

FY 2009 Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Grant Announcement Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (IASAP) solicitation. The purpose of this program is to provide funding and technical assistance to federally recognized tribal governments to plan, implement, or enhance tribal justice strategies to address crime issues related to alcohol and substance abuse. Key IASAP objectives include:

- Preventing and reducing alcohol- and substance abuse-related crimes, with a priority on law enforcement-led initiatives;
- Identifying, apprehending, and prosecuting individuals who illegally transport, distribute, and abuse alcohol and controlled substances in tribal communities;
- Increasing coordination with relevant non-tribal agencies and organizations and among all levels of the tribe, including tribal council or comparable governing body, law enforcement, justice system, including courts, peacemakers, and dispute resolution process; treatment, and other support services;
- Integrating tribal, federal, state, and local services and culturally appropriate treatment for offenders and their families;
- Identifying and planning system improvements to increase the tribe or tribal consortium capacity to collect and share justice system data on drug- and alcohol-related offenses;
- Developing guidelines to protect children from alcohol and drug use and/or production.

Applicants were limited to federally recognized tribal governments, including Alaska Native villages and corporations, and authorized intertribal consortia. Tribes receiving FY 2007 or FY 2008 grants through this program were not eligible for funding in FY 2009. The solicitation for funding was released on January 21, 2009 and closed on March 12, 2009.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program or legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 24 applications, seeking a total of approximately \$7,200,000 in funding. BJA made eight awards, for a total of \$2,366,458 in funding. Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 33 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (Category I: Implementation)	Association of Village Council Presidents	AK	\$299,999.00
	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	WA	\$269,055.00
	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	KS	\$300,000.00
	Snoqualmie Indian Tribe	WA	\$298,620.00
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	AZ	\$300,000.00
	Southern Indian Health Council, Inc	CA	\$298,812.00
Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (Category II: Enhancement)	Makah Indian Tribe	WA	\$300,000.00
	Nooksack Indian Tribe	WA	\$299,972.00
Awards: 8	Total Funding:		\$2,366,458.00