

FY 2009 Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Discretionary Grant Program Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands (CFTL) Discretionary Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to provide funding to help tribes plan, construct and/or renovate correctional facilities on tribal lands that are used for the incarceration of offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction and to administer training and technical assistance (TTA) to tribes in developing strategies to cost effectively plan, construct, or renovate correctional facilities. The implementation and TTA strategy for this program broadly addresses tribal detention and lends support to tribes that: 1) are interested in establishing/enhancing (tribal/non-tribal) multiagency cooperation and collaborations; 2) are committed to conducting community-wide assessment for the purpose of developing a comprehensive master plan that encompasses the design, use, capacity, and cost of adult and/or juvenile justice sanctions and services; 3) wish to explore an array of detention and correctional building options including prototypical or quasi-prototypical concepts/designs for local correctional facilities, multiservice centers, and regional facilities; and 4) are interested in learning about/applying community-based alternatives to help control and prevent jail overcrowding due to growing problems involving alcohol, substance abuse, and methamphetamine.

BJA issued two solicitations in this program: one for site-based awards and one for training and technical assistance grants. Under the site-based solicitation, applicants were limited to federally recognized tribal governments. Eligibility is defined under the Indian Self Determination Act, 25 U.S.C. 450b(e). Applicants eligible for the TTA solicitation for this program were limited to tribal and non-tribal for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortiums with demonstrated national level experience in working with tribal representatives to plan and construct correctional facilities that serve local and regional needs. BJA released both CFTL solicitations on January 12, 2009, with a closing date of March 12, 2009.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 23 applications under the CFTL site-based solicitation: 13 Category I - planning applications seeking \$1,905,706 in funding and 10 Category II - renovation/construction seeking \$4,825,952 in funding. BJA awarded 11 planning grants for \$1,605,856 in funding and 7 renovation grants for \$3,375,952 in funding. BJA received a total of seven applications under the CFTL TTA solicitation. BJA made one TTA award of \$999,794 to the Justice Solutions Group to provide assistance to site-based projects that receive funding under CFTL.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 78 percent of the applications received under the CFTL site-based solicitation.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Training and Technical Assistance Program	Justice Solutions Group	NJ	\$999,794.00
Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Category I: Planning)	Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes	OK	\$150,000.00
	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	NV	\$120,000.00
	Hualapai Tribe	AZ	\$146,183.00
	Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	WI	\$500,000.00
	Lummi Indian Nation	WA	\$149,607.00
	Navajo Division of Public Safety	AZ	\$150,000.00
	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	MT	\$150,000.00
	Omaha Nation Community Response Team	NE	\$150,000.00
	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	MI	\$150,000.00
	White Earth Band of Chippewa	MN	\$149,896.00
	Yurok Tribe	CA	\$149,243.00
	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	NE	\$140,926.00
Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program (Category II: Renovation/Construction)	Blackfeet Tribe	MT	\$458,067.00
	Navajo Division of Public Safety	AZ	\$500,000.00
	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	MN	\$431,905.00
	Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Reservation	SD	\$500,000.00
	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	ND	\$500,000.00
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	AZ	\$485,980.00
Awards: 19	Total Funding:		\$5,981,601.00