**Office on Violence Against Women FY24 Tribal Governments Program: Strengthening Tribal Advocacy and Response Track (START) Application: Tribal Governments START Proposal Narrative Sample**

*Grants.gov Opportunity Number: O-OVW-2024-171922*

**Brief Instructions**

This completed Tribal Governments START Proposal Narrative Sample may be submitted to fulfill the Proposal Narrative application requirements for the FY24 Tribal Governments START grant application. This document may be saved and uploaded to JustGrants with the applicant’s application as a Word or PDF file. The file should be Saved As/Named: APPLICANTNAME\_TGPSTART\_NARRATIVE. This document should not exceed 20 pages when submitted.

Please note that **ALL** three sections within this template must be completed if submitting as the application Proposal Narrative. The three sections include:

* Purpose of Proposal
* What Will Be Done
* Who Will Implement.

This Proposal Narrative Sample is not a requirement, and applicants may choose to submit the Standard Proposal Narrative. Guidance can be found on pp 14-15 of the FY24 Tribal Governments START solicitation found on the [OVW Open Solicitations page](https://www.justice.gov/ovw/open-solicitations).

The grants.gov deadline for this solicitation is 11:59 pm ET on April 24, 2024 and the JustGrants deadline is 8:59pm ET April 25, 2024.

**Pre-Application Information Session(s)**

OVW will conduct weekly, optional web-based Pre-Application Information Sessions. During these sessions, OVW staff will answer questions about the solicitation and application process. These sessions will be held every Wednesday, starting February 7, 2024 and ending April 24, 2024 from 5:30pm-6:30pm ET. [Registration](https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1603257263?pwd=NzZmUFpzcElUYkZVd21PVGhBNGo1Zz09) is required to participate in the information sessions.

In addition, OVW will post a pre-recorded Pre-Application Information Session on its website. Listening to this session is optional and not a requirement to be eligible to apply. The session is tentatively scheduled to be available by February 1, 2024 on the [OVW website](https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-applicants#Program Specific).

# Purpose of the Proposal- 60 Points

Complete this section in its entirety.

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| **Purpose of the Proposal** |  |
| Applicant Name: |  |
| 1. Describe the communities in the service area, including but not limited to traditionally underserved populations, such as communities of color, people with disabilities, people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, persons with limited English proficiency, older adults, and LGBTQ+ communities. |  |
| 2. Describe the services currently offered, if any, for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking in the proposed service area. This includes all services provided by Tribal governments, nonprofits, etc. |  |

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| **Project Purpose Area(s) and Explanation of Need**  |  |
| **3. Statutory Purpose Areas:** Check all applicable purpose areas. Select only purpose areas that will be funded by this project. | **4. Explanation of Need**: Provide an explanation for the selected purpose area(s). Explanations may include how the proposed project is responding to a current, or emerging, need; how the project is complementing other services; how the project is filling service gaps; how the project is improving services for victims; etc.  |
| [ ]   | 1. Develop and enhance effective plans for the Tribal Government to respond to crimes against Indian women
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| [ ]   | 1. Increase tribal capacity to respond to domestic violence/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes against Indian women.
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| [ ]   | 1. Strengthen tribal justice interventions including tribal law enforcement, prosecution, courts, probation, and correctional facilities.
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| [ ]   | 1. Enhance services to Indian women victimized by domestic violence/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
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| [ ]   | 1. Work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward issues of domestic violence/dating violence and stalking programs and to address the needs of children exposed to domestic violence.
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| [ ]   | 1. Provide programs for supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed by one parent against the other with appropriate security measures, policies, and procedures to protect the safety of victims and their children.
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| [ ]   | 1. Provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including rental or utilities payments assistance and assistance with related expenses such as security deposits and other costs incidental to relocation to transitional housing, and support services to enable a victim of domestic violence/dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community.
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| [ ]   | 1. Provide legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence/dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence, at minimal or no cost to victims.
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| [ ]   | 1. Develop and promote legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.
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| [ ]   | 1. Provide services to address the needs of youth who are victim provide services to address the needs of youth who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking and the needs of youth and children exposed to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including support for the nonabusing parent or the caretaker of the youth or child.
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| ☐  | 1. Develop, strengthen, and implement policies, protocols, and training for law enforcement regarding cases of missing or murdered Indians, as described in section 5704 of title 25;
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| ☐  | 1. Compile and annually report data to the Attorney General related to missing or murdered Indians, as described in section 5705 of title 25.
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# What Will be Done – 15 Points

The application must provide a clear link between the proposed activities and the need identified in the “Purpose of the Proposal” section above. Do not include any of the activities listed as unallowable costs in the Funding Restrictions section of this solicitation.

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| **What will be Done** |  |
| 1. Briefly describe (1-3 sentences) any services, or projects, that the applicant would like to implement to support victim safety and/or offender accountability. |  |
| 2. State whether the proposed services or project will establish new programming and/or expand existing programming in the areas of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or stalking. |  |
| 3. If applicable, describe how the proposed project will address the OVW Priority Area: Strengthen efforts to prevent and end sexual assault, including victim services and civil and criminal justice responses. |  |

# Who Will Implement – 15 Points

Identify the agency, office, or department of the tribal government or designee that will manage the program, if known at this time. If staff have been identified, please provide their name, position/title, percentage of time/effort, summary of responsibilities, and qualifications.

Applicants can submit additional pages to capture all staff and partners, if needed.

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| **Who Will Implement:**  |  |
| Agency, office or department of the Tribal Government, or designee, that will manage the program  |  |
| Staff Name |  |
| Staff Position/Title |  |
| Percentage of Time/Effort |  |
| Summary of Duties/Responsibilities |  |
| Qualifications |  |