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FORUM NEWS

[Tribal Court—State Court Forum Celebrates 15th Anniversary](#)

JCC Court News Update – May 14, 2025

May 20 marks the 15th anniversary for the council's [Tribal Court—State Court Forum](#), which supports cross-jurisdictional collaboration between state and tribal courts. The Forum was established in May 2010 after a request from Tribal Court Judge Richard Blake to former Chief Justice Ronald M. George. The Forum became an advisory committee in 2013 when the council adopted California Rules of Court, rule 10.60.

[New coalition of tribal and state courts news release](#) | [California Rules of Court, rule 10.60](#)

Former Forum member Merri Lopez-Keifer receives new appointment at U.C. Berkeley School of Law: [Center for Indigenous Law & Justice Names Merri Lopez-Keifer Its New Executive Director](#)

U.C. Berkeley Law News and Events – May 2, 2025

Merri Lopez-Keifer, recently appointed executive director of UC Berkeley Law's Center for Indigenous Law & Justice, is eager to lead its efforts in promoting tribal sovereignty and advocating for Native Nations.

[Judge Ana España Named 2025 Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year](#) (News Release)

California Courts Newsroom – May 21, 2025

San Diego County Judge Ana España received the Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year award for 2025 from the [Juvenile Court Judges of California \(JCJC\)](#), a section of the California Judges Association. The JCJC presented the award at its annual meeting on May 15.

[Council's Tribal Court-State Court Forum Celebrates 15th Anniversary](#) (Feature)

California Court's Newsroom – May 23, 2025

Now an advisory committee, the original Tribal Court/State Court Coalition was launched in 2010 to forge working relationships between California's tribal and state court judges. The [Tribal Court—State Court Forum](#) marked its 15th anniversary this week, a landmark collaboration to establish California tribal and state courts as equal justice partners in serving the state that's home to the most Native American people in the nation.

The Judicial Council's Tribal Court—State Court Forum produces this newsletter to provide news and resources of interest to state court-tribal court collaborators. The views expressed are those of the authors and may not represent the views of the forum members, the Judicial Council of California, or the funders.

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FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Visit the Forum's home page

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>

IN THE NEWS

[Navajo Nation Council Speaker Calls on FBI Director to Increase Federal Funding to MMIP Cases](#)

Native News Online – May 5, 2025

During a roundtable discussion on Monday, May 5 – National MMIP Awareness Day – with FBI Director Kash Patel, Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalline Curley urged federal officials to provide greater support and resources to address the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered persons in the Navajo Nation.

[Unprotected and Uncounted: Domestic Violence and the MMIW Crisis](#)

By Rami Djemal, and Ann Maxcy, May 5, 2025

The intersection of domestic violence and Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) is both complex and substantial. These issues are deeply rooted in the legacy of Colonization and historical trauma caused by governmental policies of forced removal, land seizures, and violence against Native Americans. Today, the long-term effects of those policies are seen and felt in the higher rates of violence and crime, including murder, rape, and human trafficking, in Indian Country. Native Americans live daily with risk factors that have their roots in these policies, such as disconnection from their cultures; insufficient resources for the preservation of families; lack of housing, economic opportunity, or educational opportunities; and distrust of the governmental systems that are supposed protect individuals. These challenges contribute to unacceptably high rates of victimization, feelings of hopelessness about getting help to stay safe, and an ultimate lack of justice for victims and their families.

[Oregon lawmakers celebrate 50 years of Native American legislative commission](#)

Oregon Capital Chronicle – May 6, 2025

Commission allows Oregon's nine federally-recognized tribes to formally weigh in on legislative matters.

[‘No school should have a cemetery’: Native American journalist talks investigating deaths of Indigenous children at boarding schools](#)

The Daily Northwestern – May 7, 2025

Native American journalist Dana Hedgpeth spoke about her experiences helping to uncover over a century of horrors at Native American boarding schools at the McCormick Foundation Center Tuesday evening.

[Tribes, Lawmakers Unite at California State Capitol to Honor MMIP](#)

Native News Online – May 7, 2025

Tribal leaders, lawmakers from both parties, and advocates gathered at the California State Capitol today to honor Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) and to recommit to ending violence on tribal lands. The daylong series of events included a hearing of the Select Committee on Native American Affairs and will conclude with a powerful evening vigil featuring cultural songs, speeches from victims' families, and a video message from First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom.

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.

Consultation doesn't always equal consent

ICT News – May 8, 2025

The National Congress of American Indians and Native American Rights Fund headed to the United Nations headquarters to advocate for free, prior and informed consent — a framework outlined in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

'We're all related, we're all connected': Many march for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Second Wave – May 8, 2025

When one member of an Indigenous community goes missing or is murdered, the impact of these losses is felt by Tribal members throughout the United States, says Robyn Elkins, Tribal Council Vice-Chairperson for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) in Calhoun County.

NCAI Releases Landmark Minority & Missing Report Highlighting Disparities in Missing Persons Cases

Native News Online – May 12, 2025

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has officially released the highly anticipated *Minority and Missing Report*, a comprehensive analysis exposing the disproportionate impact of missing persons cases on Indigenous and other minority communities. Developed in partnership with key law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations, this groundbreaking report brings long-overdue attention to an urgent issue that has historically been overlooked and underreported.

Our Responsibility in the Fight Against MMIP

Indianz.com – May 12, 2025

Every May, the Cherokee Nation stands alongside tribes and advocates across the country in observing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Month. Together, we highlight a crisis that continues to devastate tribal families and communities nationwide, and the Cherokee Nation is no exception. This year, as we mourn the lives lost and support the families left behind, we renew our commitment to justice for Native people.

'Our identity has been frozen in time': How Native American advocates are influencing Springfield

Capitol News Illinois – May 12, 2025

Amid the annual bustle at the Illinois Capitol during the legislative session's midpoint, a sea of color and singing filled the rotunda on a sunny March day. And it was happening amid a backdrop of Native American groups working to secure passage of a bill that would ban what they say is offensive imagery in Illinois school mascots.

Minnesota Governor Signs Bill to Support the Work of the State Ombuds for American Indian Families

The Imprint – May 13, 2025

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz signed a bill into law last week that will better support the state's Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families by relieving the independent agency from having to pay court fees when it weighs in on child welfare cases.

Tribal court warrants to be enforceable by state authorities

Anacortes Now – May 17, 2025

Rep. Debra Lekanoff (D-Bow) said she was speaking as a Native woman rather than as a legislator as she told the state Senate Law and Justice Committee about the importance of [HB 1829](#).

NY Governor Apologizes for 'Atrocities' at State Boarding School for Native Americans

WKTV News – May 20, 2025

New York's governor has formally apologized for the "atrocities" she says were committed at an upstate boarding school where Native American youths were forcibly separated from their families and forced to assimilate into American society

Native Tribes Sue U.S. Over Abuse and Deaths at Boarding Schools

New York Times – May 22, 2025

A class-action lawsuit filed in Pennsylvania argues that Native tribes have never been compensated for the child abuse or for money taken from tribal trust funds to operate the schools.

Tribes say the US misappropriated funds to pay for Native American boarding schools

Courthouse News Service – May 22, 2025

Two tribal nations filed a lawsuit Thursday saying that the federal government used the trust fund money of tribes to pay for boarding schools where generations of Native children were systematically abused. The tribes are asking the court to make the U.S. account for the estimated \$23.3 billion it appropriated for the boarding school program.

[US Dept. of Education Affirms Native Students are Citizens of Sovereign Indian Nations with Legal Relationship with Federal Government](#)

Native News Online – May 22, 2025

In late January, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) sent a letter to former Acting Secretary Denise Carter of the U.S. Department of Education (DoE) and then Acting Attorney General James McHenry. The letter addressed the DoE's intentions, as outlined in its January 28, 2025 communication titled "*Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling*," to reinforce parental authority and promote national unity through education policy.

[Tribes Are 'Decolonizing' Child Welfare Practices, National Researchers Find](#)

The Imprint – May 22, 2025

A guiding principle of state and federal laws governing child abuse and neglect cases is that foster homes must be safe, comfortable and respectful in order to serve children's "[best interests](#)." The [Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians](#) has expanded that legal definition — requiring that children attend cultural events and learn their Native language.

[Bill extending Montana Indian Child Welfare Act signed into law](#)

Montana Free Press - May 27, 2025

A bill revising the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act — a priority bill this session for the Montana American Indian Caucus — was signed into law earlier this month, though in a much weaker form than initially proposed.

[New Oregon law allows tribes to petition for removal of state control from tribal affairs](#)

Oregon Public Broadcasting – May 27, 2025

A tribally backed bill that could simplify the jurisdictional patchwork in Oregon Indian Country was signed by Gov. Tina Kotek on May 22 after sailing through the state Legislature.

[Researchers Vow to Continue Preserving Indian Boarding School History Despite Federal Funding Cuts](#)

The Imprint – May 29, 2025

Indigenous researchers and archivists are working to minimize the impact from an abrupt federal funding cut late last month that targeted groups preserving the history of Indian boarding schools.

[New Montana state code aims to resolve law enforcement dispute between Lake County, state, tribes](#)

Montana Free Press – May 31, 2025

Legislation signed May 12 by Gov. Greg Gianforte offers a path toward resolving a [long-standing law enforcement dispute](#) between the state of Montana, Lake County and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. At the center of the conflict is [Public Law 280](#), a 1950s-era federal law that shifted law enforcement jurisdiction on some Indian reservations from the federal government to certain states.

[New laws address Montana's missing and murdered Indigenous people crisis](#)

Montana Free Press – May 31, 2025

Native Americans in Montana are [four times more likely](#) to be reported missing than their counterparts, according to a state Department of Justice report. And while Indigenous people comprise 6.5 percent of Montana's population, as of Wednesday, they accounted for 24 percent of the state's active [missing persons](#) reports.

PUBLICATIONS

[The Future of the Discovery Doctrine: One View from Outside Indian Country](#), Blake A. Watson, 85 Mont. L. Rev. 273 (2024)

[Tribal Judicial Power](#), Grant Christensen, forthcoming Southern California Law Review (2026)

In 1978's *Oliphant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe* the Supreme Court announced a new common law rule: tribal courts lack criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian defendants. Under the guide of the common law, unmoored from interpreting the text of any treaty or statute, the *Oliphant* opinion made reservation communities less safe by denying tribal governments a critically important tool in law enforcement – the power to arrest, charge, prosecute, and sentence persons who commit crimes on tribal lands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date for NAICJA's 56th Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference!

The [National American Indian Court Judges Association](#) (NAICJA) is pleased to announce that the 56th Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference will be held at the [Gila River Resorts & Casinos – Wild Horse Pass](#) in Phoenix, AZ on October 13-16, 2025.

NAICJA's Annual Conference offers innovative and timely tribal justice information through high quality presentations by national experts. The theme of this year's conference is, "Tribal Courts: A Bulwark for Tribal Sovereignty."

Save the Date: The 32nd Annual California State ICWA Conference, October 28 – 30, 2025

- Registration Fee: \$250
- Hosted by: The Pechanga Band of Indians Tribe
- Location: Pechanga Resort Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, CA 92592
- Conference flyer and registration information to come.
- For more information, including vendor opportunities, contact: ICWA2025@PECHANGA-NSN.GOV

ACR-39 Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Month

Introduced by Assembly Member Ramos

This measure would designate the month of May 2025 as California's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Month.

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

The OVW website will be releasing the [FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity Release Plan](#) with information about each OVW grant program, expected notice opening and closing dates, and expected dates for peer review.

ACL 25-30 (April 28, 2025)

Indian Child Welfare Act Qualified Expert Witness Requirements

The Capacity Building Center for Tribes closed in September 2024 and a new technical assistance center, the [National Tribal Child Welfare Center for Innovation and Advancement](#), is now open to provide training and technical assistance to Tribal child welfare programs and professionals. The Center's goal is to assist Tribes in achieving comprehensive, long-lasting transformation that enhances the safety, stability and well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native children, youth and families through the provision of quality, effective technical assistance to Tribal child welfare programs that respects their beliefs, traditions, and customs.

Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women Tribal Leaders Council

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) established the Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women Tribal Leaders Council (OVW TLC or Council) to facilitate the exchange of views, information, and advice concerning the management or implementation of federal programs established pursuant to statute, including the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and its reauthorizations. The OVW TLC will provide a forum for discussion between OVW and federally recognized Tribal Government leaders, acting in their official capacities, further upholding Tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Tribal Nations. This newly established OVW TLC consists of 12 Tribal government leaders (either elected or appointed), one from each of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Regional Areas.

ONLINE RESOURCES

The [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) offers step-by-step instructions that guide you through the two-step Department of Justice (DOJ) funding application process. A video that accompanies the checklist: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/media/video/2701>.

NCJFCJ Podcast Network

National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

Check out our thought-provoking podcast network! With 7 unique channels, we bring you a mix of expert insights, captivating real-life stories, and fresh perspectives designed to educate, empower, and engage.

The National Tribal Child Welfare Center for Innovation and Advancement is excited to offer peer groups for title IV-B eligible Tribal child welfare programs

The job of a Tribal child welfare professional is demanding and uniquely stressful. Peer groups offer opportunities for staff from Tribal child welfare programs to share knowledge, build skills, and learn about innovative practices with one another in a relaxed, virtual meeting. Groups meet monthly over Zoom and are facilitated by Tribal child welfare experts and Center staff.

- Workforce Supports Peer Group**
Wednesday, June 11, and July 16, 2025, at 12:00-1:00 p.m.
 This peer group engages Tribal child welfare professionals to create systems that support trauma- and healing-informed policies and practices. Participants discuss challenges and opportunities with recruitment, retention, onboarding, and disengagement; develop leadership skills; and learn proven strategies to support and retain workers. In the first three sessions, participants explore the six principles of a trauma-informed approach, take a burnout self-test, and discuss the three building blocks of reflective supervision.
- Data Management Peer Group**
Wednesday, June 4, and July 9, 2025, at 12:00-1:00 p.m.
 Designed to help strengthen the capacity of Tribal child welfare programs in data collection analysis, visualization, data-sharing, and case management system procurement, this peer group provides a space to connect, share challenges and successes, and learn how facilitators and peers manage data. Participants will learn through lecture, discussion, videos, and guest speakers. Topics include data sovereignty and quantitative data.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS, AND TRAININGS

June 2-5, 2025 (San Diego, CA)
[The National Judicial College- “Restorative Justice”](#)

June 2-6, 2025 (Virtual) [Virtual Registration](#)
 September 8-12, 2025 (Reno, NV) [In-person Registration](#)
 Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (CANI)

June 4, 2025 (Virtual)
 CSEC Action Team Meeting: [Understanding the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of LGBTQIA2S+ Youth: How Providers Can Collaborate to Build Inclusive Services & Spaces](#)

June 4, 2025 (Virtual)
[Recognizing and Responding to Elder Abuse in Tribal Communities](#)

June 18-20, 2025 (Daytona, FL)
[Mobile Device Investigations](#)

June 18-20, 2025 (San Diego, CA)
[Transformation of Youth Justice Symposium](#)

June 23-26, 2025 (UC Riverside Campus-Riverside, CA)
[20th Annual Youth Court Summit](#)

June 23-27, 2025 (Anaheim, California)
 August 18-22, 2025 (Austin, Texas)
[Courting Judicial Excellence: A Juvenile Justice Training Institute](#)

June 27, 2025, at 10:00am (Virtual) &
 August 22, 2025 at 9:00am (Virtual)
[Domestic Violence: Recognizing Rural Realities Judicial Virtual Conversations](#)

July 10, 2025 (Virtual)
[Beyond the Arrest: Victim-Centered Excellence in Criminal Investigations](#)

July 20-23, 2025 (Chicago, Illinois)
[NCJFCJ 88th Annual Conference](#)

August 20, 2025 at 10:00am (Virtual)

[Judicial Connection Series](#)

August 28, 2025 (Valencia, CA)

[Domestic Violence in Review: Considerations for Appellate Courts](#)

October 28-30, 2025 (Temecula, CA)

[32nd Annual California State ICWA Conference](#)

October 30, 2025 (Virtual)

[Responding to Sextortion Related Offenses Against Children](#)

November 3-6, 2025 (Kohler, WI)

[Mindfulness for Judges](#)

April 21-23, 2026 (Las Vegas, NV)

[National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)

FEMA will continue to provide funeral assistance until Sept. 30, 2025, to those who have lost loved ones due to this pandemic.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

*Please check the direct links to the grants regularly, as the status, closing dates, and availability may change in time. At this time, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has removed previously posted grants and webinars. For a complete list of funding opportunities available at this time, here are links to consult: [Grants.gov](#), [Office of Justice Programs](#), [Bureau of Justice Affairs](#), and [U.S. Department of Justice](#).

[Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172389

Grants.gov Deadline: June 9, 2025

JustGrants Deadline: June 11, 2025

The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Grant Program) funds transitional housing and support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance as a result of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

[Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response Program](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172417

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: June 16, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 18, 2025

The Grants to Improve the Criminal Justice Response Program (ICJR Program) assists state, local, and Tribal governments, and courts to improve the criminal justice response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law, and to seek safety and autonomy for victims.

[Community Policing Development Accreditation: Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies in Seeking Accreditation](#)

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

O-COPS-2025-172406

Grants.gov Deadline: June 24, 2025

JustGrants Deadline: June 30, 2025

Community Policing Development (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.

Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172395

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: June 24, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 26, 2025

The Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program, referred to as the Tribal Governments Program, assists Tribal governments (or their authorized designees) to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking in Tribal communities. There are two application options for applicants to choose from in responding to this NOFO. Applicants must choose only one application option.

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

O-COPS-2025-172386

Grants.gov Deadline: June 24, 2025

JustGrants Deadline: June 30, 2025

LEMHWA funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

O-COPS-2025-172387

Step 1: Submit an SF-424 in [Grants.gov](#). Deadline: June 24, 2025

Step 2: Submit the full application including attachments in [JustGrants](#). Deadline: June 30, 2025

The COPS Office FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies program provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training. Awards will be made to law enforcement agencies seeking to implement training and related supports. Training is supported for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, campus public safety officers, and mental health professionals working on a crisis intervention team as an employee of a law enforcement agency or under a legal agreement with a law enforcement agency.

Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Hiring and Training Program

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172371

Grants.gov Deadline: June 24, 2025

JustGrants Deadline: June 26, 2025

The Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Hiring and Training program supports efforts to establish or expand access to pediatric and/or adult/adolescent sexual assault forensic exams by funding the salaries of full- and part-time sexual assault nurse/forensic examiners (SANEs/SAFEs) providing forensic exams or serving as a regional preceptor or as a SANE/SAFE instructor.

Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ) Grant Program

Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172402

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: June 24, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: June 26, 2025

The Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ) Grant Program supports Tribal governments in preparing to exercise or exercising STCJ over non-Indians who commit “covered” crimes within the Tribe’s jurisdictional

boundaries. “Covered crimes” are: assault of Tribal justice personnel; child violence; dating violence; domestic violence; obstruction of justice; sexual violence; sex trafficking; stalking; and violation of a protection order.

COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

Community Oriented Policing Services

U.S. Department of Justice

O-COPS-2025-172379

Grants.gov Deadline: June 25, 2025

Application JustGrants Deadline: July 1, 2025

The FY25 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) provides funding to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Anticipated outcomes of CHP awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities.

Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172291

Grants.gov Deadline: June 30, 2025

JustGrants Deadline: July 2, 2025

The Grants to Prevent and Respond to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sex Trafficking Against Children and Youth Program (Children and Youth Program) supports comprehensive, community-based efforts to develop or expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth (ages 0-24) impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking.

Domestic Violence Mentor Court Technical Assistance Initiative

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172285

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: July 8, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: July 10, 2025

The OVW Domestic Violence Mentor Court Technical Assistance Initiative (Mentor Court Initiative) creates a unique opportunity to recognize well-established specialized courts and enable them to guide novice or developing courts and court-based programs that wish to significantly improve their responses to domestic violence cases to ensure victim safety and offender accountability. These well-established courts successfully serve as national models and share their expertise by hosting site visits, linking courts with peer courts facing similar challenges, and assisting other domestic violence courts to implement best practices to respond effectively to these difficult cases.

Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (EIP) Initiative

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172400

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: July 8, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: July 10, 2025

The Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution (EIP) Initiative is designed to promote and evaluate effective investigation and prosecution responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The EIP Initiative encourages law enforcement agencies and/or prosecutors’ offices to expand and improve their capacity to effectively investigate and/or prosecute these crimes, and, in so doing, support victim safety and autonomy, hold offenders accountable, and promote agency trust within the surrounding community. **Note:** Tribal governments, states, and units of local government may apply on behalf of law enforcement agencies and prosecutors’ offices that lack authority to apply on their own.

Grants to Engage Men and Youth in Preventing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2025-172293**

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: July 8, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: July 10, 2025

The purpose of the EM Program is to engage men and youth in preventing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2025-172287**

Grants.gov Deadline: July 8, 2025

JustGrants Deadline: July 10, 2025

The Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Rural Program) enhances the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by supporting projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. This program supports cooperative efforts among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other community partners to investigate and prosecute sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; treatment, advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, or other victim services for victims in rural communities; or programs addressing sexual assault. Eligible applicants are states and territories, Indian Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit (public or private) entities, including Tribal nonprofit organizations.

Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program

**Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2025-172397**

Grants.gov Deadline: July 8, 2025

JustGrants Deadline: July 10, 2025

The Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life Program) (Assistance Listing # 16.528) supports a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, abandonment, economic abuse, or willful harm committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older (hereinafter “older victims”).

Revitalizing Native Intergenerational Girl Societies for MMIWG2S Prevention, Safety & Wellbeing

Indigenous Justice Circle

Deadline: July 14, 2025

The Indigenous Justice Circle (IJC) invites proposals to rekindle Intergenerational Girl Societies for supporting Native American girls, 2SLGBTQ+ youth and women. Our mission is to address the unique challenges at the intersection of race, culture, gender, age and socio-economic status. In an effort to prevent MMIWG2S, improve safety, connectedness and health of Native American girls and women, we are offering a unique opportunity to participate in a funded organizational cohort training program that supports local in-person Native Intergenerational Girl Societies.

2025 Demonstration Program on Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold) Program

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women
O-OVW-2025-172404**

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: July 18, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: July 22, 2025

The Demonstration Program on Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement on Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (Abby Honold Program) (Assistance Listing Number #16.058) supports efforts to improve law enforcement’s response to allegations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking from the time of a victim’s initial report throughout the entire investigation, and to promote the efforts of law enforcement in improving the response to these crimes. Note that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, the Abby Honold Program will only support projects addressing responses to allegations of sexual assault. The Abby Honold Program awards grants to law enforcement agencies to train officers to conduct traumainformed and victim-centered investigations, with the goal of incorporating trauma-informed techniques designed to prevent re-traumatization of the victim and to increase communication between victims

and law enforcement as well as stakeholders in a coordinated community response. This program's purpose is also to evaluate the effectiveness of the training.

Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program

U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

O-OVW-2025-172415

Deadline to submit Standard Form/SF-424 in Grants.gov: August 7, 2025

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: August 12, 2025

The Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program (Cybercrimes Enforcement Program) supports efforts by States, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals with a focus on adult and young adult cybercrime victims.

Cybercrimes against individuals are defined as criminal offenses that involve the use of a computer to harass, threaten, stalk, extort, coerce, cause fear to, or intimidate an individual, or without consent distribute intimate images of an adult, except that use of a computer need not be an element of the offense. (See 34 U.S.C. § 30107(a)(2)). Cybercrimes against individuals do not include the use of a computer to cause harm to a commercial entity, government agency or nonnatural person. Note: The term computer includes a computer network and an interactive electronic device.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Tribal Homekey+ 2024 Notice of Funding Availability

California Department of Housing and Community Development

Deadline: Application portal opens late January 2025 and open until all funds are awarded

Tribal Homekey+ is the Permanent Supportive Housing component of the BHIBA. This funding represents the Department's ongoing investment in Tribal housing opportunities and continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand permanent supportive housing for households and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and are living with a behavioral health challenge. Rather than utilizing a set-aside within the standard Homekey+ Program, this NOFA operates independently and is tailored to meet the specific affordable housing needs of California Tribes. Website: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-and-funding/homekey/tribal-program> Homekey Tribal Program Email: HK Tribal@hcd.ca.gov.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity

Department of Transportation

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DOT-SS4A-FY25-01

Deadline: June 26, 2025

Funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 SS4A grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning and demonstration activities, as well as projects and strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users.

Veterans Cemetery Grants

Department of Veterans Affairs

VA National Cemetery Administration

VA-NCA-VCGP-2025

Deadline: July 1, 2025

The program assists states, territories, and tribal governments in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where NCA cannot fully satisfy their burial needs.

NIDA Research Center of Excellence Grant Program

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-23-076

Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): August 25, 2023

Deadline: November 18, 2025

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to provide support for research Centers that (1) conduct substance use and addiction research in any area of NIDA's mission, including the intersection of substance use/addiction and HIV, (2) foster outstanding innovative science, (3) are multidisciplinary, thematically integrated, and synergistic, and (4) serve as national resource(s) to provide educational and

outreach activities to relevant research communities, educational organizations, the general public, and policy makers.

[NAGPRA Repatriation Grants](#)

Department of the Interior

National Park Service

P25AS00474

Deadline: May 8, 2026

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony (25 U.S.C. 3008). NAGPRA Repatriation grants assist museums, Indian Tribes, and NHOs to defray costs associated with the packaging, transportation, contamination removal, reburial, and/or storage of NAGPRA human remains or cultural items. Project activities may include, but are not limited to: travel, transportation, testing or decontamination, building containers for transport, ceremonial materials, or Staff time.