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### IN THE NEWS

#### [Native American women face an epidemic of violence. A legal loophole prevents prosecutions.](#)

NBC News – June 30, 2021

Limits on tribal prosecutions have worsened the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, experts say. Congress is weighing a fix.

#### [The investigation that will change how America thinks about its past](#) (Opinion)

Week Magazine - July 02, 2021

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced that for the first time, the United States will search the grounds of its former Indigenous boarding schools for the remains of children who for over a century were forcibly taken from their families and brutally stripped of their culture (including Haaland's grandparents). The move will mean a serious national reckoning among non-Indigenous Americans about the cultural genocide in our not-so-distant past, and the revelations, conversations, and policies that could ensue set Haaland up to be one of the most consequential Interior Secretaries in modern history.

#### [Governor appoints first Indigenous woman to commission advocating for women and girls](#)

Los Angeles Times – July 5, 2021

Gov. Gavin Newsom has appointed Carlsbad resident and professor Joely Proudfit to the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, making her the first Indigenous woman in the role.

#### [Minnesota forms nation's first state office on missing, murdered Indigenous people](#)

MPR News – July 6, 2021

Native American women make up less than 1 percent of the state's population, but homicide rates for Native women were [seven times higher than for white women](#) between 1990 and 2016. The state's newly-passed public safety budget includes funding to create the first state office in the nation with a focus on missing and murdered Indigenous relatives. Forming the office was a recommendation of a task force focused on the same issues. The bill also funds a new task force on missing and murdered African American women.

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## FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>

### [Canada's Native schools have been exposed. What about the US?](#)

Christian Science Monitor – July 6, 2021

The discovery of unmarked burial sites in Canada holding the remains of nearly 1,000 people, mainly Indigenous children, has reverberated worldwide. But it has hit a particularly resonant note in the United States.

### [Canadian indigenous group takes charge of child welfare services](#)

Reuters – July 6, 2021

The Canadian indigenous group that announced last month the discovery of an estimated 751 unmarked graves near a former residential school said on Tuesday it would take charge of its own child welfare services under an agreement with the federal government.

### [Federal Policy Has Failed To Protect Indigenous Women](#)

Ms. Magazine – July 6, 2021

VAWA's provisions have not adequately shielded Indigenous women, who experience higher rates of sexual assault, domestic violence, intimate partner violence and stalking compared to women of other racial and ethnic identities.

### ['One day there will be no children in care,' says Cowessess Chief after historic child welfare deal inked](#) (Includes video)

CBC News – July 07, 2021

Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan is the first Indigenous group in Canada to ink an agreement with Ottawa for federal funding of locally controlled child welfare services since the Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families came into force last year. The act allows for First Nations to assume authority over local child welfare systems under so-called co-ordination agreements and paves the way for children in care to remain in their home communities. The deal also comes with \$38 million in funding over the next two years to support the band's further implementation of its own child welfare system, which actually began operating in April.

### [A century of trauma at U.S. boarding schools for Native American children](#)

National Geographic – July 9, 2021

Federally funded schools used abusive tactics to strip children of their culture and inspired a similar program in Canada. A new initiative aims to reckon with that past.

### [A Federal Probe Into Indian Boarding School Gravesites Seeks To Bring Healing](#) (Commentary) (Includes audio)

KACU – July 11, 2021

The United States is about to undertake a national investigation into hundreds of American Indian boarding schools that from the 1800s through the 20th century served to "kill the Indian to save the man," according to one school's founder. "Nobody escapes from the historical trauma of the boarding schools," said Agnes Williams, an elder with the Seneca Nation of Indians who served as an International Indian Treaty Council delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in 1983. "The substance abuse and addiction is, is, is what is part of that right now."

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

## [Why Canada is reforming indigenous foster care](#)

BBC News – July 11, 2021

The revelations that there are hundreds of indigenous children buried in unmarked graves at the sites of former residential schools have shaken Canadians. They have also increased calls for changes to the country's foster care system, where indigenous children are vastly overrepresented.

## [US begins its reckoning on Native American children](#) (Opinion) (Includes video)

CNN – July 13, 2021

After a First Nations community used ground-penetrating radar to discover more than 200 unmarked graves at an Indigenous residential school in Canada, the US Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, announced in late June that she was launching the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. It would investigate the policies and practices behind a similar Native boarding school system in the US that was meant to forcibly assimilate Indigenous youth into White, western American society.

## [Sec. Haaland on healing from the indoctrination, dehumanization at Indian boarding schools](#)

PBS News Hour – July 16, 2021

Like Canada, America has a painful history of creating boarding schools to assimilate Native American children, leading to trauma, abuse and death. For more than 150 years, Indigenous children were taken from their families and forced into far away boarding schools. But now there's a reckoning and a new federal investigation underway. Judy Woodruff discusses it with Interior Secretary Deb Haaland.

## [Canada, US differ on boarding schools](#) (Commentary)

Indian Country Today – July 18, 2021

Comparing the histories of Indian residential schools in Canada with Indian boarding schools in the U.S. is almost like comparing apples with oranges. A true comparison is nearly impossible since so little data on the schools and children in the U.S. are available. Unlike Canada, where the 2008 Indian Settlement Act and creation of the Truth and Reconciliation Act helped unlock and organize government and church records, there is no definitive information on the number of Indian boarding schools or children who attended in the U.S. But with hundreds of unmarked graves being uncovered at Canadian residential schools and a new Federal Indian Boarding School Truth Initiative launched in the U.S. by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, the boarding school eras in both nations have drawn increasing scrutiny.

Also: [Indian child welfare legal challenge is about ending tribal sovereignty](#) (Commentary)

Also: From the Publisher: [Dedicated to Truth and Healing](#) (Opinion)

Also: [Interior Sec. Haaland Announces Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative to Shed Light on the Dark History of the Boarding School System](#)

## [Lost Lives, Lost Culture: The Forgotten History of Indigenous Boarding Schools](#)

New York Times – July 19, 2021

Thousands of Native American children attended U.S. boarding schools designed to “civilize the savage.” Many died. Many who lived are reclaiming their identity.

## [Yurok Tribal Court, Sovereign Bodies Institute release progress report on MMIWG2 project](#) (Press release)

Yurok Tribal Court and the Sovereign Bodies Institute – July 20, 2021

Today, the Yurok Tribal Court and the Sovereign Bodies Institute released the second progress report on a paradigm-shifting project aiming to establish a significantly more effective response to existing and future missing and murdered indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people (MMIWG2) cases in California.

Also: Report: [Year 2 Progress Report Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two Spirit People of Northern California](#)

## [Poor data, racism fueling crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people, activists say](#)

King5 News – July 20, 2021

Across the country, there are thousands of reports of Native Americans missing. But for a long time, what has been a crisis on Indian reservations has been widely ignored. Thanks to grassroots efforts drawing more attention to these cases, there are members of law enforcement and some lawmakers paying

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attention and working to turn awareness about missing and murdered indigenous women, men, girls and boys into action.

### [A Village Apart: Lummi Nation Creates a Unique Community to Support Families](#)

Imprint – July 21, 2021

Several years ago, the Lummi Tribal Council told Diana Phair, the executive director of the tribe's Housing Authority: "We have 200-some children in foster care. We need to bring our children home." What would it take, Phair next asked tribal members of the nation that sits on Washington's Pacific coast near Canada, to keep their families healthy and whole, and far from the risk of being separated by child welfare authorities?

Also: [Indian Child Welfare](#)

Also: [Minneapolis Lawyers Rely on 'Gold Standard' Law to Keep Native American Families Together](#)

### [Certificate in tribal court legal advocacy awarded to 34 legal advocates at the University of Wisconsin Law School](#)

Indian Country Today – July 22, 2021

The National Tribal Trial College, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Law, awarded Certificates in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy to 34 new Tribal Court Legal Advocates. The six-month course is sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of Justice and enables graduates to practice law and represent clients in tribal courts.

### [Native Prisoners Win Religious Freedom Case in Tenth Circuit](#)

Turtle Talk—by [Matthew L.M. Fletcher](#) – July 22, 2021

This appeal involves the constitutional right of prisoners to freely exercise their religious beliefs.

### [Native Americans and the Federal Power](#)

The Great Courses Daily – July 29, 2021

Congress took it upon itself to protect Indians and act in their best interest. However, these Western ideas about law and justice served as the handmaidens of assimilation and colonial control by disempowering tribal institutions and treating Native people as incompetent in matters of jurisprudence.

## PUBLICATIONS

### [The Indian Child Welfare Act: A Primer for Child Welfare Professionals](#)

**Published:** 2021

**Available from:** Child Welfare Information Gateway Administration on Children, Youth, and Families

**Abstract:** Provides caseworkers with an overview of current and historical issues affecting child welfare practice with American Indian and Alaska Native families; practice implications, including the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act; and cultural considerations.

### [Legal barriers to tribal jurisdiction over violence against women in Maine: Developments and paths forward.](#)

Nina Ciffolillo, [73 Me. L. Rev. 351](#) (2021)

**Abstract:** After claiming title to the land now widely known as the United States, colonizers and settlers imposed a legal system that denies Indigenous nations agency. The United States government has launched a steady attack on attributes of Tribal sovereignty since its inception. The sexism entangled with colonialism encourages violence against women, and limitations on Tribal jurisdiction leave Indigenous nations without adequate recourse for violence against women on their land. Violence against women has become an epidemic in Indian Country, and most aggressors come from outside the territory. In 2013 when Congress granted tribes limited criminal jurisdiction over nonmembers on Tribal land, the tribes in Maine did not receive a jurisdictional grant and still struggled to adequately address nonmember violence. In March 2020, the Maine State Legislature specified that tribes in Maine would now benefit from the federal grant of jurisdiction. This state legislation, like the legislation at the federal level, is a step in the right direction; however, injustice will continue so long as the United States denies expanded Tribal sovereignty.

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## [A Familiar Crossroads: McGirt v. Oklahoma and the Future of Federal Indian Law Canon](#)

Dylan R. Hedden-Nicley and Stacy L Leeds, 51 New Mexico Law Review (2021) Iss. 2, 300

Federal Indian law forms part of the bedrock of American jurisprudence. Indeed, critical parts of the pre-civil war constitutional canon were defined in Federal Indian law cases that simultaneously provided legal justification for American westward expansion onto unceded Indian lands. As a result, Federal Indian law makes up an inextricable part of American rule of law. Despite its importance, Federal Indian law follows a long and circuitous road that requires “wander[ing] the maze of Indian statutes and case law tracing back [over] 100 years.” That road has long oscillated between two poles, with the Supreme Court sometimes applying foundation principles that view tribes as sovereigns “retaining all their original natural rights,” and at other times treating tribes as mere “wards subject to a [self-imposed] guardian.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The CCUIH Red Women Rising Project is hosting a virtual Youth Domestic Violence Workshop on August 5, 2021 from 1:00-3:00PM.**

**Location: Zoom**

In this workshop, we are gathering youth perspectives and empowering youth voices when starting the conversation about domestic violence. Join us virtually to learn skills about preventing domestic violence in Native communities. **All Native-identifying youth ages 13-17 who live in California are eligible** to participate. There is a limited number of spots, maximum 8 participants (if capacity is full, we will schedule another workshop). So please sign up early so you can be registered, **receive a \$50 Visa gift card for participation and be included in a raffle for a chance to win AirPods!**

**Registration link:** [bit.ly/3zhk067](https://bit.ly/3zhk067)

## **New Traumatic Brain Injury and Battering Booklet-July 2021**

National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC)

The [Traumatic Brain Injury and Battering booklet](#) provides a survivor-centered overview of what TBI is and its impacts, how to screen for TBI, and information and advocacy for advocates working with survivors with TBI. Also, check out our Resource Library to access the It’s About Trauma [foldable brochure](#) and [three-page handout](#). These materials provide a culturally based overview of what trauma is, how people respond differently to trauma, and Indigenous ways of healing.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### [The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: Resources and Assistance for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#)

National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College

Webinar Recorded on May 27, 2021

Examine the resources that are available to families and law enforcement when the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is contacted. During the webinar, we will discuss NCMEC data on missing Native American children, case resources, family advocacy resources, and child sex trafficking recovery resources.

### [Office for Victims of Crime: Human Trafficking Micro-Site](#)

OVC strengthens the victim service response to human trafficking through grant funding, training and technical assistance, and leadership in the field.

### **Indian Boarding School Resources**

#### [The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition](#)

NABS was created to develop and implement a national strategy that increases public awareness and cultivates healing for the profound trauma experienced by individuals, families, communities, American Indian and Alaska Native Nations resulting from the U.S. adoption and implementation of the Boarding School Policy of 1869.

**Article:** [Colonial Instillations in American Indian Boarding School Students](#)

**Webpage:** [Intro to Boarding School History](#)

**Video:** [History & Hope](#)

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Video: [Unseen Tears: The Native American Boarding School Experience in Western New York Part 1](#)

Video: [Carlisle Indian Boarding School Children--Lost Unto This World](#)

Video: [Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding School](#)

## Newslinks

This is a service that the Judicial Council Public Affairs Office puts together every day. If you would like to receive this service, please visit this [webpage](#).

## Judicial Resources Network (JRN) and Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Online

This website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. For more information, please contact the Judicial Council of California Tribal/State Programs Unit at 415-865-7739 or [cfcc@jud.ca.gov](mailto:cfcc@jud.ca.gov).

## California Dependency Online Guide (CaIDOG)

This website contains dependency-related case law, legal materials, articles and other resources relevant to California attorneys, judicial officers, social workers, tribal representatives, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other child welfare professionals. Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here](#).

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

Please join the Tribal Law and Policy Institute for a 5-Workshop Tribal-State Collaboration Webinar Series! Follow this [link to register](#) for all 3 remaining webinars.

- Webinar 3 | Thursday, August 5, 2021 | [Justice Reimagined: Healing Communities and Improving Outcomes through Joint Jurisdiction](#)
- Webinar 4 | Monday, August 16, 2021 | [Tribal-State Court Forums](#)
- Webinar 5 | Monday, August 30, 2021 | [Tribal, State and Local Collaborations for Enforcement of Tribal Protection Orders](#)

## [Guardian Ad Litem in Tribal Court Training](#)

### California Indian Legal Services

Date: August 17, 2021

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Website: <https://conta.cc/3y8GCVT>

You're invited to Utilizing a Guardian Ad Litem to Represent the Minor's Interest in Tribal Court – Family Law and Child Welfare Cases. Tribal Court staff and related tribal social services programs interested in utilizing a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) in Tribal Courts are welcome to attend. Training is available in person or online. Topics include: Necessary provisions in Tribal Ordinances, Court Appointment Process for a GAL, GALs may Include Non-Attorney Appointments, GAL Responsibilities & CILS Training for GALs Prior to Appointment.

## [Culture and Collaboration: Considerations for Engagement!](#)

Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Time: 10am AKT/ 11am PT/ 10am MT/ 11am CT/ 2pm ET

Location: Zoom

Many of our Tribal youth continue to have much higher rates of engagement with the juvenile justice systems and there continues to be a need for communities to develop and sustain effective partnerships to address the complexity of issues that surround our youth in their interactions with justice systems. This presentation offers participants successful approaches to engage community partners and sustain community collaborations in culturally informed ways. With a focus on strategies that enhance and strengthen the protective factors, this presentation will have a special emphasis on the role of cultural connectedness among our youth and strengthening their capacity to avoid the justice system. Presenters will discuss the role of culture in initiating and sustaining partnerships and collaborations in Native communities and will share tribal best practices for selecting culturally informed and appropriate interventions.

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## [National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking \(NJDCST\)](#)

September 17 & 24, 2021

Location: Virtual

**Only state and tribal court judges and judicial officers (commissioners, magistrates, referees, etc.) are eligible to attend the program.**

This interactive training is for *Judges* or *Judicial Officers* uses hypothetical case scenarios, small group discussions, and “mini” lectures to provide new and experienced judges with the tools they need to develop or enhance their ability to identify children who are being trafficked or are at risk for victimization. Participating judges will also learn effective intervention strategies that respond to the individualized needs of each victim and a stronger sense of their courtroom and community roles to help prevent and end domestic child sex trafficking. **\*There is no registration fee for the program\***

## [18<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Law Conference](#)

Michigan State University College of Law

November 4-5, 2021

Register here: <https://tica.wildapricot.org/event-4338363>

The conference’s main goal is to provide useful information for Tribal In-House Counsel. In the past, conferences have centered on a variety of themes. Save the date flyer [here](#)

## [17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime

Date: March 22–25, 2022

Location: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California

This conference will focus on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims and provide training for victim service providers; law enforcement officials; prosecutors; judges; medical and mental health professionals; social workers; and victim advocates at the tribal, federal, state, and local levels.

OVC anticipates opening registration later this year. Additional details are available on the conference website, but if you have questions, please email [IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com](mailto:IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com).

## Bay Area ICWA Symposium

Judicial Council of CA—San Francisco Office, Lower Level & Virtual

April 8, 2022

**\*\*Save the date information coming soon**

Symposium goals: •Build ICWA champions •Highlight ICWA best practices •Enhance skills to improve outcomes for Native American families •Strengthen relationships between tribes, urban American Indian/Alaska Native communities, courts, county child welfare agencies and schools of social work •Provide legal updates

\*If you have questions, comments or workshop ideas, please contact: Vida Castaneda at

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## COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS

Deadline: September 30, 2022

EDA’s American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities NOFO is designed to support indigenous communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. For additional information: <http://www.eda.gov/>

### [SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Program Activities](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

OS-PAW-20-001

**Deadline: To be determined based on public health emergency needs.**

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID–19 tests to effectively monitor and

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suppress COVID-19..." (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

## **Please Contact:**

Eric West Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management

240-453-8822

[Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management](#)

## **[NCAI Financial Relief for Tribal Nations Affected by COVID-19](#)**

With the continued spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), NCAI is committed to supporting Indian Country and lifting up our communities as we continue to combat this global pandemic. Keeping in mind the needs of our tribal nations, NCAI is awarding \$5,000 to various tribal nations that have been affected by this pandemic through NCAI's [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) for Indian Country.

**Applications guidelines are located [here](#). NCAI Contact: Christian Weaver, *Vice President of Development*, [cweaver@ncai.org](mailto:cweaver@ncai.org)**

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Nations**

On March 13, 2020, the President announced a nationwide emergency declaration in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, tribal nations have two options to receive funding under the Presidential declaration.

- FEMA assistance for tribal nations related to COVID-19, click [here](#).
- What expenses qualify as Eligible Emergency Protective Measures, click [here](#).
- An example of a Tribal Public Assistance Administrative plan, click [here](#).
- FEMA regional tribal liaison and FEMA headquarters contact information, click [here](#).
- FEMA resources located on NCAI's COVID-19 microsite, click [here](#).

## **[GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM](#)**

Attention CalWORKs families with an approved case status as of March 27 will receive a one-time Golden State Grant payment of \$600. The payment is to help families who may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This payment is not a CalWORKs grant payment and not subject to hearing rights.

## **[FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)**

If you've have lost someone to COVID-19, FEMA may be able to help with funeral expenses starting in April 2021.

## **[Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized a new [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). This benefit will provide a discount of \$50 per month for eligible low-income households or \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands to cover internet bills, as well as provide discounts on some devices. This program can also be combined with Lifeline benefits. The FCC has developed a [consumer FAQ](#), which provides information about eligibility and program details.

## **NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **[BJA Visiting Fellows Program](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance**

**O-BJA-2021-152002**

**Grants.gov Deadline: August 12, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: August 18, 2021**

Through the BJA Visiting Fellows Program, BJA invests in future and current leaders in the field to advance priority national policy issues and offer cross developmental opportunities for DOJ staff and criminal justice practitioners and researchers. Awards made under the BJA Visiting Fellows Program will fund fellowships for a period of 24 months, including a residency period of at least 9 to 12 months onsite at BJA in Washington, D.C.

### **[Collaborative Crisis Response Training Program](#)**

**U.S. Department of Justice**



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**Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-121003**

**Grants.gov Deadline: August 13, 2021**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: August 18, 2021**

This program seeks applications for grant funds from state, local, and tribal law enforcement and correctional entities to:

1. Plan, develop, and deploy a best practice training program for officers that includes their community.
2. Develop a strategy for deploying officers trained in crisis response during times of crisis.
3. Evaluate, improve, and sustain community engagement and a best practice program.

## [Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program](#)

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
O-BJA-2021-47003**

**Grants.gov Deadline: August 13, 2021**

**JustGrants Deadline: August 18, 2021**

BJA's STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve K-12 school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence and ensure a positive school climate.

## [Transforming the Youth Justice System Certificate Program](#)

**Center for Juvenile Justice Reform**

**Deadline: August 20, 2021 at 12:00pm [ET]**

This intensive training is action-focused and designed to support local and tribal jurisdictions in their efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities and transform the role of the justice system to achieve greater equity and better outcomes for youth, families and communities of color. [You can find the application questionnaire and materials here.](#)

## [Competitive Funding Opportunity: Areas of Persistent Poverty Program](#)

**Department of Transportation  
DOT/Federal Transit Administration  
FTA-2021-005-TPE**

**Deadline: August 30, 2021**

Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Areas of Persistent Poverty Program was established in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, which provided funds to eligible applicants that are in areas of persistent poverty.

## [Small, Rural, and Tribal Body-Worn Camera \(SRTBWC\)](#)

**Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Deadline: August 31, 2021**

This competitive microgrant solicitation will fund body-worn cameras to law enforcement departments with 50 or fewer full-time sworn personnel, rural agencies, and federally-recognized Tribal agencies.

## [Human Services Interoperability Innovations](#)

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families - OPRE  
HHS-2021-ACF-OPRE-PD-1915**

**Deadline: September 1, 2021**

This demonstration program is intended to expand data sharing efforts by state, local, and tribal governments to improve human services program delivery, and to identify novel data sharing approaches that can be replicated in other jurisdictions. This cooperative agreement will focus on addressing longstanding barriers to interoperability, including technology, business, legal, organizational, and process-oriented factors. Results will be disseminated to inform future efforts and facilitate replication of promising practices.

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## [HEAL Initiative: Novel Targets for Opioid Use Disorders and Opioid Overdose](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-DA-22-031

**Deadline: October 19, 2021**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research projects focusing on the identification of druggable new targets and discovery of optimizable probes for development of safe and efficacious medications to prevent and treat opioid use disorders (OUDs), opioid overdose, and opioid-polysubstance use comorbidities.

## [Domestic Violence Prevention Program: Forensic Healthcare Services](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-FHC-0001

**Deadline: December 31, 2021**

The purpose of this Indian Health Service (IHS) grant is to provide access to treatment for American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of domestic and sexual violence by supporting the development of and/or expansion of Forensic Healthcare (FHC) services that are culturally appropriate and trauma informed. This also includes promoting treatment, intervention, and prevention efforts for the social, spiritual and emotional well-being of victims including child maltreatment. To address domestic and sexual violence, including victims of sexual exploitation/human trafficking, applicants are encouraged to use a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) approaches.

## [Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program: Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-SAPTA-0001

**Deadline: December 31, 2021**

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of substance use and decrease the overall use of addicting and illicit substances among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations.

## [Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-SPIP-0001

**Deadline: December 31, 2021**

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations.

## [Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

CDC-RFA-DP22-2201

**Deadline: March 16, 2022**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to improve cultural connectedness among American Indians and Alaska Natives. This funding opportunity offers support for the implementation of tribal practices and cultural traditions to build resiliency and connections to community and culture to improve physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and wellbeing.

## PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### [2021 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-Grant Program Request for Proposals](#)

National Congress of American Indians

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime

**Deadline: The NCAI Fund will review applications on a rolling basis, beginning April 1, 2021, until funds are expended.**

Funding can be used to support a wide range of program activities and services to crime victims, including conducting a needs assessment or developing a strategic plan, purchasing equipment or supplies, or other support for new or existing victim services programs.

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## [Competitive Funding Opportunity: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program](#)

Department of Transportation  
DOT/Federal Transit Administration  
FTA-2021-003-TR

**Deadline: August 25, 2021**

As required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively for any purpose eligible under FTA's Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, 49 U.S.C. 5311, including planning, capital, and operating assistance for tribal public transit services in rural areas.

## [Program to Enhance Tribal Access to National Crime Information Databases](#)

U.S. Department of Justice  
OMB Control Number: 1103-0118

**Deadline: August 31, 2021**

This grant provides federally recognized Tribes the ability to access and exchange data with national crime information databases for authorized criminal justice and non-criminal justice purposes. Please [download](#) and complete the application. A list of frequently asked questions regarding deployments is [located here](#).

## [Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)

Department of Commerce  
NTIA-TBC-TBCPO-2021-2006948

**Deadline: September 1, 2021**

The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program provides new federal funding for grants to eligible entities to expand access to and adoption of: (i) broadband service on Tribal Land; or (ii) for programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources during the COVID–19 pandemic.

## [Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects](#)

National Archives and Records Administration  
ARCHIVAL-202110

**Deadline: October 6, 2021**

The NHPRC seeks projects that will significantly improve online public discovery and use of historical records collections. The Commission encourages projects centered on collections of America's early legal records, such as the records of colonial, territorial, county, and early statehood and tribal proceedings that document the evolution of the nation's legal history.

## [Zero Suicide Initiative Coordinating Center](#)

Department of Health and Human Services  
Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-ZSICC-0001

**Deadline: October 29, 2021**

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to build capacity of ZSI projects to improve the system of care for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention in Indian Health Systems.

## [EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
EDA-2019-DISASTER

**Deadline: None**

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO.