

## **Idaho U.S. Attorney: Justice Department Awards Over \$273.4 Million to Serve Crime Victims in American Indian, Alaska Native Communities**

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The U.S. Attorney for the District of Idaho, Bart M. Davis, issued the following new release:

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- Coeur d'Alene and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in the District of Idaho Awarded \$4.2 Million in Grant Funding

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U.S. Attorney Bart M. Davis joins the Department of **Justice** in announcing it has awarded over \$273.4 million in grants to improve public safety, serve victims of **crime**, combat violence against women and support youth programs in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

"Violent **crime** and domestic abuse in American Indian and Alaska Native communities remain at unacceptably high levels, and they demand a response that is both clear and comprehensive," said Attorney General William P. Barr. "We will continue to work closely with our tribal partners to guarantee they have the resources they need to curb violence and bring healing to the victims most profoundly affected by it."

Two Tribes in the District of Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene and the Shoshone-Bannock, were awarded over \$4.2 million in funding. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe received \$2,019,213 and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes received \$2,278,781. The tribes will use these funds to enhance law enforcement, combat domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking, bolster **justice** systems, prevent and control juvenile delinquency, strengthen the juvenile **justice** system, serve sexual assault and elder victims, and support other efforts to address **crime**.

"The Department of **Justice** and my office are committed to improving public safety and serving **crime** victims in our tribal communities," said U.S. Attorney Davis. "This increase in resources, together with aggressive federal and tribal investigations, will help strengthen Idaho tribal communities for years to come."

Nationwide, 236 grants were awarded to 149 American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and other tribal designees through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, a streamlined application for tribal-specific grant programs. Of the \$118 million awarded via CTAS, just over \$62.6 million comes from the Office of **Justice** Programs, about \$33.1 million from the Office on Violence Against Women and more than \$23.2 million from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. A portion of the funding will support tribal youth mentoring and intervention services, help native communities implement requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, and provide training and technical assistance to tribal communities. Another \$5.5 million was funded by OJP's Bureau of **Justice** Assistance to provide training and technical assistance to CTAS awardees.

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The Department also announced awards and other programming totaling \$167.2 million in a set-aside program to serve victims of **crime**. The awards are intended to help tribes develop, expand and improve services to victims by supporting programming and technical assistance. About \$25.6 million of these awards were awarded under CTAS and are included in the \$118 million detailed above.

CTAS funding helps tribes develop and strengthen their **justice** systems' response to **crime**, while expanding services to meet their communities' public safety needs. The awards cover 10 purpose areas: public safety and community policing; **justice** systems planning; alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; children's **justice** act partnerships; services for victims of **crime**; violence against women; juvenile **justice**; violent **crime** reduction; and tribal youth programs.

The Department also provided \$6.1 million to help tribes to comply with federal law on sex offender registration and notification, \$1.7 million in separate funding to assist tribal youth and nearly \$500,000 to support tribal research on missing and murdered indigenous women and children and other public safety-related topics.

Today's announcement is part of the **Justice** Department's ongoing initiative to increase engagement, coordination and action on public safety in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

A listing of today's announced CTAS awards is available at: **justice**.gov/tribal/awards. A listing of all other announced tribal awards are available at: go.usa.gov/xVJuE.

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