Presentation Overview

- Introduction to OVW, the Tribal Affairs Division, and the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program
- Understand Roles – OVW Grant Program Specialist, T/TA Providers, and Grantee
- Grants Management Requirements and Tips for Success
The mission of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, is to provide federal leadership to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

OVW Tribal Affairs Division
- Tribal specific grant programs
- Tribal specific Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)
- Annual Government-to-Government Consultation on VAWA
- Tribal specific Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)
- Tribal specific grant programs

For and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Mission Statement

OVW
OVW Tribal Specific Grant Programs

- Tribal Coalitions
- Tribal Governments (CTAS PA# 5)
- Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise SDVCJ (Tribal Jurisdiction Program)
- Tribal SAUSA Fellowship Program
- Tribal Sexual Assault Services (TSASP)

Program Scope

To provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, non-offending family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault.

35 tribes and tribal organizations currently funded

FY18 - 10 awards totaling $3.2 million

Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program
Direct services to survivors of sexual violence and their non-offending family/household members

Direct services must include:

- Services for survivors of SA perpetrated by persons other than intimate partners
- Core sexual assault services: Crisis intervention, Advocacy, Information and Referral, Counseling, Support Groups, and Support for significant others

Out-of-Scope/Unallowable Activities

- Criminal justice related activities
- Providing DV services unrelated to intimate partner sexual violence
- Prevention Efforts - "Healthy Relationships" curriculum; Community presentations on preventing SA; Poster or media campaigns on preventing SA

Program staff as speakers.

Prevention vs. Outreach

Outreach is focused on making the community aware of available sexual assault services provided by the agency and services available to the community.

Examples of public education are byzantine intervention, social norms campaigns, presentations on healthy relationships, etc.

Outreach & Awareness = Allowable

For example:

- A short advertisement in the tribal newsletter with the program contact information and a brief description of the services the program provides
- A table with information about the program's prevention efforts, troubleshooting, and sexual assault program flyer

Prevention & Public Education = Unallowable

- Presentations on preventing SA, posters or media campaigns on preventing SA
- "Healthy Relationships" curriculum; Community outreach & awareness activities

- Training for Community/Systems Partners
- "Healthy Relationships" curriculum: Community prevention efforts
TSASP – Training

- Allowable: Training of agency staff or volunteers that is directly related to improving direct victim services to sexual assault survivors and their non-offending family members.

- Unallowable: Training of other professionals, organizations, or the community, who may encounter a sexual assault survivor in their everyday work.
Our Roles

Grantee

- Serve as single point of contact
- Coordinate with other agencies and providers for support and guidance on the grant
- Review and approve all changes to the grant
- Meet and exceed all federal requirements
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The Expert in the community being served

- Communicate any potential issues, changes, challenges
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T/TA MIWSAC

- Comprehensive Training and Technical Assistance Provider (T/TA) for TSASP Grantees
- Provide culturally-specific capacity-building training and support on establishing and operating effective direct SA services in tribal communities
- Provide and broker SME
- Knowledge and skill-building
- Create opportunities for peer support and networking
Questions

You got the award.... Now what?

Grant Management and Implementation Tips
#1 Tip for Grants Management…

Communication is Key

- No such thing as a stupid question – Reach out to OVW staff and T/TA with questions/concerns. We like to hear from you…we really do!
- Keep POC information up-to-date in GMS and with T/TA provider
- Ensure Project Coordinator and other key staff have a copy of the grant goals/objectives and understand the award special conditions.

Relationships

- Programmatic Staff and Finance Staff
- OVW Grant Program Specialist
- Community/Survivors
- T/TA Team
- Network with other Tribal Programs/Coalition

Know Your Special Conditions

- Help to define how the funds can be used & to determine what your obligations are as a grantee
- OVW standard special conditions: https://www.justice.gov/ovw/award-conditions
- Conditional Clearance with Release of TA funds
- Multiple Awards Special Conditions
Reporting Requirements

Semi-Annual Progress Reports

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OVW GMS Tech Support Help Desk

1-866-655-4482 or Email: OVW.GMSSupport@usdoj.gov

For Semi-Annual Progress Reports questions, contact:

Muskie - 1-800-922-VAWA (8292) - Email: vawamei@usm.maine.edu

http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/vawamei

TSASP Specific Information: https://muskie.usm.maine.edu/ ovw/research/ saspproject.htm

Grant File

- FY18 TSASP Solicitation
- FY18 TSASP Solicitation Companion Guide
- FY18 TSASP Solicitation Companion Guide FAQs
- FY18 TSASP Solicitation Companion Guide Resources and FAQs
- FY18 TSASP Solicitation Companion Guide

Files should be complete and stored for 3 years after the official close-out date.

- Final approved budget and final communications from the budget approval process
- Final approved annual report
- Grant Award letters
- Award package - Award letters, signature documents, special conditions
- Hard copy of everything submitted with the initial application
- Final copy of everything submitted with the initial application

The Grant File

• What goes in the grant file on your side?
Changes to the approved project must be documented in the form of a GAN in GMS.

- Use the GAN Help Sheet and work with your OVW Grant Program Specialist to develop supporting documentation.
- Must consider the approved project activities, program scope and purpose, and comply with the OVW/OJP/DOJ Financial Grants Management Guide:
  

- Products, Publications, and/or Deliverables
- Non-OVW training approval
- Retire special conditions
- Other times we need to demonstrate compliance
- Be sure to monitor your GMS Change Requested folder.
- Retroactive requests for approval can be denied. Grants can be revoked if the GAN is still needed.
- Penalties for not waiting could include the denial of the costs.
- If you receive your “Final-approved” GAN, be sure that it is posted in GMS. Do not move forward with any changes until the GAN is officially processed.

More on GANs

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Grant Compliance Monitoring Tips

- Reports – Programmatic and Financial
  - Timely and accurate
  - Opportunity to showcase your project and its impact
- Audits – OIG and Financial
  - Identify T/TA needs
- Ongoing Communication
  - Demonstrate adherence to internal processes/controls
  - Programmatic and financial documentation

**BIG TIP:**

Stick to your approved goals & objectives and spend according to your approved budget.

Questions
Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA)

• Support for OVW grant program implementation
• Opportunities to learn from experienced experts
• Tailored assistance to meet the specific needs for your organization
• May be recommended by OVW

T/TA and Grant Management Resources
Tribal grantees and potential grantees can also access other OVW targeted Tribal Sexual Assault Services (T/TA) providers, view the OVW Training Calendar, and see recorded webinars at: www.ta2ta.org

Primary Contact for TSASP Grantees: Cinnamon Bankey-Cronneng@miwsac.org

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Program

Links to Tribal Coalitions Websites:

http://www.niwrc.org/tribalcoalitions

Tribal Coalitions

Provide education, support, and TA to Tribal service providers and Tribes to enhance their response to victims of DV, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking.
Southwest Center for Law and Policy in 2014

Comprehensive online resource for information on sexual violence in Indian Country that can be used by medical, legal, and criminal justice professionals as well as victims and survivors of sexual violence in Indian Country.

www.NICCSA.org

Budgets and Financial Questions

• Financial Guide


• OVW Grants Financial Management Division (GFMD)

GMS Technical Support can provide assistance with navigating the GMS system, problem solving, and troubleshooting issues with GMS.

• GMS On-Line Tutorial

https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/gmsexternal/gmshelp/index.jsp

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Semi-Annual Progress Reports

Muskie supports OVW by developing and instructing grantees how to complete the semi-annual progress reports. This team provides webinars, instructions, and technical assistance to grantees regarding the data that is included in these reports.

http://muskie.usm.maine.edu/GrantSupports/ovw-supports-ovw

Muskie School of Public Service

- 800-922-VAWA (8292)
The request system and draw down their grant funding.

This guide provides grantees with a basic understanding of how to navigate the grants payment request system (GRPS) User Guide:

- On-line Webinars – https://ta2ta.org/recorded-webinars.html
- Civil Rights Obligations of Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance
- DOJ Grant Auditing Process
- Grant Fraud Investigations
- DOJ Grant Auditing Process
- OVW Grantee Resources – https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grantees
- Grants Payment Request System (GRPS) User Guide

**Other Resources**

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Finance-related questions...
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Grants Management System-related questions...
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