California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)

This website contains dependency-related case law, legal materials, articles and other resources relevant to California attorneys, judicial officers, social workers, tribal representatives, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other child welfare professionals. Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here](#).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

[Policing in Indian Country: Cooley, McGirt and Beyond!](#)

July 8, 2021 – 1:00pm PT – Webinar

The Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University is hosting the webinar to discuss the Supreme Court decisions—[McGirt v. Oklahoma](#) and [United States v. Cooley](#)—that impact Indian Country, enhanced sentencing and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

[Tribal State Collaboration Webinar Series](#)

WEBINAR 2: [Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Intergovernmental Collaboration](#)

Thursday, July 15, 2021

11:00am PT | 12:00pm MT | 1:00pm CT | 2:00pm ET

Tribal-State Collaboration in Drug Courts

This webinar will explore ways in which tribes have experimented with their neighbors and strategies for building collaborative infrastructures, as discussed in a new TLPI publication - [Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts: Intergovernmental Collaboration](#). The maze of jurisdiction often means that tribes are with limited authority to meaningfully serve their communities. But in partnership, tribal and state jurisdictions can leverage their resources, ensure holistic case planning, and provide restorative accountability. The Healing to Wellness Court, an intentional deviation from the compartmentalized, adversarial, offense-centric approach, provides an apt opportunity for innovation in collaboration. Needs like housing, social services, vocational training, child care, physical and mental health treatment, can be addressed by both jurisdictions. Court can negotiate supervision, defense counsel, conditions of probation, and other legal motivations. *Presented by: Lauren van Schilfgaarde, Director, Tribal Legal Development Clinic, UCLA School of Law.*

[Connecting Prevention Specialists to Native Communities—Webinar](#)

July 16, 2021 10:00 a.m. PT

SAMHSA

This webinar is part of a series of virtual trainings for prevention specialists to support Native communities. These monthly trainings will cover topics such as crisis response, creating safe spaces to heal, sexual assault awareness, youth engagement, food sovereignty, etc. Dates for other meetings in this series include—August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17.

[Courthouse Dogs: Best Practice for Judges](#)

July 21, 2021 – 12:00pm – Webinar

The National Judicial College

During this webinar, our panel will discuss the benefits of the courtroom dog to the witness in various jurisdictions and the legal issues that arise from their presence in the courtroom, including procedure and due process.

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Peer Recovery Support Services in Tribal Communities

July 21, 2021 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm CDT – Live Webinar by the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College

Discuss an overview of peer recovery support services (PRSS) as part of a comprehensive program to address substance abuse within tribal communities. Explore specific models of PRSS implementation within tribal communities. Identify benefits of PRSS as well as common challenges and barriers. Examine important considerations related to building comprehensive intervention strategies to respond to alcohol and substance abuse issues in tribal communities including PRSS. Engage in an opportunity to have your questions about PRSS answered by tribal PRSS practitioners during the Q&A portion of the webinar.

Suicide Prevention: A NCCHC Resource Guide

August 5, 2021—10:00am PT – Webinar

The webinar focuses on the developed guide that includes insight into assessing suicide risk, promising practices and guidelines for treating at-risk individuals, and guidance on developing a training curriculum – all through the lens of working with justice-involved patients within a correctional setting.

The Neuroscience of Substance Use Disorders and Recovery

August 10, 2021 – 11:00am – Webinar

The National Judicial College

This interactive webinar brings the neuroscience of substance use and recovery into focus for judges. We will highlight the practical lessons from addiction research and apply them to understanding and working with people who have substance use disorders. This webinar is number three in a 16-part webinar series entitled **What Judges Need to Know About Substance Use Disorders**.

25th Annual AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference

October 13-14, 2021 – Webinar

The Judicial Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts, AB 1058 Unit, will be hosting the 25th Annual AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference, via webinar. This annual training provides specialized continuing education for judicial branch members who are involved in the title IV-D child support program; it also provides a single-event forum to meet the mandatory training requirements for CSCs, FLFs, and court clerks. The training attendees also include trial court managers, supervisors, and local child support agency legal and administrative staff. Please visit <https://www.courts.ca.gov/cfcc-childsupport.htm> for information on past conferences. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Vasquez, Administrative Specialist Michelle.Vasquez-T@jud.ca.gov

18th Annual Indigenous Law Conference

Michigan State University College of Law

November 4-5, 2021

***Registration coming soon**

The conference's main goal is to provide useful information for Tribal In-House Counsel. In the past, conferences have centered on a variety of themes. Save the date flyer [here](#)

Bay Area ICWA Symposium

Judicial Council of CA—San Francisco Office, Lower Level

April 8, 2022

****Save the date information coming soon**

Symposium goals: •Build ICWA champions •Highlight ICWA best practices •Enhance skills to improve outcomes for Native American families •Strengthen relationships between tribes, urban American Indian/Alaska Native communities, courts, county child welfare agencies and schools of social work •Provide legal updates

*If you have questions, comments or workshop ideas, please contact: Vida Castaneda at vida.castaneda@jud.ca.gov

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Emergency COVID-19 Victim Services Response

Office of Emergency Services

OES has directed the Partnership to review applications on a rolling basis, and to award funds first come, first served. Online applications will open on June 2nd and be accepted until all funds have been awarded.

- Applications available: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 9:00am

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- Grant term ends (all funds spent by): July 31, 2021

Please note: This funding is only available to organizations, not individuals.

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) has announced \$6.1 million dollars in emergency response funds intended to support the needs associated with providing safety and services for victims of interpersonal violence – domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse during this time of social distancing.

- Thursday, May 27 – [View Recorded Webinar](#)
- Friday, May 28 – [View Recorded Webinar](#)
- [View the Slideshow](#)
- [View the Questions & Answers from the webinars here](#)

SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Program Activities

**Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
OS-PAW-20-001**

Deadline: To be determined based on public health emergency needs.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID–19...” (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

Please Contact:

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[Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management](#)

NCAI Financial Relief for Tribal Nations Affected by COVID-19

With the continued spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), NCAI is committed to supporting Indian Country and lifting up our communities as we continue to combat this global pandemic. Keeping in mind the needs of our tribal nations, NCAI is awarding \$5,000 to various tribal nations that have been affected by this pandemic through NCAI’s [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) for Indian Country.

Applications guidelines are located [here](#). NCAI Contact: Christian Weaver, Vice President of Development, cweaver@ncai.org

Coronavirus (COVID-19): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Nations

On March 13, 2020, the President announced a nationwide emergency declaration in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, tribal nations have two options to receive funding under the Presidential declaration.

- FEMA assistance for tribal nations related to COVID-19, click [here](#).
- What expenses qualify as Eligible Emergency Protective Measures, click [here](#).
- An example of a Tribal Public Assistance Administrative plan, click [here](#).
- FEMA regional tribal liaison and FEMA headquarters contact information, click [here](#).
- FEMA resources located on NCAI’s COVID-19 microsite, click [here](#).

GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM

Attention CalWORKs families with an approved case status as of March 27 will receive a one-time Golden State Grant payment of \$600. The payment is to help families who may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This payment is not a CalWORKs grant payment and not subject to hearing rights.

FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

If you’ve have lost someone to COVID-19, FEMA may be able to help with funeral expenses starting in April 2021.

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized a new [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). This benefit will provide a discount of \$50 per month for eligible low-income households or \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands to cover internet bills, as well as provide discounts on some devices. This program

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can also be combined with Lifeline benefits. The FCC has developed a [consumer FAQ](#), which provides information about eligibility and program details.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2021-121001**

Grants.gov Deadline: July 06, 2021

Application JustGrants Deadline: July 20, 2021

It is designated to support law enforcement–behavioral health cross-system collaboration and to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illness (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the criminal justice system. BJA is seeking applicants to design or enhance a law enforcement–behavioral health response to people with MI and CMISA who come into contact with law enforcement due to their illness.

[Grants to Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Invitation to Apply](#)

**Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2021-84006**

Deadline: July 8, 2021

The Tribal Coalitions Program supports the development and operation of nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions.

[Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants NOFO](#)

**Department of Housing and Urban Development
FR-6500-N-38**

Deadline: July 13, 2021

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which focus on directing resources to address three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood.

[Family Violence Prevention and Services - Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Questioning Institute on Intimate Partner Violence](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1966**

Deadline: July 19, 2021

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) Program seeks to award one cooperative agreement under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants program to support a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Institute on Intimate Partner Violence (Institute) to expand and enhance the capacity of both domestic violence and LGBTQ-specific organizations to more effectively identify and respond to the unique needs of LGBTQ intimate partner violence victims.

[Rural Housing Preservation Grant](#)

**Department of Agriculture
Utilities Programs
USDA-RD-HCFP-HPG-2021**

Deadline: July 19, 2021

The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, which may include but not be limited to, Faith-Based and Community Organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas. In addition, the HPG program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons.

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[Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Accreditation Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
O-COPS-2021-75010

Grants.gov Deadline: July 21, 2021

JustGrants Deadline: July 22, 2021

The COPS Office seeks to support law enforcement agencies in seeking accreditation, with \$1,500,000 set aside for small and rural law enforcement agencies for this purpose. The COPS Office also seeks to increase the capacity of existing accreditation bodies to provide services to agencies including small, rural, and tribal law enforcement and to provide accreditation services in states that currently do not have them.

[Community Policing Development \(CPD\) De-Escalation Training Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
O-COPS-2021-75008

Grants.gov Deadline: July 21, 2021

JustGrants Deadline: July 22, 2021

The COPS Office is providing funding for regional de-escalation training centers administered by accredited institutions of higher education to collectively develop and offer a suite of de-escalation training that will be certified by a national certification program.

[Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Online Training Solicitation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
O-COPS-2021-81002

Grants.gov Deadline: July 21, 2021

JustGrants Deadline: July 22, 2021

CPD funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

[Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program](#)

Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2021-35004

Grants.gov Deadline: July 26, 2021

Application JustGrants Deadline: August 9, 2021

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

[Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Capacity Building Center on Safe and Supportive Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors in Tribal Communities \(Tribal Safe Housing Center\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children & Families - ACYF/FYSB
HHS-2021-ACF-ACYF-EV-1945

Deadline: July 26, 2021

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) Program seeks to award one grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to one Capacity Building Center for Safe and Supportive Housing for Domestic Violence Survivors in Tribal Communities (Tribal Safe Housing Center) focused on developing and delivering comprehensive training and technical assistance to enhance safe and supportive housing for survivors of domestic violence living in tribal communities.

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[Program to Enhance Tribal Access to National Crime Information Databases](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

OMB Control Number: 1103-0118

Deadline: August 31, 2021

This grant provides federally recognized Tribes the ability to access and exchange data with national crime information databases for authorized criminal justice and non-criminal justice purposes. Please [download](#) and complete the application. A list of frequently asked questions regarding deployments is [located here](#).

[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)

Department of Commerce

NTIA-TBC-TBCPO-2021-2006948

Deadline: September 1, 2021

The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program provides new federal funding for grants to eligible entities to expand access to and adoption of: (i) broadband service on Tribal Land; or (ii) for programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[2021 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-Grant Program Request for Proposals](#)

National Congress of American Indians

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime

Deadline: The NCAI Fund will review applications on a rolling basis, beginning April 1, 2021, until funds are expended.

Funding can be used to support a wide range of program activities and services to crime victims, including conducting a needs assessment or developing a strategic plan, purchasing equipment or supplies, or other support for new or existing victim services programs.

[Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Microgrants Program](#)

Department of Justice

O-COPS-2021-75014

GRANTS.GOV Application deadline: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

JUSTGRANTS Application deadline: Thursday, July 8, 2021

The Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

[Crisis Intervention Teams \(CIT\) Program](#)

Department of Justice

O-COPS-2021-75007

GRANTS.GOV Application deadline: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

JUSTGRANTS Application deadline: Thursday, July 8, 2021

The Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) program is for expansion of the use of crisis intervention teams in order to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement, as well as the development of training programs.

[Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

Department of Justice

Bureau of Justice Assistance

O-BJA-2021-31001

Deadline: July 12, 2021

The purpose of the FY 2021 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (BWCIPI-LEA) is to fund the purchase of body-worn cameras (BWCs) that are implemented as part of comprehensive BWC programs.

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[National Center for Culturally Responsive Victim Services](#)

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Office for Victims of Crime
O-OVC-2021-32002

Grants.gov Deadline: July 12, 2021

Application JustGrants Deadline: July 26, 2021

The program provides for the development, operation, and management of the Office for Victims of Crime's National Center for Culturally Responsive Victim Services (the Center). The Center will facilitate the delivery of national-scale, highquality training and technical assistance to increase access to victim services and victim compensation for victims of crime in areas that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, including communities of color

[AmeriCorps State and National Tribal Grants](#)

AmeriCorps
AC-05-24-21

Deadline: July 23, 2021

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities.

[Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program](#)

Department of Transportation
DOT/Federal Transit Administration
FTA-2021-003-TR

Deadline: August 25, 2021

As required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively for any purpose eligible under FTA's Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311, including planning, capital, and operating assistance for tribal public transit services in rural areas.

[Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects](#)

National Archives and Records Administration
ARCHIVAL-202110

Deadline: October 6, 2021

The NHPRC seeks projects that will significantly improve online public discovery and use of historical records collections. The Commission encourages projects centered on collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history.

[Zero Suicide Initiative Coordinating Center](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Indian Health Service
HHS-2022-IHS-ZSICC-0001

Deadline: October 29, 2021

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to build capacity of ZSI projects to improve the system of care for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention in Indian Health Systems.

[EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
EDA-2019-DISASTER

Deadline: None

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO.