

## **FY 2009 Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Funding Results**

### Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program solicitation. The purpose of this program is to deliver training and technical assistance (TTA) on a variety of tribal justice issues to Indian Country. The TTA must provide tribal jurisdictions with assistance to: 1) develop strategies to address crimes relating to substance abuse and other controlled substances, and 2) implement and enhance tribal justice systems. Applicants were limited to tribal and non-tribal for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations; faith-based and community organizations; institutions of higher learning; and consortiums with demonstrated national-level and onsite experience working with American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The solicitation for funding was released on February 2, 2009 and closed on March 26, 2009.

### Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet 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 20 applications, seeking a total of \$10,000,000 in funding. BJA made eight awards for a total of \$3,582,831 in funding to seven organizations to help tribal jurisdictions develop strategies to address crime issues relating to substance abuse and other controlled substances, and/or to implement tribal justice systems.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 40 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](mailto:AskBJA@usdoj.gov).

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
<a href="#">Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program</a> (Category I: Enhancing Tribal and State Collaborations)	National Criminal Justice Association	DC	\$500,000.00
	Tribal Law And Policy Institute	CA	\$500,000.00
<a href="#">Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program</a> (Category II: Enhancing Tribal Justice Services and Systems)	Fox Valley Technical College	WI	\$184,584.00
	American Indian Resource Center, Inc	OK	\$490,530.00
	Fund For The City of New York	NY	\$499,955.00
	Tribal Law And Policy Institute	CA	\$500,000.00
<a href="#">Tribal Justice Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance Program</a> (Category III: Enhancing the Development of New and Promising Practices in Indian Country)	Council of State Governments	KY	\$417,802.00
	National Indian Justice Center Inc	CA	\$489,960.00
<b>Awards: 8</b>	<b>Total Funding:</b>		<b>\$3,582,831.00</b>