

**Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program
FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants are limited to tribal, non-tribal for-profit (commercial) and non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortiums with demonstrated national-level and onsite experience working with American Indian and Alaska Native communities. (See Eligibility, page 2 of the solicitation, for full details.)

2. How do I apply for this funding opportunity?

All applications must be submitted via Grants.gov (www.grants.gov). For technical assistance with submitting the application, please contact the Grants.gov Customer support hotline at 1-800-518-4726. Grants.gov Support Hotline. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. e.t.

3. What is the deadline for this funding opportunity?

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on March 26, 2009. Applicants are urged to begin the registrations process for Grants.Gov as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting an application package. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the due date of the application to allow time to receive the validation message from Grants.Gov and to correct any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

4. What can be funded under the Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program?

The Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program is a comprehensive approach by BJA to deliver training and technical assistance on a variety of tribal justice issues to Indian Country. Training and technical assistance activities may be funded under the following three categories:

- Category I: Enhancing tribal and state collaborations.
- Category II: Enhancing tribal justice services and systems.
- Category III: Enhancing the development of new and promising practices in Indian Country.

5. Can I submit more than one proposal?

Yes, an organization may submit more than one proposal, but **cannot** have more than one proposal in one category. For example, an organization can submit three applications in three categories, but cannot submit two or more applications under one category.

6. The solicitation states that consortiums are eligible to apply? What is a consortium?

A consortium is two or more organizations that agree to partner together to submit an application; however, only one organization may serve as the consortium's applicant agency. An applicant cannot apply under the same category as an applicant and as a member of a consortium.

7. Are federally recognized tribal governments and Alaska Native villages and corporations eligible to apply?

No, applicants are limited to limited to tribal, non-tribal for-profit (commercial) and non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and consortiums with demonstrated national-level and onsite experience working with American

Indian and Alaska Native communities. (See Eligibility, page 2 of the solicitation, for full details.)

8. May the applicant designate which of the performance measures listed apply to its project, or is the applicant expected to address all performance measures?

Applicants should address the performance measures which correspond to the applicant's project.

9. Is a match required? Are there budgetary restrictions regarding personnel?

No, a match is not required. If a position is supported with BJA funds, total costs associated with "salary and fringe benefits" may not exceed 50 percent of the grant.

10. Can I apply for more than the designated award totals?

Applicants can apply for up to \$500,000. Applicants are also encouraged to consider applying for amounts lesser than \$500,000. However, any submission requesting more than the designated amount shall be deemed ineligible and will not be reviewed for grant award consideration.

11. Do I have to allocate a specific amount to cover attendees' travel and lodging costs at training or technical assistance events?

No, the attendees will be responsible for their own travel and lodging costs to attend the training and technical assistance events.

12. How many awards will be made?

Awards are subject to the availability of FY 2009 appropriated funds. BJA anticipates making at least three awards.

13. Is there a budget format or sample that is available?

Applicants must submit a budget worksheet and budget narrative in one file. A fillable budget detail worksheet is available on the Office of Justice Programs web site at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/forms/budget_detail.pdf.

14. Does the 15-page limit include Attachments 1, 2, and 3?

The 15-page limit pertains only to the Program Narrative. Please see page 8 of the solicitation for further details.