FACT SHEET
PURPOSE AREA 1

Public Safety and Community Policing

CTAS PURPOSE AREAS

1. COPS Office’s Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS Office), CFDA #16.710
2. Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning (BJA, COPS Office, OVW, OJJDP, OVC), CFDA #16.608
3. BJA’s Tribal Justice Systems (BJA), CFDA #16.608
4. BJA’s Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (BJA), CFDA #16.596
5. OVW’s Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program (OVW), CFDA #16.587
6. OVC’s Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC), CFDA #16.583
7. OVC’s Tribal Victim Services Program (OVC), CFDA #16.841
8. OJJDP’s Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP), CFDA #16.731
9. OJJDP’s Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP), CFDA #16.731
10. BJA’s Addressing Violent Crime in Native Communities (BJA), CFDA #16.738

HISTORY
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING

Under CTAS, the COPS Office offers funding through Purpose Area #1: Public Safety and Community Policing. Purpose Area #1 is designed to expand the implementation of community policing and meet the most serious needs of law enforcement in Tribal Nations through a broadened comprehensive program. The funding can be used to hire or re-hire full-time career law enforcement officers and village public safety officers as well as procure basic equipment and training to assist in the initiation or enhancement of Tribal community policing efforts.

Goals
• To proactively address the most serious Tribal law enforcement needs
• To increase the capacity of Tribal law enforcement agencies for safer communities and to enhance Tribal law enforcement’s capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime, engage in anti-methamphetamine/anti-opiod activities, and address human trafficking
• To implement or enhance community policing strategies
• To engage in strategic planning for law enforcement

OVERVIEW
COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION

The Department of Justice (DOJ) launched its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) in Fiscal Year 2010 in direct response to concerns raised by tribal leaders about the Department’s grant process that did not provide the flexibility tribes needed to address their criminal justice and public safety needs.

Through CTAS, federally recognized tribes and Tribal consortia were able, for the first time ever, to submit a single application for most of DOJ’s Tribal grant programs. DOJ designed this comprehensive approach to save time and resources and allow tribes and DOJ to gain a better understanding of the tribes’ overall public safety needs. CTAS is not a program but is the overarching structure, under which ten separate grant program applications are collected. CTAS is currently operated through collaborative efforts across many department components, bureaus, and offices, including:

• Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
• Executive Office for United States Attorney’s (EOUSA)
• Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
• Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
• Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
• Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ)
• Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
• Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
ADVANCING COMMUNITY POLICING

Below are examples of items that receive funding to advance community policing:

**Officers**
Entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of newly hired or rehired full-time sworn career law enforcement officers including village public safety officers

**Equipment**
Uniforms, bullet-proof vests, basic-issue equipment, and police vehicles

**Technology**
Computers hardware and software, mobile data terminals, dispatch, and communication systems

**Training**
Basic, comprehensive, and specialized law enforcement training, community policing, crime reporting (e.g. National Incident-Based Reporting System), anti-methamphetamine/anti-opioid, and human trafficking training

**Travel**
Airfare, lodging, and mileage reimbursement for meeting or training costs, including DOJ required training

**Anti-Methamphetamine/Anti-Opioid Activities**
Meth/Opioid coordinator and public awareness campaigns

**Overtime**
Overtime for sworn officers engaged in community policing activities

PURPOSE AREA 1
TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to further practical and specialized knowledge used to implement and enhance justice system efforts, particularly in the law enforcement field. The COPS Office supports TTA that not only is specifically geared toward tribes but also generally applies across broader topic areas such as community policing, prescription drugs, gangs, and youth safety, among others.

The COPS Office also offers a flash drive, Tribal Resources for Justice Systems and Law Enforcement, which focuses on law enforcement strategies concerning issues such as gangs, alcohol and substance abuse, and victimization in Tribal communities. The flash drive is available at https://ric-zai-inc.com/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-USB02.
Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center
The Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC) provides customized technical assistance solutions designed to meet the unique needs of state, local, tribal, and campus communities throughout the United States. The CRI-TAC provides a collaborative and comprehensive process in which subject matter experts from the field help your agency reach the forefront of cutting-edge innovation and evidence-based practices.

Contact information www.collaborativereform.org | CRITAC@theiacp.org | (703) 836-6767

Western Community Policing Institute (WCPI)
WCPI has several training curricula designed for tribes, including those focused on youth, executive leadership, and regional collaboration (Tribal Youth Leadership, Tribal Inspired Leadership Training, and Regional Collaboration and Tribal Partnerships).

Contact information www.tribaltraining.com | (877) 601-6866

National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC)
Tribal Oriented Policing Strategies: A Community Policing Approach to Reducing Crime in Indian Country: This course was designed specifically for Native American community policing practitioners. It will demonstrate how to strengthen relationships between law enforcement, Tribal agencies, and the community to improve quality of life and enhance community safety through community policing efforts.

Contact information www.ncjtc.org | info@ncjtc.org | (855) 866-2582
Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. The COPS Office has also produced and compiled a broad range of information resources that can help law enforcement better address specific crime and operational issues, and help community leaders better understand how to work cooperatively with their law enforcement agency to reduce crime.

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) was created through the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The COPS Office is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation’s state, local, territory, and Tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

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