

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

FVPSA Standing Tribal Funding Opportunity Announcement HHS-2018-ACF-ACYF-FVPS-1349



Training Objectives

- ❖ Update on increase in funding for tribes
- ❖ Standing Announcement Overview
 - ❖ Describe purpose of the funding opportunity
 - ❖ Explain difference between previous 1-year FOAs as compared to a “standing” FOA
 - ❖ Reviewing changes to language in the FOA
 - ❖ FVPSA Project Officers
- ❖ Additional Training and Technical Assistance Resources



Great News

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018

- ❖ **Family Violence Prevention and Services** was funded at \$160 million, an increase of \$9 million over the FY 2017 enacted appropriation level and includes report language directing that **\$5 million of the increase be directed to Native American tribes and tribal organizations.**
- ❖ This is the 10% set aside for tribal funding plus the newly appropriated \$5 million



Tribal Programs

- ❖ 274 federally recognized Tribes are currently allocated funds through FVPSA.
 - <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/family-violence-prevention-services/programs/tribes>
- ❖ Three factors determine award amounts to tribal programs:
 - Population count
 - A base allocation
 - Number of tribes applying
- ❖ In FY17, award amounts ranged from \$17K - \$1.5 million.



What is a Standing Funding Announcement?

- A Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) with a 3-Fiscal Year lifespan
 - ❖ Due dates for the application will be **July 18, 2018; February 28, 2019** and **February 28, 2020**
 - ❖ Gives the grantee more time to prepare an application
 - ❖ Promotes a continuous funding cycle so there is no interruption to services



Standing Announcement Overview

This FVPSA standing funding opportunity announcement (FOA), administered through the administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), is designed to assist Tribes in their efforts to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to:

- 1) prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;
- 2) provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community-based programs for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents; and
- 3) provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, underserved populations, and victims who are members of underserved populations (45 CFR §1370.10(a)).



Standing Announcement Overview Cont'd

The FVPSA Tribal formula grant funds shall be used to identify and provide grants to eligible entities for programs and projects that are designed to prevent:

- 1) incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence
- 2) providing immediate shelter and supportive services
- 3) some of these services may include paying for the operating and administrative expenses of the facilities for a shelter, for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents
- 4) may be used to provide prevention services to prevent future incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence (42 U.S.C. § 10408(a)) and 42 U.S.C. § 10408(b)(1)(A)).



Tribal FOA Changes

▶ **Client Confidentiality (page 3-4)**

- ❖ FVPSA funded programs cannot disclose any collected personal identifying information (PII) without informed, written, reasonably time-limited consent.
- ❖ Cannot require a victim to provide consent as a condition of eligibility for services (45 CFR § 1370.4(a)(1) – (3)).
- ❖ Consent to release PII shall be given by an unemancipated minor and the minor’s parent or guardian, or in the case of an individual with a guardian, it shall be given by the individual’s guardian (45 CFR §1370.4(b)).
- ❖ The address or location of any FVPSA-supported shelter facility shall not be made public except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter (42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(5)(H)).
- ❖ Confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual in shelter will be strictly maintained.
- ❖ Tribal governments, while exercising due diligence to comply with statutory and regulatory provisions, may determine how best to maintain the safety and confidentiality of shelter locations (45 CFR § 1370.4(g)(2)).

Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd



▶ **Coordinated and Accessible Services (pages 4-6)**

- ❖ Tribes or Tribal Organizations with limited resources may want to consider joining a consortium of Tribes to coordinate service delivery and/or project management where appropriate.
- ❖ Tribes must assist all individuals seeking services and may not restrict services to tribal members.
- ❖ It is federal law that services must be widely accessible to all victims of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence and their dependents.
- ❖ Grantees must not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, disability, race, color, national origin, or religion (42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(2)). No person shall on the ground of actual or perceived sex, including gender identity, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part through FVPSA (45 CFR §1370.5(a)).

Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd



▶ **Coordinated and Accessible Services (pages 4-6)**

- ❖ FVPSA grantees and subgrantees must provide comparable services to victims regardless of actual or perceived sex, including gender identity. This includes providing access to services for all victims, including male victims of family, domestic, and dating violence and not limiting services for victims with adolescent children (under the age of 18). Victims and their minor children must be sheltered or housed together unless requested otherwise by the victim (45 CFR § 1370.5(a)(1)).
- ❖ No person shall on the ground of actual or perceived sexual orientation be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part through FVPSA (45 CFR § 1370.5 (c)).
- ❖ Given the unique needs of victims of trafficking, FVPSA-funded programs are strongly encouraged to safely screen for and identify victims of human trafficking who are also victims or survivors of domestic violence or dating violence and provide services that support their unique needs (45 CFR § 1370.10(d)).



Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd

▶ **Definitions (pages 6-9)**

❖ Shelter definition has been expanded to include:

- ❖ Temporary refuge in conjunction with supportive services in compliance with applicable state or tribal law or regulations governing the provision, on a regular basis, of shelter, safe homes, meals, and supportive services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents.
- ❖ Includes emergency shelter and immediate shelter, which may include housing provision, rental subsidies, temporary refuge, or lodging in properties that could be individual units for families and individuals (such as apartments) in multiple locations around a local jurisdiction, tribe/reservation, or state; such properties are not required to be owned, operated, or leased by the program.
- ❖ Temporary refuge includes a residential service, including shelter and off-site services such as hotel or motel vouchers or individual dwellings, which is not transitional or permanent housing, but must also provide comprehensive supportive services.
- ❖ The mere act of making a referral to shelter or housing shall not itself be considered provision of shelter. Should other jurisdictional laws conflict with this definition of temporary refuge, the definition which provides more expansive housing accessibility governs.



Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd

► Definitions (pages 6-9)

- ❖ Supportive Services definition has been condensed to the following:
 - ❖ Services for adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents that are designed to meet the needs of such victims and their dependents for short-term, transitional, or long-term safety and recovery.
 - ❖ Supportive services include but not limited to:



Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd

► Definitions (pages 6-9)

❖ Underserved populations

- ❖ Individuals with criminal histories due to victimization and individuals with substance use disorders and mental health issues are also included in this definition.
- ❖ The reference to racial and ethnic populations is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 300(u-6)(g)), which means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts); Asian American; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks and Hispanics. The term “Hispanic” or “Latino” means individuals whose origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish speaking country.

Special needs

disabilities

Linguistic barriers

elders

Economic status

age

geography

Sexual orientation

Immigration status

ethnicity

race



Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd

▶ **Match (page 12)**

- ❖ Tribes are not required to provide match under this FOA (see 42 U.S.C. § 10406(c)(4)).



Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd

▶ **The Project Description (page 16-21)**

❖ **C. Capacity**

(I) A description of the applicant's operation or ability to operate and/or capacity to provide services under the FVPSA program, including, but not limited to the following:

- a) The current operation of a shelter, safe house, or the current operation of a domestic violence prevention program.
- b) Establishment of joint or collaborative service agreements with other entities such as a local public agency or a private nonprofit agency for shelter and/or supportive services.
- c) The operation of social services programs through receipt of grants or contracts under Indian Child Welfare grants from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Child Welfare Services or Family Support grants under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act ((45 CFR § 1370.10(c)(5)(i-iii)).



Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd

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(2) A description of staff involved in carrying out the FVPSA program:

- a) Expertise, skills, and knowledge of staff.
- b) Commitment to increasing staff's expertise, skills and knowledge through continuing education and training.

(3) A description of the methods to involve knowledgeable individuals and other interested organizations in providing services. Individuals and organizations may include: other social services programs operated by the applicant that assist victims of domestic and dating violence and their dependents such as social services staff, tribal officials, tribal law enforcement, State Domestic Violence Coalition or Tribal Coalitions, other domestic violence shelters or supportive service providers, etc. (45 CFR § 1370.10(c)(4)).



Tribal FOA Changes Cont'd

▶ **Current and Signed Tribal Resolution (pages 20-21)**

- ❖ Tribes that wish to receive funding under this grant program must be a federally recognized Tribe and must submit a copy of a tribal resolution or an equivalent document (i.e. meeting minutes from the governing body, and/or letters from the authorizing official reflecting approval of the application's submittal, depending on what is appropriate for the applicant's governance structure) signed by the Tribally Designated Official(s) (45 CFR § 1370.10(c)(1)).

- ❖ The resolution or equivalent document must:
 - ❖ Specify the name(s) of the Tribe(s) on whose behalf the application is submitted and the service areas for the intended grant services.
 - ❖ There is no requirement that the resolution have an expiration date; however, if one is included, the expiration date must be after the end of the grant's project period.
 - ❖ If you are applying as a consortium, Employer Identification Number (EIN) numbers are to be present on the resolutions and in the narrative of the application.



Additional Forget-me-nots

▶ Reporting (page 22-23)

- ❖ Recipients are required to submit post award performance progress reports and financial reports.
- ❖ Program reporting forms for mandatory grant programs must be submitted electronically through the **OLDC**.
 - ❖ For OLDC access please contact Betty Johnson at Betty.Johnson@acf.hhs.gov and or 202.205.4866
- ❖ Financial reporting forms must be submitted electronically to the Division of Payment Management through the Payment Management System (PMS).
 - ❖ PMS at <https://pms.psc.gov/> or support at PMSSupport@psc.gov 877-614-5533
 - ❖ All finance questions should be directed to Office of Grants Manager Manolo Salgueiro at manolo.salgueiro@acf.hhs.gov or 202-690-5811
- ❖ **Paper copies will not be accepted.**



Additional Forget-me-nots

- ❖ New [PPR Form and PPR webinar recording](#).
- ❖ PPRs are due on an annual basis at the end of the calendar year (**December 29**) and will cover the twelve months from October 1 through September 30 of the current fiscal year.
- ❖ Reports must be submitted online unless a pre-approved exemption is obtained. Grantees must submit their reports online through the OLDC system at <http://www.GrantSolutions.gov>
- ❖ **HHS may suspend funding for an approved application if any applicant fails to submit an annual performance report or if the funds are expended for purposes other than those set forth under this FOA.**



Additional Forget-me-nots

❖ Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Recipients must submit Federal Financial Reports (FFR) for each grant award using the Standard Form (SF)-425 (SF-425). The following table lists the due dates for the first and final FFR for FY2018, FY2019, and FY2020 grant awards.

Fiscal Year	Project and Expenditure Period	Report Period End Date	FFR Due Date First Report	FFR Due Date Final Report
FY2018	10/1/2017 – 9/30/2019	9/30/2018	12/31/2018	12/31/2019
FY2019	10/1/2018 – 9/30/2020	9/30/2019	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
FY2020	10/1/2019 – 9/30/2021	9/30/2020	12/31/2020	12/31/2021

In addition, a separate, quarterly financial report must be submitted electronically to the Division of Payment Management using the SF-425.



Additional Forget-me-nots

- ❖ **Failure to submit reports on time may be a basis for withholding grant funds, or suspending or terminating the grant**
- ❖ It is the grantee's responsibility to ensure that FVPSA is made aware of any changes to the Tribally Designated Official and/or contact person that occur at any time during the entire project period. Grantees must ensure that the Tribally Designated Official has warranted access to OLDC for persons who need to submit the PPR and/or the FFR.





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National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. (NIWRC) is a Native nonprofit organization that was created specifically to serve as the National Indian Resource Center (NIRC) Addressing Domestic Violence and Safety for Indian Women. Under this grant project and in compliance with statutory requirements, the NIWRC will seek to enhance the capacity of American Indian and Alaska Native (Native) tribes, Native Hawaiians, and Tribal and Native Hawaiian organizations to respond to domestic violence.

www.niwrc.org

855-NIWRC-00 / 406-477-3896



Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center

FVPSA's Congressional Justification for FY17 proposed \$1 million increase for a *State Resource Center to Reduce Tribal Disparities* to:

1. Build capacity to engage villages in developing local responses to address domestic violence
2. Support critical networking and coalition building between village-based advocates and tribes (Alaska Natives) across the state of Alaska

Awarded to the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, <http://www.aknwrc.org/>

• Specific goals include:

1. Increase village-based shelter and comprehensive victim advocacy services
2. Development of village-based responses to domestic violence



StrongHearts Native Helpline

Collaboration between The Hotline and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

- ❖ Provides a culturally-relevant, safe and confidential resource for Native American survivors of domestic violence and dating violence

www.strongheartshelpline.org

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