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### **OVC News...**

FY 2020 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program Solicitation – OVC is seeking applicants for the FY 2020 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program solicitation.

The goal of this program is to assist state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in developing or enhancing victim specialist programs that connect victims and families to much-needed services.

Apply under four purpose areas based on the size or type of law enforcement agency (small, mid-size, large, or tribal).

Tribal agencies can apply under Purpose Area 4. Four Tribal Agencies will receive awards of up to \$150,000 per year, over 3 years, with a maximum award of up to \$450,000.

Priority will be given to applicants that-

- address specific challenges that rural communities face,
- serve high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties, or
- offer enhancements to public safety in economically distressed communities (Qualified Opportunity Zones).

OVC anticipates making up to 25 awards across all four purpose areas for a total of \$11,685,000. OVC expects to make awards for a 36-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2020.

OVC will conduct one pre-application webinar on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. eastern time to review requirements and answer questions. Participation in the webinar is optional, but strongly encouraged. Register for the webinar.

Funding Opportunity: FY 2020 Crime Victim Compensation Program Assessment – OVC is seeking applicants for the FY 2020 Crime Victim Compensation Program Assessment solicitation. During this three-phase project, successful applicants will seek to

increase awareness of victim compensation programs and interest in seeking victim compensation.

Phase 1: Conduct an assessment of the state's current compensation program, policies, and procedures regarding victims' access to compensation, which should include an analysis of applicable rules, regulations, statutes, and other relevant standards or policies providing guidance for the state's compensation program.

Phase 2: Develop an implementation plan based on the needs identified in the assessment. Successful applicants will also generate model recommendations and promising practices for their states that may be replicated in other states or territories in the future.





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Phase 3: Execute the implementation plan of recommendations identified during the first two phases that will result in enhanced victim access to compensation funding.

OVC anticipates making up to 6 awards of up to \$350,000 each. OVC expects to make awards for a 36-month period of performance, to begin on October 1, 2020.

OVC will conduct one pre-application webinar on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. eastern time to review requirements and answer questions. Participation in the webinar is optional, but strongly encouraged. Register for the webinar.

OVC seeking applicants for the FY 2020 State Victim Liaison Project Solicitation —The State Victim Liaison Project will place one or more experienced crime victim liaison(s) within selected Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) State Administrating Agencies to help states enhance services to: crime victims who reside in rural/tribal areas, and/or older victims (aged 60 years or older) of any crime, and/or victims of violent crime.

Liaisons will act as a bridge between the state and other state-based non-governmental organizations to identify gaps in victim services and improve and increase access to resources for crime victims in rural/tribal areas, older victims, and victims of violent crime. Liaisons should possess statewide networking connections for effective interaction with community leaders, allied professionals, and community stakeholders to achieve the objectives of this project.



OVC conducted a pre-application webinar on Thursday, February 20, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. eastern time to review requirements and answer questions. Once the recording is released, it can be found <a href="here">here</a>. OVC strongly encourages that you review this webinar recording prior to completing the application.

Learn more and apply for the FY 2020 State Victim Liaison Project solicitation. Apply by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on April 9, 2020.



New OVC Training: "Understanding Human Trafficking" – OVC announced the release of the new <u>Understanding Human Trafficking training</u> at the Human Trafficking Grantee Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

OVC invites victim service providers, allied professionals, and interested members of the general public to register for this new training, a series of five interactive online modules that offer foundational learning on trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches to human trafficking. Understanding Human Trafficking equips participants to think critically about human trafficking using reliable resources, both locally and from across the United States.

Participants will review topics including:

- Implementing trauma-informed approaches to victim identification and outreach.
- Assessing victims for comprehensive service needs.
- Employing a collaborative victim service delivery model by connecting with local partners.
- · Identifying accurate data and research on human trafficking.
- New strategies for researching and analyzing laws and policies that impact human trafficking, victim services, and victims' rights.

For a complete list of current funding solicitations from OVC, visit <a href="http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx">http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/Solicitation.aspx</a>.

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## **OVC Special Features...**



National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence: Lessons Learned — "The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence convened a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on June 4-5, 2019 to establish a National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native (Al/AN) Survivors of Gender-Based Violence. The goal of this workgroup was to bring together experts from Indian country who work in the fields of gender-based violence and housing to develop policy and create concrete recommendations for technical assistance, resources and other supports for the sole purpose of increasing the availability of safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable housing for Al/AN survivors of gender-based violence." Read on for the lessons learned by the National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors of Gender-Based Violence.



Colonization, Homelessness, and the Prostitution and Sex Trafficking of Native Women - "The social, political, and cultural instability during the colonial era and

American Revolution involved ongoing warfare, shifting allegiances among Indigenous and European nations, enslavement, and relocation of Indigenous people. Indigenous women and girls were particularly impacted "...as females during wartime, colonial expansion, and slavery... [are] especially vulnerable to the sexual violence that so often accompanied conquest..." (Miles, 2008).

This paper seeks to illustrate the impact of human trafficking on Native women and girls in our times, with particular attention to the historical context in the United States and the interconnection between trafficking and housing instability." Read the full paper here.





A Call to all Tribal Youth Program Service Providers! - Help the Tribal Youth Resource Center recognize the amazing youth in your community and the innovative work that your program is doing to serve Tribal youth in any prevention, intervention, or court-based program. Please email Anna@TLPI.org with the subject line, "Tribal Youth Community Story." The hope of the Tribal Youth Resource Center is to select community stories that can be included in their tribal youth program or tribal youth court highlights section of their newsletter. Stories can be about individual youth activities, current program initiatives, community efforts, or anything in between. Stories submitted by May 2020 may be highlighted at the 2020 Biennial National Tribal Youth Conference.

#### Resources...



Resources to Support National Child Abuse Prevention Month are Now Live! - Updated resources and outreach tools are now available to help you align your local Child Abuse Prevention Month activities with the Children's Bureau's national campaign! Visit the 2020 National Child Abuse Prevention website and use the free videos, sample social media posts, and new shareable graphics to help raise child abuse prevention awareness. Join the conversation and share what's working in your community on Twitter and Facebook by using the #ChildAbusePreventionMonth hashtag.

<u>Tribal Financial Management Center Webinar Documents</u> – Below you will find the documents from the TFMC Webinar regarding the "Overview of an Effective Financial Management System."

The recording is also available on OVCTFMC.org.

**Download Handouts:** 

- OVC TFMC Overview of an Effective Financial Management System Presentation (PDF)
- OVC TFMC Introduction to the TFMC for OVC Tribal Grantees (PDF)
- Cash Flow Projections (JPG)
- W-2 Financial Statements (PDF)
- W-2 Financial Statements (Excel)

If you have any questions, please contact TFMC at 703-462-6900 or TFMC@OVCTFMC.org.



Sex Trafficking in Indian Country Advocacy Curriculum – The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is offering the following publications addressing what victim advocates need to know concerning sex trafficking as it impacts Native people and Indian country.

#### The Sex Trafficking in Indian Country: Advocacy Curriculum

(Curriculum) is designed to introduce information on sex trafficking of Native people, covering topics such as the definition of sex trafficking, red flags, trafficker tactics, screening for sex trafficking, and advocacy roles and responsibilities. The Curriculum consists of three components: Participant Workbook, PowerPoints, and Instructor Guide. (2020)



Serving Victims in Tribal Communities - Visit the OVC Tribal Multimedia Resources page which offers videos designed to inform and assist victim service providers and allied professionals in their efforts to help crime victims in Indian Country.

National Mass Violence Victimization Resource Center - This OVC-funded initiative provides evidence-based information, training, and other resources for communities so they can effectively prepare for and respond to mass violence incidents





### **Training & Events...**

<u>Webinar Recording Now Available</u> – OVC TTAC's webinar recording on "<u>Human Trafficking and Screening Processes and Best Practices</u>" is now available. This webinar explores promising practices for human trafficking screening processes across various service provider settings, identifies policies and procedures needed to adapt effective screening tools and processes, and discusses resources that may benefit your organization's approach to screening potential victims of human trafficking.

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OVC TTAC's Expert Q&A: Helping Survivors of Multiple Victimizations – "Polyvictimization refers to having experienced multiple victimizations, such as sexual abuse, physical abuse, bullying, and exposure to family violence, and occurs when individuals experience different kinds of victimization, rather than multiple

episodes of the same kind of victimization. Understanding the prevalence, occurrence, and identification of polyvictimization across all generations is essential for victim advocates and other victim-serving professionals to help ensure that the right types of assistance, support, and intervention are made available." Register here for the March 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. ET.



Sign Up to Receive the 2020 NCVRW Theme and Awareness Poster Kit – National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) will be held April 19–25. This year's theme is Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope. Sign up <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to receive an update about the online release of the complete 2020 NCVRW Resource Guide, details concerning the National Crime Victims' Service Awards Ceremony, and information about future NCVRW commemorations and nomination period for the National Crime Victims' Service Awards. Search for NCVRW awareness events in your community on the <a href="https://example.com/overlands-nc/lines/">OVC National Calendar of Victim Assistance-Related Events</a>. If your organization is hosting NCVRW activities such as conferences, training, and ceremonies, add your events to the calendar.

<u>Early Bird Special</u> – Early registration for the 2020 National Training Institute is open! Join in Atlanta Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2020, to share stories, strategies, and solutions. <u>Register</u> to attend by May 1 to receive an early registration discount.



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## **Unified Solutions Special Feature...**

Unified had a wonderful time meeting, collaborating, and providing Training and Technical Assistance to so many of our wonderful Grantees in sunny Tucson in late January 2020. To all of our Grantees, it is always a pleasure to see you in person. We are honored to serve you!



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