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◆ Building Organizational Financial Management Capacity ◆

RESPECT ◆ RESPONSE ◆ RESULTS



Watch TFMC's new video to learn more about who we are and how we can support you as you successfully manage the financial aspects of your federal awards. TFMC respectfully acknowledges the traditional, ancestral lands where we filmed, those currently inhabited by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Osage Nation, and the Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. Knowing and acknowledging the land where we filmed is a way of honoring and expressing gratitude for the ancestral peoples who were on this land before us. We were humbled to visit these sovereign territories to highlight how they are using Victim Service Set-Aside funds to assist victims of crime.

Meet the Newest Member of the TFMC TA Team



Adriene Active, MSW
Lead Technical Assistance Specialist
Alaska

Adriene Active is the Team Lead for the TFMC Technical Assistance Specialists. She is Inupiaq from Shaktoolik (Alaska) and Jemez Pueblo (New Mexico) and is currently based in Alaska. She grew up in Alaska and New Mexico and is a proud grandmother. The best part of her life is spending time with family.

Adriene's favorite activities include fishing and camping, as well as biking, hiking, and exploring Alaska. She lives in God's Country with new experiences around every corner. From a mountain hike with bear and moose (a definite adrenaline rush) to driving and taking in the beautiful scenery.

In the winters she enjoys fat tire bike riding, snowmobile riding, sledding, and winter hiking. She is an avid traveler and has visited Europe, Australia, Mexico and all over Alaska with her girls.

Adriene's work has taken her to villages across Alaska. She even lived in Barrow for a couple years. She started her career as an itinerant counselor, serving villages with small aircrafts as the primary mode of transportation, which she both loves and fears. Her heart is with the Alaska Native people and serving them is what drives her.



We are Hiring!

[Financial Specialist \(Remote\)](#). Two positions are open.

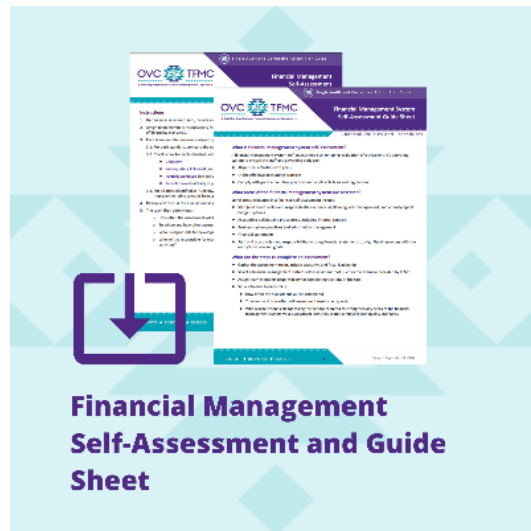
We are also looking for a [Senior Training and Technical Assistance Specialist](#) based in Alaska.

Latest Tools and Resources

Financial Management Self-Assessment and Guide Sheet

- Looking to improve your **financial planning/budget systems**?
- Curious about your entity's **execution of financial management policies and procedures**?

- Wondering whether your entity's **policies and procedures align with recommended best practices for recording and reporting?**



Gather your programmatic, fiscal, and executive leadership staff and work through TFMC's Financial Management Self-Assessment. The self-assessment will allow you and your team to compare your current practices with 66 different quality standards across five financial management areas. Links to topically relevant TFMC Guide Sheets are embedded within the self-assessment to provide a jump start on planning and executing improvements.

[Download the Financial Management Self-Assessment Guide Sheet](#)

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Upcoming Events and Reminders:

TFMC is conducting the **Annual Grantee Needs Assessment Survey**. If you have received an email invitation to participate in the survey, we encourage your response. This is an opportunity for you to share specific information about your financial practices so we can better support you! The data collection window will close on November 13, 2020.

Learning Circle **Becoming a Financial Wizard in Managing OVC Grants** is scheduled for November 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. eastern. Invited participants include members of Native Women's Society of the Great Plains who hold FY18 or FY19 VSSA grants as well as any tribal entity within the Great Plains region with FY18 or FY19 VSSA or CTAS Purpose Areas 6 and 7 grants. Reach out to [Sheree Hukill, Senior Tribal Liaison / Training Curriculum Development Director](#), if you are interested in hosting a Learning Circle in your region.

[OVC Virtual Consultation on the Fiscal Year 2021 Crime Victims Fund Tribal Set-Aside Formula Program](#) Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. View the [Framing Paper](#) providing relevant background and questions to consider in advance of the consultation.

OVC TTAC [Expert Q&A discussion with Peggy Bird and Sarah Deer on Supporting Indigenous Victims of Violence](#). Presentation is on Friday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. eastern time.

TFMC Webinar **Core Competencies of Grants Management** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. eastern (11:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. pacific). [Register Here](#).

Reporting Requirements

Uniform Guidance revisions include De Minimis rate and Procurement. Effective November 12, 2020. [Key Takeaways](#) and [Guidance for Grants](#).

The new [JustGrants](#) system is now active. Make sure you can log-in and access the information for your grant awards. The PMT remains the same. Grantees need to report as they have and upload the PMT generated pdf to JustGrants.

There is a 30-day extension for filing the SF-425 or "FFR." **It is due on November 30.**

The Latest on JustGrants

(Updated November 5, 2020)

TFMC has gathered the following updates regarding JustGrants transition in one place for your convenience. [View TFMC's communication here](#). Also, review the JustGrants [Two-Week Post-Launch Progress Update](#) for helpful information.

If you need technical assistance with your account or logging on to the system, and you have not been able to resolve the issue using the Self-Service Support section above, you may contact JustGrants Support at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175 Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time (ET) and Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

Shared Knowledge

November is **Native American Heritage Month**. Read writing by **Joy Harjo**, the first Native American to serve as Librarian of Congress' Poet Laureate, she is an enrolled member of the Muscogee Creek Nation. Her books of poetry include:

An American Sunrise (2019)
Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings (2015)

The Woman Who Fell from the Sky (1994)
In Mad Love and War (1990)



Contact the OVC TFMC Virtual Support Center

Ask questions and/or request individualized grant financial management training and technical assistance by calling the OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (OVC TFMC) Virtual Support Center 703-462-6900 or emailing TFMC@OVCTFMC.org.

OVC Tribal Financial Management Center (OVC TFMC) provides **training, technical assistance, and resources** to support American Indian and Alaska Native communities as they successfully manage the financial aspects of their federal awards. OVC TFMC also offers support via our Virtual Support Center (VSC) to Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) grantees and those seeking federal funding from OVC for the first time. **Email questions or requests for grant financial management technical assistance to TFMC@OVCTFMC.org.** Visit OVCTFMC.org for additional resources and information.

Has your grant or financial point of contact recently changed?

Reach out to TFMC@OVCTFMC.org.

To change how you receive these emails [update your preferences](#).
If you no longer wish to receive any emails from OVC TFMC, [unsubscribe from this list](#).

Contact the Virtual Support Center TFMC@OVCTFMC.org or 703-462-6900

