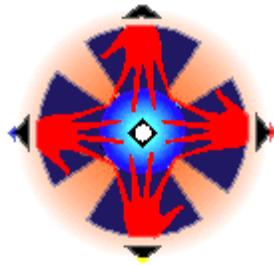


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**Tribal Youth Program  
Mental Health Project**



**Program Announcement**

**FY 2000**

**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice**

**Fiscal Year 2000  
Tribal Youth Program (TYP)  
Mental Health Project  
Identifier Form**

This form must be submitted with your application.

**Tribal Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Funding Category.** Please identify the category for which you are requesting funding.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to \$75,000 to cover a 3-year grant period (1,000 or fewer residents\*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to \$100,000 to cover a 3-year grant period (1,001–5,000 residents\*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to \$200,000 to cover a 3-year grant period (5,001–10,000 residents\*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to \$300,000 to cover a 3-year period (10,001 or more residents\*)

\* For the purposes of this program, OJJDP is relying on the tribal service populations presented in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Labor Force Report: Portrait 1997. This statistic includes nonmember Indians within the service population.

**Program Category.** Please identify one or more of the objectives that will be the focus of your application. Through the provision of mental health diagnostic and treatment services, the program will:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce, control, and prevent crime and delinquency both by and against tribal youth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide interventions for court-involved tribal youth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improve tribal juvenile justice systems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide prevention programs focusing on alcohol and drugs.

# **Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project**

## **Purpose**

The Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project was established to provide funding for mental health services for Indian youth in, or at-risk of becoming involved in, the juvenile justice system. This program will support tribes in providing a range of youth support services and programs to address the mental health and related needs of American Indian/Alaska Native young people and their families in various community settings, such as homes, schools, violence prevention education programs, health care treatment programs, and the juvenile justice system. This program announcement provides eligible federally recognized tribes<sup>1</sup> the background information necessary to apply for Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project funds. The announcement defines eligibility and sets forth requirements for application and administration of funds made available to an eligible tribe, as set forth under Public Law 106–113 (November 17, 1999) for Tribal Youth Program discretionary grants.

## **Background**

The U.S. Departments of Justice (DOJ), Health and Human Services (HHS), Education (ED), and Interior (DOI) have developed the Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Children, Youth, and Families (hereafter referred to as the Initiative). The Initiative will provide tribes with easy-to-access assistance in developing innovative strategies that focus on the mental health, behavioral, substance abuse, and community safety needs of AI/AN young people and their families through a coordinated Federal process. The OJJDP Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project is one component of this Initiative. Grant funds will be available for the Initiative beginning in FY 2000, and a coordinated grant program will continue over a 3-year period, depending on the availability of funds.

Interagency programs included in this effort have been selected based on their combined potential to comprehensively address mental health, juvenile justice, and related issues. As part of this Initiative, tribes are encouraged to promote coordination and collaboration among the local programs that serve young people in their communities.

Through the Initiative, tribes have the opportunity to consult with participating agencies providing grant funding and will be able to receive guidance and technical assistance in assessing mental health and related program needs and in developing early mental health assessment and intervention programs. Tribes may apply for one or more of the grant programs included in the

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<sup>1</sup> Federally recognized Indian tribes include Alaska Native tribal governments. Under current law (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000), the term “Indian tribe,” “tribal,” or “tribe(s)” in OJP statutes means: “any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act..., which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.”

Initiative to address their programmatic needs.

### **Governmental Agencies Involved in the Initiative Providing Grant Funding**

Coordination of this effort was initiated through the White House Domestic Policy Council. The Initiative was announced at the June 7, 1999, White House Conference on Mental Health.

Agencies providing funding support have identified grant programs, as appropriate, for this Initiative. The complete Application Package contains four complementary Application Kits specific to each of four grant programs—two funded by the Department of Justice and two funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. Specifically, the following four grant programs are included in the Initiative: (1) OJJDP—Tribal Youth Program; (2) SAMHSA—American Indian and Alaskan Native Youth Mental Health Community Action Grants for Service System Change, FY 2000; (3) IHS—Tribal Demonstration Projects for Mental Health Services for American Indians/Alaskan Natives; and (4) COPS—COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program (funded in cooperation with the Department of Education’s Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program).<sup>2</sup>

The individual funding allocations for this Initiative provided by the participating agencies are as follows: (1) OJJDP will provide \$1,000,000; (2) COPS will provide \$1,500,000 (3) IHS will provide \$1,130,000; (4) SAMHSA will provide \$450,000; and (5) ED will provide \$50,000 to the COPS agency.

Over a 3-year period, the five participating Federal agencies will coordinate available grant funds and other resources for eligible Indian tribes and tribal organizations to achieve the Initiative’s goals. These goals include the following: (a) developing innovative strategies that focus on the mental health, behavioral, and substance abuse needs of Native American young people and their families; (b) promoting services related to mental health, education, and alcohol and drug abuse and promoting culturally sensitive programs related to mental health diagnostic and treatment services for American Indian juveniles in the juvenile justice system; (c) providing Federal assistance through means of technical assistance to tribes to aid grant recipients in assessing their mental health and related program needs and developing early assessment and intervention programs; and (d) providing a range of youth services and programs to address the mental health and related needs of young people and their families in a variety of settings for youth in the juvenile justice system.

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<sup>2</sup> Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) program numbers correspond to the four delineated grant programs. The CFDA program numbers are as follows: (1) OJJDP - CFDA Program Number 16.731; (2) SAMHSA - CFDA Program Number 93.230; (3) IHS - CFDA Program Number 93.228; and (4) COPS - CFDA Program Number 16.710.

## **Authority for the OJJDP Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project**

The Fiscal Year 2000 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2000, November 17, 1999 (Public Law 106–113), appropriated \$12.5 million to OJJDP to support and enhance tribal efforts for comprehensive delinquency prevention and control and for juvenile justice system improvement for American Indian youth. Of the \$12.5 million appropriated for the Tribal Youth Program, OJJDP has allocated \$1 million for the Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project; \$1.25 million to support program-related research, evaluation, and statistics; \$250,000 to provide training and technical assistance to tribal programs and \$7.5 million for discretionary grants, with additional funds going to enhance other tribal efforts and program support.

## **Goal of the OJJDP Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project**

To provide mental health diagnostic and treatment services for American Indian/Alaskan Native youth in tribal, State and/or local juvenile justice systems.

## **Objectives for the OJJDP Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project**

- , **Reduce, control, and prevent crime and delinquency both by and against tribal youth.** Elements relevant to this objective may include enhancing mental health services including: psychological and psychiatric evaluation; conduct disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder counseling; anger management; sex offender services; and family counseling services.
- , **Provide interventions for court-involved tribal youth.** Elements relevant to this objective may include appropriate interventions including: mental health service interventions (e.g., crisis intervention, screenings, counseling for suicidal behavior, depression and anxiety, discharge planning); placement in day treatment, therapeutic group homes/foster care, acute inpatient or residential psychiatric care; and improved aftercare mental health programming and services.
- , **Improve tribal juvenile justice systems.** Elements relevant to this objective may include: mental health components of indigenous justice strategies; mental health training for criminal justice professionals; enhanced intake assessments to include mental health screenings; gender-specific mental health programming; and aftercare programs that include a mental health component.
- , **Provide prevention programs focusing on alcohol and drugs.** Elements relevant to this objective may include: intensive case management; services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders; coordination of existing mental health and substance abuse programs which service juvenile delinquents and juvenile offenders; training for mental health and substance abuse professionals; drug testing, and counseling for juveniles and families.

All of the above services or programs can be provided to youth at all stages of the juvenile justice system, including but not limited to, arrest, intake, adjudication, detention, secure corrections, probation, and community-based treatment.

### **Program Strategy**

The \$1 million available for the Fiscal Year 2000 Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project will be awarded through a competitive process. The funding ranges available under this program are as follows:

<u>Total Indian Service Population On or Near Reservation<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>Funding Range</u>
1,000 or fewer residents	Up to \$75,000 to cover a grant period of 3 years
1,001–5,000 residents	Up to \$100,000 to cover a grant period of 3 years
5,001–10,000 residents	Up to \$200,000 to cover a grant period of 3 years
10,001 or more residents	Up to \$300,000 to cover a grant period of 3 years

Intertribal coalitions are encouraged, when appropriate. Funding will be for a 3-year period.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applications are invited from federally recognized tribes and those corporations representing Alaskan Native villages. Intertribal coalitions also are encouraged when appropriate. If partnering with another tribe, the applicant should submit a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the application. Additionally, where more than one tribe is applying in partnership, one tribe must be clearly identified as the primary agency for correspondence, awards, and management purposes. When partnering with other tribes, applicants must identify a total service population in the application narrative. Tribes may contract for services with other organizations. However, only tribal governments or tribal organizations with the endorsement of the tribal government are eligible to apply for these funds.

### **Project Abstract**

Applications must include a one-page project abstract that provides the following information: (1) location of the project (reservation/city/county/State) and (2) age(s) of target juveniles. Additionally, a brief narrative should describe how the activities planned will address one or more

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<sup>3</sup> For the purposes of this program, OJJDP is relying on the tribal service populations presented in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Labor Force Report: Portrait 1997. This statistic includes nonmember Indians within the service population.

of the objectives listed above.

### **Selection Criteria**

Tribes are encouraged to design programs that are culturally based and incorporate traditional practices, where appropriate. Applicants must describe and link proposed activities to mental health diagnostic and treatment services for youth in the juvenile justice system, or for youth at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The extent to which the project narrative makes clear and logical connections between activities and proposed outcomes will be considered in assessing a project's merits. Based on the fact that all tribes are unique, OJJDP recognizes there will be differences in applications based on approach, need, and regional perspectives (including urban and rural communities).

Applicants will be evaluated and rated by a peer review panel according to the criteria outlined below:

#### **Problem(s) To Be Addressed (20 points)**

The problem(s) to be addressed by the project is/are clearly stated.

Applicants must include a clear description of the problem(s) to be addressed by the proposed project. Applicants must provide a discussion of any previous or current efforts to provide mental health services for juvenile offenders or at-risk juveniles and how the proposed services or interventions will relate to the juvenile justice system.

#### **Goals and Objectives (20 points)**

The goals and objectives of the proposed project are clearly defined and the outcomes are measurable.

The applicant must include goals and objectives that are clear, concrete, and relevant to juvenile justice and mental health. Objectives should consist of clearly defined, measurable tasks that will enable the applicant to achieve the goals of the project.

#### **Project Design (25 points)**

The project design is sound and contains program elements directly linked to the achievement of project objectives.

Applicants must describe clearly the mental health services or interventions that will be provided and how the proposed services will be delivered. A timeline must indicate specific milestones for implementation.

## **Management and Organizational Capability (20 points)**

The project management and overall organizational capability demonstrate the applicant's capacity to successfully operate and support the project.

The application should describe how the project will be staffed and discuss staff qualifications and experience.

## **Budget (15 points)**

Budgeted costs must be reasonable, allowable, and cost effective for the activities proposed. Each applicant must provide a detailed budget worksheet with the budget narrative for each year of the 3-year project period, including the basis for computation of all costs.

## **Format**

A program narrative, not to exceed 25 pages (excluding forms, assurances, and appendixes) must be submitted on 8½- by 11-inch paper, double spaced on one side of the paper in a standard 12-point font. The one-page project abstract must also be submitted on 8½- by 11-inch paper, double-spaced on one side of the paper in a standard 12-point font. These standards are necessary to maintain fair and uniform standards among all applicants. If the narrative does not conform to these standards, OJJDP will deem the application ineligible for consideration.

## **Construction**

Construction costs are prohibited. However, costs incurred as an incidental and necessary part of a program and limited to renovation, remodeling, maintenance, and repair costs that do not constitute capital expenditures will be allowable but may not exceed 10 percent of total project costs.

## **Nonsupplanting Requirement**

Federal funds cannot be used to supplant State, local, or existing non-Federal tribal funds. They must increase the amount of funds that would otherwise be available from State, local, and tribal sources.

## **Match**

There is no match requirement for this program.

## **Award Period**

This project will be funded for a 3-year project and budget period.

### **Award Amount**

Award amounts, which will be made available for a period of 3 years, will vary depending on the tribal service populations presented in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Labor Force Report: Portrait 1997: 1,000 or fewer residents, up to \$75,000; 1,001–5,000 residents, up to \$100,000; 5,001–10,000 residents, up to \$200,000; 10,001 or more residents, up to \$300,000.

### **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number**

For this program, the CFDA number, which is required on Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, is 16.731. This form is included in the OJJDP Application Kit, which can be obtained by calling the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse at 800–638–8736 or sending an e-mail request to [puborder@ncjrs.org](mailto:puborder@ncjrs.org). The Application Kit is also available online at [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/about.html#kit](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/about.html#kit).

### **Coordination of Federal Efforts**

To encourage better coordination among Federal agencies in addressing State, local, and tribal needs, the U.S. Department of Justice is requesting applicants to provide information on the following: (1) active Federal grant award(s) supporting this or related efforts, including awards from the U.S. Department of Justice; (2) any pending application(s) for Federal funds for this or related efforts; and (3) plans for coordinating any funds described in items (1) or (2) with the funding sought by this application. For each Federal award, applicants must include the program or project title, the Federal grantor agency, the amount of the award, and a brief description of its purpose.

“Related efforts” is defined for these purposes as one of the following:

- , Efforts for the same purpose (i.e., the proposed award would supplement, expand, complement, or continue activities funded with other Federal grants).
- , Another phase or component of the same program or project (e.g., to implement a planning effort funded by other Federal funds or to provide a substance abuse treatment or education component within a criminal justice project).
- , Services of some kind (e.g., technical assistance, research, or evaluation) to the program or project described in the application.

### **Delivery Instructions**

All application packages must be mailed or delivered to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, c/o Juvenile Justice Resource Center, 2277 Research Boulevard, Mail

Stop 2K, Rockville, MD 20850; 301-519-5535. **Note:** *In the lower left-hand corner of the envelope, the applicant must clearly write "Tribal Youth Program/Mental Health Project."*

### **Due Date**

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the original and five copies of the application package are received by June 15, 2000.

### **Contact**

For further information, contact Chyrl Andrews, Acting Tribal Youth Program Manager, State Relations and Assistance Division, OJJDP, 202-307-5924.

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