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FORUM NEWS

[Return of Beyond the Bench Conference Encourages Collaboration to Support Children, Families, and Communities in California](#)

California Courts Newsroom, By Karen Datangel, Dec 9, 2025

The theme of this year's conference was *Coming Together Again to Support Children, Families, and Communities*, based on the need to improve collaboration within the broader child welfare system affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, staff turnover, and other factors. This year's workshops highlighted the court partnerships, voices of lived experience, and topics impacting children and families involved in juvenile dependency and delinquency cases, including cross-over legal issues such as mental health and trauma-informed practice.

IN THE NEWS

[Oklahoma asks SCOTUS to ignore Muscogee citizen tax dispute or 'revisit McGirt' ruling](#)

Oklahoma Public Media Exchange, By Sarah Liese, Robby Korth, December 3, 2025

Attorneys for Oklahoma's Tax Commission are asking the U.S. Supreme Court not to hear the tax dispute of a Muscogee Nation citizen. But if they do, they should "revisit" the landmark McGirt ruling. *Stroble v. Oklahoma Tax Commission* could have major implications for tribal nations across the U.S. if the Supreme Court decides to rule on it.

[New industry standard calls for better record-keeping to protect Indigenous data,](#)

Indian Country Today, By Daniel Herrera Carbajal, December 4, 2025

A new standard developed in partnership with Indigenous data sovereignty experts at the University of Arizona, New York University, Harvard University and multiple international universities outlines how scientists and technology professionals should record the origin and history of use for data about and relating to Indigenous people.

[Manitoba begins new landfill search for missing Indigenous women](#)

Indian Country Today, By Miles Morrisseau, December 5, 2025

Following years of advocacy by families, supporters and Indigenous leaders, a new search is underway for two missing Indigenous women whose remains are believed to be in the Brady Landfill near Winnipeg.

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[How the gaming economy helps tribes navigate shifting policies](#)

High Country News, By Shaun Griswold, December 8, 2025

The \$43.9 billion tribes reported to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) last year accounts for nearly 40% of the nation's \$115 billion in gaming revenue, according to the American Gaming Association. And tribes are using that money to fund health care, education, small business, philanthropy and other much-needed programs.

[In Northern California, Tribal Youth Services Program Meets Young People 'Where They're At'](#)

The Imprint, By Nancy Marie Spears, December 9, 2025

Aided by state funding announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom [in May](#), Two Feathers will expand its offerings in the new year, opening two new "wellness centers" in Northern California that will address mental health and substance-use challenges among tribal youth.

[Michigan Attorney General Opens Criminal Investigation into Indian Boarding Schools](#)

Native News Online, By Levi Rickert, December 19, 2025

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel on Thursday announced the launch of a statewide criminal investigation into Indian boarding schools and related institutions that once operated in Michigan.

[Oklahoma AG's opinion orders wildlife officials to stop ticketing tribal citizens on reservations](#)

Oklahoma Public Media Exchange, By Graycen Wheeler, December 19, 2025

"Our treaty rights, grounded in the U.S. Constitution and in federal law, protect the rights of tribal citizens to hunt and fish on reservation land, and no state law permits the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to claim otherwise," he said. Since 2024, members of the five largest tribes headquartered in Oklahoma — the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee and Seminole Nations — have been able to hunt on the reservations of all five tribes under the Five Tribes Wildlife Management Reciprocity Agreement.

[North Carolina's Lumbee Tribe receives full federal recognition after 137-year effort](#)

NPR News, By Kristin Wright, December 20, 2025

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has 55,000 members. The tribal territory is located in the southeastern part of the state in Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland, and Scotland Counties. Federal recognition opens the door to an expanse of federal resources for tribes.

[Ute Indian Tribe sues Colorado for discrimination in state parks Legislation](#)

The Denver Post, By Lauren Penington, December 26, 2025

The Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation is suing Colorado for discrimination in federal court, alleging that a recently passed law denies the Tribe equal access to its ancestral lands. That law, [Colorado Revised Statute § 33-12-103.8](#), provides free access to Colorado's state parks for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, but does not include the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation.

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.

Traditional Knowledge Meets Science in Northern California Tribe's Environmental Planning

KQED, By Bejan Slavoshy, December 29, 2025

Western scientists have often dismissed the traditional knowledge that Native Americans have cultivated about stewarding their ancestral lands.

New California Laws Going into Effect in 2026

California Courts Newsroom, By Natalie Stone, December 30, 2025

More than 500 laws were passed in 2025 impacting the courts. Many of these laws will support the judicial branch to meet the needs of court users with diverse backgrounds and interests.

PUBLICATIONS

Jails in Indian Country, 2024, Bureau of Justice Statistics, NCJ Number 310412, Author(s)

Brittany Ripper, Jd, PhD, Former BJS Statistician; Todd D. Minton, BJS Statistician, Date Published December 2025, Publication Series Jails in Indian Country

This report is the 22nd in a series that began in 1998 and presents statistics on persons held in Indian country jails. Findings in this report are based on BJS's Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country. It provides statistics on the demographic characteristics, most serious offense, and conviction status of persons held in Indian country jails. It also describes facility characteristics, including capacity and staffing.

More Than Morrill: The Intertwined History of Indian Land Dispossession, Arizona Statehood, and University Enrichment, 16 Arizona Journal of Environmental Law and Policy 1 (2025) ; Arizona Legal Studies Discussion Paper 25-34, Teresa M. Miguel-Stearns, University of Arizona - James E. Rogers College of Law; University of Arizona - Law Library, Samantha Ginsburg, Georgetown University Law Library, Kristen Cook, University of Arizona - Law Library, Date Written: December 02, 2025

The goal of this paper is to explore and analyze the University of Arizona's historical and ongoing enrichment from land taken from Indigenous peoples by the federal government and transferred to the territory and, later, the state of Arizona in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries for the benefit of institutions of higher education. A comprehensive understanding of Arizona's history and the state's current holdings and financial benefits is required to examine the policy implications and moral and legal obligations that Arizona and its universities have to Indigenous peoples in Arizona.

2025 Court Statistics Report Statewide Caseload Trends 2014–15 Through 2023–24, Judicial Council of California, 2025

The Court Statistics Report is published annually by the Judicial Council of California and is designed to fulfill the provisions of article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution, which requires the Judicial Council to survey the condition and business of the California courts. The Court Statistics Report combines 10-year statewide summaries of superior court filings and dispositions with similar workload indicators for the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. The 2025 Court Statistics Report also provides more detailed information on filings and dispositions in the individual superior courts for the most recent fiscal year for which data are available, 2023–24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Implementation and Tribal Model Court Sites Project Call for Applications

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) is pleased to invite applicants from state and tribal dependency courts to participate in the Implementation Sites Project. The NCJFCJ, with funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), has partnered with courts across the country since 1992 to improve the way courts handle child abuse and neglect proceedings, and to improve the court experience for children and families.

The NCJFCJ is selecting new state and tribal court sites to participate in this two-year project. The selected sites will receive training, technical assistance, and support from the NCJFCJ and national experts to implement the principles and recommendations set forth in the Enhanced Resource Guidelines, the NCJFCJ's blueprint for best practices in abuse and neglect proceedings. New implementation sites will be "laboratories for change" as they work to implement best practices in child welfare proceedings while sharing with, and learning from, nearly 30 other sites across the country. There is no direct funding available for participating courts.

[Native Boarding School Information-Request for Information](#)

Native Boarding School Investigation, Michigan Department of Attorney General

We welcome the opportunity to speak with survivors' families and supportive networks on how the actions taken at boarding schools and other institutions have impacted not only the specific victim but also their families and their Tribal communities. Do you have information about a Native Boarding School that you think would help us? If so, please [send the information by email](#). You may also call the Native Boarding School Investigation tip line at **517-897-7391**. ***Tips can be left anonymously.*** Our team will reach out if we need more information. The Department of Attorney General appreciates your help.

[Save the Date for the 14th Annual Statewide Judge's Dinner](#)

April 24, 2026, Coarsegold, CA

Guided by culture, grounded in justice, the Annual Judges Dinner brings together judicial leaders, child welfare professionals, and Tribal partners to honor champions and strengthen relationships and collaboration in support of Native children and families. The evening offers an opportunity to hear about innovative practices, engage with powerful guest speakers centered on ICWA and culturally responsive justice.

Call for Workshop Proposals: Bay Area ICWA Symposium, April 15, 2026

The State of California Building, San Francisco, CA

The Bay Area ICWA Symposium is an event for tribal communities, service providers, attorneys, judicial officers, juvenile probation, child welfare social work practitioners, educators, and students to come together in support of Native American children and families. The Symposium is intended to build awareness and understanding of ICWA, share best practices, facilitate communication, build relationships, and to improve outcomes for Native American children, families, and communities. ***The deadline to submit the [workshop proposal form](#) is January 15, 2026.** Please contact Vida Castaneda for any additional questions at: vida.castaneda@jud.ca.gov.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Tools from Tribes Resources](#)

National Tribal Child Welfare Center

Tools, templates, and commonly used forms are thoughtfully organized into clear categories so you can quickly find what you need. This resource hub saves valuable time and uplifts the voices and work of Tribal programs across the country.

- Sample policies and procedures
- Staff onboarding tools
- Data tracking templates
- Prevention program forms
- Tribal–state collaboration agreements

[Native Boarding School Investigation-Resources](#)

Michigan Department of Attorney General

The Michigan Department of Attorney General (DAG) has launched a comprehensive criminal investigation into the Indian boarding schools and other institutions that were located throughout the state of Michigan. We would like to speak with anyone who has firsthand knowledge, witnessed, and/or were a victim of crimes that were committed in these schools.

- Michigan Identified Native Boarding Schools & Institutions
- Native Boarding School Information
- Online Resources for Victims
 - [Crime Victim Rights Brochure](#)
 - [Crime Victim Rights & Advocates](#)
 - [Human Trafficking](#)
 - [Michigan Native Boarding School Investigation Flyer](#)
 - [National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition](#)
 - [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#)
 - [Uniting Three Fires Against Violence](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS, AND TRAININGS

January 14-15, 2026 (Washington, D.C.)

[National Judicial Education Workshop on Guardianships and Elder Abuse](#)

January 21-22, 2026 (Virtual)

[Creating a Community Action Plan for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse](#)

February 9-13, 2026 (Columbia, South Carolina)

[Investigating and Prosecuting Violent Crime in Indian Country](#)

February 24-March 24, 2026 (Virtual)

March 1-4, 2026 (Atlanta, GA)

[American Probation and Parole Association 2026 Winter Training Institute](#)

March 2-5, 2026 (Phoenix, AZ)

[Spring Training for Judges: Decision-Making, Leadership & Team Dynamics](#)

March 15, 2026-March 18, 2026 (Albuquerque, NM)

[National Association for Court Management 2026 Mid-Year Conference](#)

March 15, 2026-March 18, 2026 (Minneapolis, MN)

[Nation Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges 2026 National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#)

March 24, 2026-March 26, 2026 (Appleton, WI)

[Court Safety and Security Conference National Criminal Justice Training Center](#)

March 29, 2026-April 1, 2026 (Oklahoma City, OK)

[National Indian Child Welfare Association 44th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

March 30, 2026-April 1, 2026

[California Association of Collaborative Courts CACC Conference 2026](#)

April 7, 2026-April 10, 2026 (Prescott, AZ)

[2026 AADCP Treatment Court Conference](#)

April 7-9, 2026 (New Orleans, NV)

[Empowering Change: Innovative Response Strategies for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence](#)

April 9, 2026-April 10, 2026 (Scottsdale, AZ)

[Federal Bar Association Indian Law 2026 Conference](#)

April 9-12, 2026 (Glen Ellen, CA)

[Centering Ourselves for Leadership Conference](#) (Judges Only)

April 15, 2026 (San Francisco, CA)

Save the Date: Bay Area ICWA Symposium

(*Registration link available in late January 2026 and [workshop proposal form](#) available until January 15, 2026.

Email Vida Castaneda at vida.castaneda@jud.ca.gov for additional questions or details about the event.)

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

[National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference](#)

April 30, 2026-May 2, 2026 (Location TBD)

[California Judges Association 2026 Spring Conference](#)

May 5-7, 2026 (Las Vegas, NV)

[NADEC 26 The National Conference on Drug-Endangered Children](#)

June 10-12, 2026 (Garden Grove, CA)

[Partnerships for Well-Being Institute-Navigating the Tide: Connecting Our Child, Youth & Family-Serving Systems for a Stronger Future](#)

July 12-16, 2026 (Omaha, NE)

National Association for Court Management 2026 Annual Conference

July 19-22, 2026 (Nashville, TN)

National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges 89th Annual Conference

July 20-23, 2026, (Nashville, TN)

RISE26, the Annual Training Conference National Association of Drug Court Professionals

August 16-19, 2026 (Wilmington, DE)

National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers 2026 NAPCO Leadership Conference

September 27, 2026-October 2, 2026 (Nashville, TN)

American Judges Association 2026 Annual Conference

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](#).

2025 Implementation and Tribal Model Court Sites Project

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Deadline: January 9, 2026

NCJFCJ is selecting court sites to participate in the Implementation Sites Project. The sites will receive targeted training, technical assistance, and support from NCJFCJ staff over a two-year period to implement the best practices identified in the ERGs (Enhanced Resource Guidelines) which include: One family–One Judge case assignment, time-specific calendaring, children in court, use of alternative dispute resolution methods, substantive high-quality hearings and pre-petition attorney representation. The project is divided into three phases.

Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2025-172519

Deadline: February 24, 2026

This funding opportunity will provide funding for housing and support services to victims of human trafficking. The primary focus of this program is to provide rapid rehousing (i.e., transitional housing and supportive services that assist human trafficking victims in moving as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieving stability). Projects under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes: (1) transitional housing, including funding for the operating expenses of a newly developed or existing transitional housing program; and (2) short-term housing assistance, including rental or utilities payment assistance and assistance with related expenses, such as payment of security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing.

Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2025-172521

Deadline: February 24, 2026

This funding opportunity will support programs to enhance the availability, quality, and delivery of services tailored to the developmental stages and needs of young (minor) victims of human trafficking.

Preventing Trafficking of Girls

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2025-172480

Deadline: February 24, 2026

This funding opportunity will develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services for girls who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking. Funding will be provided to programs that replicate and scale up prevention and early intervention programs; and implement or enhance efforts to identify and provide comprehensive services to girls/young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking through activities such as street outreach, partnerships with organizations that serve youth, partnerships with juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and/or collaboration with other key community stakeholders.

YouthBuild 2025

Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration

FOA-ETA-26-38

Deadline: March 2, 2026

Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), DOL will award grants through a competitive process to eligible public or private non-profit organizations or Tribal entities to provide pre-apprenticeship occupational skills training, education, and job placement services to opportunity youth. YouthBuild prepares participants for quality jobs in various industry sectors, and includes wrap-around supportive services such as assistance in transportation, childcare, and housing. YouthBuild programs must offer participants construction training and hands-on experiences building affordable housing for their community. Programs may also include a Construction Plus component, providing vocational training in additional high-demand industries.

Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2025-172524

Deadline: March 11, 2026

This funding opportunity will support jurisdictions to develop and expand a multidisciplinary, collaborative task force approach to better respond to human trafficking through increased victim identification, service provision, and case investigations. Each lead applicant is required to submit their entity's application separately into JustGrants (one application submitted by an eligible lead law enforcement agency and one application submitted by an eligible lead victim service organization).

Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2025-172523

Deadline: March 11, 2026

This funding opportunity will develop, enhance, and coordinate programs and activities geared toward improving outcomes for child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking. Outcomes for child and youth victims of human trafficking will be improved through the development and implementation of a statewide or Tribal jurisdiction-wide strategic plan addressing challenges related to identifying and serving child and youth victims of sex and labor trafficking, as well as identifying, investigating, and prosecuting traffickers.

Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

O-OVC-2025-172520

Deadline: March 11, 2026

This funding opportunity will develop, expand, and strengthen victim service programs for victims of all forms of human trafficking throughout the United States and its territories. This program provides funding for comprehensive and specialized services for victims of all forms of human trafficking and is intended for victim services programs serving adults or a combination of adults and minors/youth.

2025-26 Listos California Tribal Grant Program

Cal OES-Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Deadline: April 8, 2026

The purpose of the Listos California Tribal Grant (LI) Program is to support federally recognized tribes located in California and nonprofits that serve tribal governments to increase disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities in tribal communities. Tribal governments and nonprofits

can work independently, with other tribal governments, or with local nonprofits to provide disaster preparedness information and resources to tribal communities.

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/tribal-homekey-plus> Email: HK Tribal@hcd.ca.gov.

[Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2025-ACF-ACYF-CS-0067

Deadline: January 12, 2026

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide one-time awards to eligible applicants for developing plans to implement the Tribal title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance, and guardianship assistance programs. Each recipient must submit a plan to the Department of Health and Human Services within 24 months of the project start date. Funds under this NOFO may be used for the cost of developing a title IV-E plan under section 471 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to carry out a program under section 479B of the Act.

[2026 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund](#)

Department of Transportation

DOT Federal Highway Administration

2026TTPSF

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Eligible projects described in section 148(a)(4) are strategies, activities, and projects on a public road that are consistent with a transportation safety plan and that (i) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or (ii) address a highway safety problem. TTPSF emphasizes the development of strategic transportation safety plans using a data-driven process as a means for Tribes to identify transportation safety needs and determine how those needs will be addressed in Tribal communities.

[Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program \(IHBG-COMP\) for FY2025](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6900-N-48

Deadline: January 15, 2026

The Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) provides competitive grant opportunities to eligible IHBG formula recipients under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to carry out eligible affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Tribal families.

[National Center on Child Maltreatment Fatality Data Practices and Reporting](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB

HHS-2025-ACF-ACYF-CA-0074

Deadline: January 22, 2026

This funding opportunity will create a National Center to improve data collection and reporting about child maltreatment fatalities. Effective cross-agency coordination and understanding of child maltreatment fatality data can help states collect quality, comprehensive data. States, jurisdictions, and their partners, including tribes, can use that information to develop cross-agency intervention and system reform efforts. The National Center on Child Maltreatment Fatality Data Practices and Reporting will serve as a national resource in this effort and collaborate with agencies addressing this issue.

Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of Housing and Urban Development

FR-6900-N-25

Deadline: February 25, 2026

The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. The population to be served by the demonstration program is youth ages 24 and younger who are experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control – NCIPC

CDC-RFA-CE-26-0061

Deadline: April 14, 2026

The purpose of the DFC Support Program is to establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent youth substance use.

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.

Mind and Body Interventions to Restore Whole Person Health via Emotional Well-Being Mechanisms

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

PAR-25-449

Deadline: June 8, 2028

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) announces this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for research on how mind and body interventions through psychological and/or physical inputs (e.g., mindfulness meditation, yoga, acupuncture, massage, and other brain and/or body based interventions) impact mechanisms of emotional well-being (EWB) and their associations with whole person health (WPH), consistent with the NIH priority to address the health needs of the American people and improve their well-being.