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FORUM NEWS

[Judge Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, Navajo, Nominated for U.S. District Court](#)

Native News Online – December 15, 2021

President Joe Biden has announced 9 new federal judicial nominees, one of whom is a citizen of Navajo Nation. Judge Sunshine Suzanne Sykes would be the first Native American Article III judge in California, the first Article III judge from the Navajo Nation, and the fifth Native American Article III judge actively serving in the United States. She is nominated for the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Judge Sykes has served as a California Superior Court Judge on the Superior Court of Riverside County since 2013. She currently presides over a civil litigation department and is the presiding judge of the appellate division.

[Imagining Justice: American Indian Tribal Laws of Criminal Responsibility](#)

Stanford Arts, Faculty of Women's Forum, Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity webinar with Judge Abby Abinanti And Elizabeth Reese recorded Friday November 5th, 2021. Recording available.

IN THE NEWS

[New Mexico aiming to consolidate MMIWR investigations](#)

Indian Country Today – November 30, 2021

Measure could solve coordination problems, hire specialized staff to combat discrimination and stigma.

[Washington task force on missing Indigenous people has big task ahead](#)

The Seattle Times – December 5, 2021

Although the task force is new and the meetings co-hosted with the Yakama Nation were the first, the crisis has continued over decades throughout Washington state, the region and the nation. It has received increasing attention in recent years as people have become more vocal in seeking accountability, answers and justice.

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[Indian Country continues push to strengthen Violence Against Women Act](#)

Indianz.com – December 8, 2021

Indian Country is making another push to restore tribal jurisdiction over non-Indians who commit violence in their communities, only this time with a more supportive president in the White House. Tribes and their advocates have been trying to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act in order to hold all offenders — regardless of race — responsible for a wider range of crimes. But the prior Republican administration famously refused to support the effort despite facing pressure to do so.

[Report: Indigenous women kidnapped, murdered at disproportionately high rate in Minnesota](#)

ABC Newspapers - December 09, 2021

Prior to Sen. Mary Kunesh's efforts to form a state task force on missing and murdered Indigenous women and relatives, there were hardly any statistics available on Native American victims of these crimes. In Minnesota, native women and girls count for about 1% of the population, but 8% of women and girls who were murdered from 2010 to 2018 were American Indian, said Kunesh, a Democratic state senator from New Brighton, whose district includes of southern Anoka County.

[Years before UC Hastings pondered rechristening, California Supreme Court ditched founder's name](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – December 10, 2021

After Tani Cantil-Sakauye became the 28th chief justice of the California Supreme Court, she learned that a computer research engine the court used for online judicial education was named "Serranus," after its first chief justice.

[Legal system fuels missing relative crisis](#)

Indian Country Today – December 11, 2021

The scope of missing Indigenous people is even more broad when considering ongoing family separations and forced assimilation

[BIA Launches New Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person's Website Dedicated to Solving Cases](#)

Native News Online – December 11, 2021

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) announced on Friday the launch of its new website dedicated to solving missing and murdered cases in Indian Country. The website seeks to draw attention to unresolved missing and murdered Indigenous persons cases the BIA, Office of Justice Services, Missing and Murdered Unit (MMU) is working on and invites the public to help law enforcement solve those cases.

[Why a disproportionate number of Native American, Black children remain in Oregon foster care despite leaders' efforts to change](#)

(Requires subscription)

Oregonian - December 12, 2021

Over the last 18 months, leaders of Oregon's child welfare program have said they are working hard to pull fewer Native American and Black children from their families and into the child welfare system. Yet the percentage of those children in foster care has remained steadily high over the past three years, the agency's own data shows.

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FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Visit forum's home page

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

[Federal funds boost Native American health services in San Francisco](#)

San Francisco Examiner - December 13, 2021

One of San Francisco's premier addiction recovery programs is set to get a major boost thanks to a recently passed amendment to the U.S. Infrastructure Bill, which will allow urban Native American organizations to use the funding on health-related projects. Leaders at Friendship House, an inpatient drug and health treatment center that works with Native Americans in San Francisco and tribes throughout California, say the funding will go toward a new six-story building in the Mission District that will serve as a one-stop-shop for Native health, housing, culture and spiritual practice. "The irony and the tragedy is that America's first peoples have no physical place to call home. The village will offer a physical space for Native people to gather for social services and youth programming and cultural space where we can sing and dance and celebrate."

[National Tribal Trial College open admission: free six-month legal advocacy Certificate](#)

Indian Country Today – December 13, 2021

The National Tribal Trial College, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin Law School and the United States Department of Justice, is now accepting applications for a free, six-month Certificate in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy.

[State Supreme Court weighs counties' obligations to American Indian children](#) (May require subscription)

Colorado Springs Gazette - December 14, 2021

A mother of two children struggled with substance abuse and was the victim of domestic violence. When the children's father assaulted her and moved out, she abandoned the children at daycare. The matter culminated in a Denver judge terminating both parents' rights in 2020. However, the child welfare case has now landed at the Colorado Supreme Court because of one detail that has major implications: the mother belongs to an American Indian tribe.

[In 'Covered With Night,' Nicole Eustace explores differing views of justice, grief in early America](#)

WBUR – December 16, 2021

Here & Now's Scott Tong speaks with New York University professor [Nicole Eustace](#) about her book "[Covered with Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America](#)," which looks at the ramifications of a violent encounter between two white fur traders and an Indigenous hunter in 1722.

[Supreme Court sets date with Oklahoma to respond to 40-plus McGirt appeals](#)

Tulsa World – December 16, 2021

The state of Oklahoma, with more than 40 petitions filed seeking to overturn or limit the McGirt ruling, is getting its shot next month after the U.S. Supreme Court last week picked a date to consider appeals related to its landmark decision.

[Yurok Tribe declares emergency over trafficking incidents, missing Indigenous people](#) (Press release)

Yurok Tribal Council - December 16, 2021

Today, the Yurok Tribal Council issued an emergency declaration in response to a spate of missing persons and attempted human trafficking incidents on the reservation and in Arcata, where there is a disproportionate number of cases involving missing and murdered indigenous women (MMIW). "Today, we are asking our local, state and federal partners to take a stronger stand against the trafficking of Native women and girls," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "While human trafficking and abductions have been all too common in the Humboldt County area, I ask all of our members to be extra cautious at this time. If you have to go into town, please take someone with you and let a family member know when you expect to return."

[Tribal Court vs State Court: differences following the McGirt decision](#)

2 News Oklahoma – December 16, 2021

Because of a United States Supreme Court decision more than a year ago, Oklahoma's tribes now prosecute crimes involving tribal members on tribal land.

[Appeals court to decide if Minnesota DNR can be sued in tribal court](#)

MPR News – December 16, 2021

In August, [a lawsuit](#) filed in White Earth Tribal Court attempted to stop the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources from issuing a permit to Enbridge Energy to pump water from trenches dug to lay the pipe for the Line 3 oil pipeline. White Earth said the permit violated a tribal code approved in 2018 that protects wild rice.

[New unit will focus on missing and murdered Indigenous women](#)

KOB 4 Albuquerque News – December 16, 2021

Since 2014, more than 660 Native Americans have been reported missing in the U.S. Nearly half of those cases involve women and a majority are being investigated in New Mexico. That is why Bernalillo County and state officials signed a memorandum of understanding Thursday. They also announced a new subunit within the DA's office, dedicated to solving hundreds of MMIW cases and raising awareness for violence against Indigenous communities in the process.

[Murder is third leading cause of death for Indigenous women](#)

Albuquerque Journal – December 16, 2021

The subunit will assist the statewide MMIWR Task Force in analysis, case investigations and interventions, and will develop a criminal network software platform where victims, families, law enforcement and investigative agencies can share information as quickly as it becomes available.

[Pascua Yaqui Tribe awarded grant to support domestic violence prosecution efforts](#)

AZ Mirror – December 21, 2021

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe has received a grant for more than \$100,000 to support their rights as a sovereign nation to prosecute non-Native offenders of domestic violence-related crimes committed within their community.

[Tribal leaders hail historic nomination of Native woman to federal bench](#)

Indianz.com – December 17, 2021

Tribal and Native leaders are welcoming the historic [nomination of Sunshine Suzanne Sykes to the federal bench](#). Sykes, a citizen of the [Navajo Nation](#), would be the first Native federal judge in California and only the fifth Native judge in U.S. history should she be confirmed by the [U.S. Senate](#). Her nomination was [announced by the White House](#) on Wednesday.

[How Minnesota's Foster Care System Reminds Native Moms of a Racist Legacy](#)

Mother Jones and Fuller Project - December 21, 2021

Since 2018, Nord has worked at the Indian Child Welfare Act Law Center, an organization dedicated to helping Native mothers and families reunite with their children in the foster care system. She sees the legacy of generations wrapped up in the child welfare system. She can tell you which judges allow smudging, a traditional practice for many tribes that helps alleviate stress and anxiety, before court. And which social workers are particularly "nasty" to Native moms.

[Court hears arguments in wild rice 'rights of nature' lawsuit](#)

Minnesota Reformer – December 22, 2021

The White Earth Tribal Court heard arguments in a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against the state of Minnesota Monday, which centers on the tribe's allegations that the state violated the rights of wild rice during construction of Enbridge's Line 3 oil pipeline. The case raises complex legal questions and has garnered international attention as part of the "rights of nature" movement. Here are answers to your questions about the lawsuit.

[As COVID fueled the drug crisis, Native Americans hit worst](#)

AP News – December 23, 2021

"What they died of is a broken heart." A pandemic-fueled drug crisis has hit Native American communities particularly hard these past two years. The overdose death rate is higher there than anywhere else in the country.

[State statutes could protect families if Indian Child Welfare Act is overturned](#)

Gaylord News - December 28, 2021

A Texas challenge to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act might not be entirely successful in at least nine states where state laws impose similar restrictions on the adoption of Indigenous children by non-Native parents, some experts say. The court has not yet said whether it will take the case, but Chrissi Nimmo, deputy attorney general for the Cherokee Nation, said state statutes can further protect Indigenous children and their families if the court ultimately finds the act unconstitutional.

[Top Stories of 2021: The Future of Tribal Child Welfare](#)

Imprint - December 30, 2021

A roundup of some of The Imprint's most impactful stories from the past year. It grew increasingly likely as 2021 progressed that the Supreme Court will hear a case known as Brackeen v. Haaland. At stake: the future of the

Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA, a law that seeks to protect the rights of tribes and families that was passed at a time when an estimated one-third of Native American children were removed from their homes. Both sides in the case have asked the high court to take on Brackeen, and decide the fate of law. ICWA became more than 40 years ago. The Imprint used a collection of recent casework in Minneapolis to examine the modern-day importance of a law that was passed to prevent the extinction of some tribes as children were ripped from their ranks and placed with white families.

Also: [Brackeen v. Haaland](#)

Also: [Minneapolis Lawyers Rely on 'Gold Standard' Law to Keep Native American Families Together](#)

[Agreement reached on Indigenous child welfare compensation](#) (Includes video)

CBC News - December 31, 2021

Sources close to the negotiations told CBC News the agreement was reached Friday to settle compensation claims related to a landmark Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruling on Indigenous child welfare compensation. The parties to the dispute, which include the federal government on one side and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) on the other, agreed to negotiate until a self-imposed deadline of Dec. 31 on Indigenous child welfare compensation.

PUBLICATIONS

[HCR33 Report: Idaho's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. Submitted to the Idaho Legislature,](#)

September 30, 2021. Fillmore, Melanie L. Lane K. Gillespie, Growette Bostaph, Lisa M. King, Laura L. Gilbert, Sheena L. Idaho Legislature. 2021

House Concurrent Resolution No. 33 (HCR33) was introduced in the Health and Welfare Committee, and passed by both houses of the Legislature in March 2020. HCR33 recognizes Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) as a crisis in Idaho, designates May 5th as a day of awareness for MMIP, and supports efforts to further investigate incidence rates, underlying causes, and possible solutions through collaborative efforts. Public testimony in support of the resolution came from a diverse group of stakeholders, including legislative sponsors, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Idaho, tribal legal and justice practitioners, and Indigenous advocates. The following passages serve as a reminder of the central role of Idaho's tribes, and the opportunities and challenges in addressing MMIP.

[2021 Update on the Status of Tribal Consultation Recommendations.](#) United States. Department of Justice. Office on Violence against Women. 2021

On October 27-30, 2020, the Department of Justice (DOJ) hosted its 15th annual government-togovernment consultation on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women. This annual consultation is required by law to address the federal administration of tribal funds and programs established under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) and its subsequent reauthorizations.¹ DOJ, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Department of the Interior (DOI) received recommendations from tribal leaders on the four statutorily-mandated consultation topics.

[Tying a tribal officer's hands: Tribal law enforcement authority under *United States v. Cooley*.](#)

Koski, Mikaela, [126 Penn St. L. Rev. 275](#) (2021)

Abstract: American Indian reservations make up more than 56 million acres in the United States. The rules governing enforcement of criminal law in Indian Country are complex. While tribal law enforcement officers have authority within a tribe's reservation, they have reduced authority on public roads that run through the reservations, especially when they interact with an individual who lacks Indian status. The Supreme Court recently ruled on the extent of this reduced tribal law enforcement authority in *United States v. Cooley*.

[When a Loved One Goes Missing: Resources for Families of Missing American Indian and Alaska Native Adults](#)

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs – November 2021

Abstract: Intended primarily for the families and friends of missing American Indian and Alaska Native adults, who disproportionately experience this crisis in the United States, this guide provides information

and resources that assist family members and friends in the search for and the aftermath of a missing adult loved one.

[Active Efforts and the Futility Doctrine](#)

Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.)

The Guardian, NACC's quarterly law journal, Volume 43 · Number 04, Winter 2021

Active efforts is a concept created by Congress with the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978 (the ICWA).¹ It refers to the obligation of social workers to provide services and support for Native American families who come to the attention of child protection authorities because of suspected child neglect or abuse.

[Sexual Assault Prevention Program for American Indian Girls](#) - This was a sexual assault prevention program adapted for American Indian girls that sought to reduce sexual assault victimization and to improve sexual assault resistance skills and self-defense knowledge. The program is rated Promising. Girls who received the intervention reported statistically significantly lower rates of sexual assault and sexual harassment, compared with girls in the comparison group. However, there was no impact on reported rates of physical dating violence. | [NIJ](#)

[Slaves, Indians, and Legal Formalism in 19th Century America](#)

Christopher R. Rossi, UiT, The Arctic University of Norway. October 2021

Abstract: The US engagement with 19th century international society saw the maturation of its approach toward international law. This paper focuses on two historical considerations that helped to shape that character--ending the international slave trade, and Indian removal. An emerging legal methodology of legal formalism helped to rationalize this engagement, and affected the young republic's engagement with the world. Understanding the rise of legal formalism, where it came from and what were its influences, uncovers a significantly American story of ambivalence, which has shaped US foreign policy vacillations between themes of universalism and unilateralism, and international community and international society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[January is National Stalking Awareness, Human Trafficking, and Slavery Prevention Month](#)

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) uplifts the tireless work of Native advocates and programs as we work together to shine a light on January as National Stalking Awareness, Human Trafficking, and Slavery Prevention Month. As a national Native-led nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against Indigenous women and children, NIWRC strongly supports the efforts to raise awareness of and action to end these crimes, given American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians experience some of the highest rates of sex trafficking and stalking in the United States.

[Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Funding and Webinars Now Available](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced the release of the [Fiscal Year 2022 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation](#) (CTAS), which allows tribes to submit a single application for DOJ's tribal grant programs. Funding will be used to develop a comprehensive strategic plan, improve tribal justice and safety; and provide support services to victims.

OJJDP supports two purpose areas under CTAS: [Juvenile Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts](#) and [Tribal Youth Program](#). OJJDP will also support the [Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning](#) program, along with other DOJ components.

The following webinars have been scheduled to assist applicants:

Solicitation Overview	January 6, 2022, 1 p.m. ET
JustGrants and Submitting an Application	January 12, 2022, 1 p.m. ET
Budget Development	January 13, 2022, 1 p.m. ET
Tips for Successful Applications for Alaska & Rural Communities	January 25, 2022, 3 p.m. ET
Purpose Areas 8 and 9 (OJJDP)	January 27, 2022, 1 p.m. ET
Budget Worksheet Completion	February 17, 2022, 1 p.m. ET
Application Checklist and Final Q&A	February 22, 2022, 1 p.m. ET

Grants.gov deadline: March 10, 2022.

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JustGrants applications are due by March 15, 2022.

NOTE: Applicants will submit the SF-424 and the SF-LLL in Grants.gov and the FULL application including attachments in JustGrants at <https://justgrants.usdoj.gov/>.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Resource Now Online: Shelter and Other Safe Space Information Packet](#)

NIWRC's Shelter and Other Safe Space Information Packet is a collection of articles, booklets, sample policies and forms covering a range of topics about providing shelter and other emergency housing for survivors of battering/intimate partner violence.

[OVC Commemorates National Native American Heritage Month](#) - In honor of National Native American Heritage Month, OVC highlighted dedicated resources, trainings, and funding opportunities in support of AI/AN communities and victims. | [OVC](#)

[Imagining Justice: American Indian Tribal Laws of Criminal Responsibility](#)

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WEBINARS AND TRAININGS

[Supporting Youth: Survivors' Perspectives on Housing, Harm Reduction, and Youth Engagement](#)

January 14, 2022

11:30-1:00pm PST

Ten survivors and lived experience experts will share their critical perspectives on barriers and solutions to housing, harm reduction, and engagement of youth impacted by commercial sexual exploitation. The webinar will be an informative and educational conversation for caregivers, community members, law enforcement, policymakers, and services providers whose lives intersect with the youth around them. It is presented by the California CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) Action Team's Advisory Board.

[Tribal Probation Academy Online](#)

National Criminal Justice Training Center

January 16 – May 23, 2022

18 week – Live Online Instructor Led Course

Join other probation and corrections professionals to build foundational skills through this comprehensive and interactive virtual training academy. Community based corrections is the most significant criminal justice response to crime. Time commitment for the Academy is up to 6 hours per week. To be approved for the Academy, you must receive Manager approval for this time commitment. Your approving authority information is collected during the registration process for followup purposes.

[40th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference](#)

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

April 3-6, 2022

Location: Orlando, Florida Or Virtual Attendance

The conference will host more than fifty 90-minute presentations, which are selected to lead vigorous dialogue about best practices, current research, advocacy efforts, policy implications, and other lessons learned with over 1,400 conference attendees.

Bay Area ICWA Symposium

Virtual Symposium

April 7-8, 2022

****If you would like to submit a workshop proposal on one or more of the Symposium goals, please do so by February 11, 2022 by completing the [Request for Workshop Proposal form](#).**

Symposium goals: •Build ICWA champions •Highlight ICWA best practices •Enhance skills to improve outcomes for Native American families •Strengthen relationships between tribes, urban American Indian/Alaska Native communities, courts, county child welfare agencies and schools of social work •Provide legal updates

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*If you have questions, comments or workshop ideas, please contact: Vida Castaneda at vida.castaneda@jud.ca.gov

[International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimagining Justice](#)

End Violence Against Women International

Virtual & In-Person

April 19-21, 2022

Our annual conferences focus on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. We consistently bring together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

[34th Annual Indian Law Symposium: Restatement of the Law of American Indians-Part 2](#)

University of Washington, School of Law

Virtual & In-Person

April 21-22, 2022

Part 2 will focus exclusively on the forthcoming Restatement of [The Law of American Indians](#). The presenters will all be from the group of experts who participated in the drafting of the Restatement. The event will be cosponsored with the [Washington Law Review](#) and supported by the [American Law Institute](#). We will be requesting 13.5 Law & Legal CLE credits total for Part 2 of the 34th Annual Indian Law Symposium.

[2022 California Foster Youth Education Summit](#)

April 25-26, 2022

Hyatt Hotel Monterey

We are looking for workshops that can help create hope and resilience for our youth in foster care. Workshops are 90 minutes in length. If you would like to submit a workshop proposal, [click here to complete the online form](#). Submissions are due by December 13, 2021.

[4th Annual BAA Trauma Conference](#)

Virtual Conference

April 27-28, 2022 & May 4-5, 2022

This conference will present innovations in resilience-building and understanding of the cultural impact of trauma and an examination of the Child Welfare System to promote improved outcomes. The conference aims to inspire and inform participants, from frontline workers to executive leadership, regarding trauma-informed services and strategies that promote resilience and whole-person approaches in public agencies that serve historically traumatized communities. **Deadline** for [proposal submissions](#) is Sunday, January 16, 2022, 11:59 pm PST.

[17th National Indian Nations Conference](#)

The Office for Victims of Crime

****Rescheduled Date to: December 6-9, 2022**

Location: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in California

OVC has rescheduled the 17th National Indian Nations Conference for December 6-9, 2022.

This conference will focus on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims and provide training for victim service providers; law enforcement officials; prosecutors; judges; medical and mental health professionals; social workers; and victim advocates at the tribal, federal, state, and local levels. If you have questions, please email IndianNations2022@saxmanone.com.

Call for Presentations

OVC is seeking subject matter experts to present at the conference. If interested, review the [presentation guidelines and requirements](#) and submit your proposal for consideration. All presentations will be considered for the rescheduled date.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[FY 2022 AmeriCorps Seniors - American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program](#)

AmeriCorps

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Deadline: February 3, 2022

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) provides additional federal resources to AmeriCorps Seniors in order to assist communities in COVID-19 recovery. This funding will be made available throughout the United States, with a particular interest in programs that will serve communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2021-ARPAINDIGENOUS

Deadline: September 30, 2022

EDA's American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities NOFO is designed to support indigenous communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. For additional information: <http://www.eda.gov/>

[SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Program Activities](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

OS-PAW-20-001

Deadline: To be determined based on public health emergency needs.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) has established the Laboratory and Diagnostics Working Group (LDWG) seeking submissions to a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary expenses to research, develop, validate, manufacture, purchase, administer, and expand capacity for COVID-19 tests to effectively monitor and suppress COVID-19..." (Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139)). The primary areas of focus should specifically include (1) Scaling and Networking of Technologies, and (2) Testing Demonstrations & Technical Assistance. Specifically, OASH is interested in submissions that will substantially increase our testing capacity and quality in the near term, and do not fall within the scope of other HHS programs.

Please Contact:

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[Office of Grants & Acquisitions Management](#)

[NCAI Financial Relief for Tribal Nations Affected by COVID-19](#)

With the continued spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), NCAI is committed to supporting Indian Country and lifting up our communities as we continue to combat this global pandemic. Keeping in mind the needs of our tribal nations, NCAI is awarding \$5,000 to various tribal nations that have been affected by this pandemic through NCAI's [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) for Indian Country.

Applications guidelines are located [here](#). NCAI Contact: Christian Weaver, *Vice President of Development*, cweaver@ncai.org

Coronavirus (COVID-19): FEMA Assistance for Tribal Nations

On March 13, 2020, the President announced a nationwide emergency declaration in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, tribal nations have two options to receive funding under the Presidential declaration.

- FEMA assistance for tribal nations related to COVID-19, click [here](#).
- What expenses qualify as Eligible Emergency Protective Measures, click [here](#).
- An example of a Tribal Public Assistance Administrative plan, click [here](#).
- FEMA regional tribal liaison and FEMA headquarters contact information, click [here](#).
- FEMA resources located on NCAI's COVID-19 microsite, click [here](#).

[GOLDEN STATE GRANT PROGRAM](#)

Attention CalWORKs families with an approved case status as of March 27 will receive a one-time Golden State Grant payment of \$600. The payment is to help families who may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This payment is not a CalWORKs grant payment and not subject to hearing rights.

[FEMA COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE](#)

If you've have lost someone to COVID-19, FEMA may be able to help with funeral expenses starting in April 2021.

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[Emergency Broadband Benefit](#)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has authorized a new [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#). This benefit will provide a discount of \$50 per month for eligible low-income households or \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands to cover internet bills, as well as provide discounts on some devices. This program can also be combined with Lifeline benefits. The FCC has developed a [consumer FAQ](#), which provides information about eligibility and program details.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Nutrition Education Grant](#)

Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service
USDA-FNS-FDDPNE-2022
Deadline: March 1, 2022

The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended through Public Law 115-334, authorizes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and provides for the provision of funds to State Agencies and Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) to conduct nutrition education activities.

[Living Language Grant Program FY2022](#)

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
LLGP-FY-2022
Deadline: March 7, 2022

The funding will focus on small or start-up programs whose objective is to document or build the capacity to preserve Native languages that are losing users, but which still have active users at the grandparent generation.

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Behavioral Health Care Technical Assistance](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
HRSA-22-064
Deadline: March 9, 2022

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to strengthen, through technical assistance (TA), rural organizations' capacity to develop multi-sector consortia that can plan, implement, and sustain programs that improve access to and quality of behavioral health care services, including substance use disorder (SUD)/opioid use disorder (OUD) services.

[U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Fiscal year 2022](#)

Competitive Grant Announcement
Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance
O-BJA-2022-171017
Deadline: March 10, 2022

CTAS combines many of the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) existing tribal government-specific competitive solicitations into a single solicitation requiring only one application from each tribe or tribal consortium. This approach reduces the number of applications required to access funds and provides federally recognized tribes, tribal consortia, and tribal designees the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues.

[MCH Adolescent and Young Adult Health Research Network](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
HRSA-22-077
Deadline: March 15, 2022

The purpose of this program is to grow and extend a national, multi-site, collaborative Research Network that will accelerate the translation of research into Maternal and Child Health (MCH) AYA practice; promote scientific collaboration; and develop additional research capacity in the AYA health field (serving adolescents and young adults ages 10–25).

Local Food Purchase Assistance Program

**Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
USDA-AMS-10182-LFPA0000-22-0001
Deadline: April 5, 2022**

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will establish cooperative agreements with state and Tribal governments for the purpose of supporting local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers through food purchasing under the “Build Back Better Initiative.”

Trafficking Victim Assistance Program

**Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP
HHS-2022-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-ZV-0150
Deadline: May 19, 2022**

The Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is announcing funds for the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP). TVAP’s goal is to directly fund time-limited comprehensive case management services to foreign national adult confirmed and potential victims of a severe form of human trafficking, as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended, who are seeking or have received Health and Human Services (HHS) certification. TVAP must also establish local regional presence to coordinate project activities and direct services.

Risk and Protective Factors of Family Health and Family Level Interventions

**Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health
PAR-21-358
Deadline: May 7, 2025**

The purpose of this initiative is to advance the science of minority health and health disparities by supporting research on family health and well-being and resilience. The NIMHD Research Framework recognizes family health, family well-being, and family resilience as critically important areas of research.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth

**Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – ERA
RFA-CE-22-002
Deadline: January 4, 2022**

Applicants must propose a research project that addresses at least one of the research priorities in the interpersonal violence prevention section of the NCIPC Research Priorities (www.cdc.gov/injury/researchpriorities/index.html) as they relate to violence impacting children or youth (from birth through age 17). These research priorities include: Cross-cutting violence prevention Child abuse and neglect Youth violence Intimate partner violence (teen dating violence) Sexual violence. Applicants are also encouraged to address the following: Multiple forms of violence impacting children or youth Firearm-related behavior, crime, injuries and deaths among children and youth Other adverse childhood experiences and related constructs as secondary outcomes The social or structural conditions that contribute to violence and health inequities across population groups.

AmeriCorps State and National Grants

**AmeriCorps
AC-09-14-21
Deadline: January 5, 2022**

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities.

Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries

**Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA**

RFA-CE-22-004

Deadline: January 14, 2022

The intent of this announcement is to support research to help inform the development of innovative and promising opportunities to enhance safety and prevent firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime, and to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of innovative and promising strategies to keep individuals, families, schools, and communities safe from firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime.

[Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA

RFA-CE-22-005

Deadline: January 14, 2022

This initiative is intended to support evaluation and implementation research studies on primary prevention programs, practices or policies with universal or selected (i.e., have one or more risk factors that place them at heightened risk for violence) populations. Funds are available to conduct such studies focused on preventing child abuse and neglect and at least one other form of violence affecting children and youth, including teen dating violence, sexual violence, youth violence, and exposure to adult intimate partner violence.

[YouthBuild](#)

Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration

FOA-ETA-22-01

Deadline: January 21, 2022

The purpose of this program is to fund organizations to provide a pre-apprenticeship program model that encompasses education, occupational skills training, leadership development, and high-quality post-program placement opportunities to opportunity youth. YouthBuild is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who left high school prior to graduation that also have other risk factors, including being an adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, migrant farmworker youth, youth experiencing housing instability, and other disadvantaged youth populations.

[Rigorously Evaluating Programs and Policies to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse \(CSA\)](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA

RFA-CE-22-003

Deadline: January 28, 2022

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is soliciting investigator-initiated research proposals to rigorously evaluate prevention approaches (i.e., programs, policies, or practices) for their impact on the primary prevention of child sexual abuse (CSA) perpetrated by youth or adults.

[Behavioral Health Integration Initiative](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-BH2I-0001

Deadline: February 2, 2022

The purpose of the Behavioral Health Integration Initiative (BH2I) program is to improve the physical and mental health status of people with behavioral health issues by developing an integrated and coordinated system of care.

[Domestic Violence Prevention Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-DVP-0001

Deadline: February 2, 2022

The purpose of this IHS grant is to support the development and/or expansion of a Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP) program by incorporating prevention efforts addressing social, spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of victims through the integration of culturally appropriate practices and trauma-

informed services for Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian organizations (UIO) serving the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) population. This Indian Health Service (IHS) program aims to promote prevention efforts that address domestic and sexual violence, including sexual exploitation/human trafficking, Missing and Murdered AI/AN people, and child maltreatment.

[Domestic Violence Prevention Program: Forensic Healthcare Services](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-FHC-0001

Deadline: February 2, 2022

The purpose of this IHS grant is to provide access to treatment for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) victims of domestic and sexual violence by supporting the development of and/or expansion of Forensic Healthcare (FHC) services that are culturally appropriate and trauma-informed.

[Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program: Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-SAPTA-0001

Deadline: February 2, 2022

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of substance abuse and decrease the overall use of addicting and illicit substances among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations.

[Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program: Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-SPIP-0001

Deadline: February 2, 2022

The primary purpose of this program is to reduce the prevalence of suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations.

[Zero Suicide Initiative](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-ZSI-0001

Deadline: February 2, 2022

The intent of this announcement is to initiate a new, or build upon the previous, Zero Suicide Initiative efforts. Existing efforts have focused on foundational learning of the key concepts of the Zero Suicide framework, technical assistance, and consultation for several American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Zero Suicide communities.

[Research Grants to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA

RFA-CE-22-004

Deadline: February 4, 2022

For the purposes of this announcement, firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime include mass shooting incidents, other firearm homicides/assaults, firearm suicides/self-harm, unintentional firearm deaths and injuries, and firearm-related crime. The intent of this announcement is to support research to help inform the development of innovative and promising opportunities to enhance safety and prevent firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime, and to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of innovative and promising strategies to keep individuals, families, schools, and communities safe from firearm-related injuries, deaths, and crime.

[Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Indian Health Service

HHS-2022-IHS-TSGP-0001

Deadline: February 10, 2022

The purpose of this Planning Cooperative Agreement is to provide resources to Tribes interested in entering the Tribal Self-Governance Program (TSGP) and to existing Self-Governance Tribes interested in assuming new or expanded programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFAs).

[Enhanced Interpersonal Focused Strategies for Suicide Prevention Interventions](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

RFA-MH-22-125

Deadline: February 18, 2022

The intent of this initiative is to develop and/or utilize interpersonal treatment strategies that reduce risk by enhancing perceived social supports and connections that contribute to life-affirming beliefs, intentions, and behaviors, in ways consistent with conceptual models of suicide risk, to enhance the effectiveness of existing evidence-based treatments and develop new approaches, as indicated.

[Rural eConnectivity Program](#)

Department of Agriculture

Rural Utilities Service

RUS-REC-2022

Deadline: February 22, 2022

The Rural eConnectivity Program (ReConnect) Program provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

[Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

CDC-RFA-DP22-2201

Deadline: March 16, 2022

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to improve cultural connectedness among American Indians and Alaska Natives. This funding opportunity offers support for the implementation of tribal practices and cultural traditions to build resiliency and connections to community and culture to improve physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and wellbeing.

[Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Development and Implementation Grants](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families - OCC

HHS-2022-ACF-OCC-TH-0074

Deadline: April 15, 2022

Funds will support 63-month grants (cooperative agreements) between ACF and federally-recognized Indian tribes (or a consortium of Indian tribes), tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations to: conduct community needs assessments; develop the infrastructure needed for widespread planning, adopting, implementing, expanding, enhancing, and sustaining of evidence-based maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs; and provide high-quality evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women and families with young children aged birth to kindergarten entry.

[Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach Program – \(VHT-SO\) Pacific Region Demonstration Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

HHS-2022-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-ZV-0038

Deadline: April 18, 2022

Under the VHT-SO Pacific Region Demonstration Program the following activities are required: a) provision of comprehensive, culturally and linguistically responsive, case management to foreign nationals who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; 2) outreach efforts to increase identification of

foreign nationals who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; 3) training to service providers and community partners.

[AmeriCorps State and National Tribal Grants](#)

AmeriCorps

AC-09-15-21

Deadline: May 4, 2022

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[Victims of Human Trafficking in Native Communities \(VHT-NC\) Demonstration Program](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families-IOAS-OTIP

HHS-2022-ACF-IOAS-OTIP-TV-0035

Deadline: May 19, 2022

Under the VHT-NC Demonstration Program the following activities are required: 1) provision of comprehensive, culturally and linguistically responsive, case management to Native Americans who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; 2) outreach efforts to increase identification of Native Americans who have experienced sex and labor trafficking; and 3) training to service providers and community partners.

[Disaster Assistance for State Units on Aging \(SUAs\) and Tribal Organizations in Major Disasters Declared by the President](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

HHS-2022-ACL-AOA-DASG-0068

Deadline: September 6, 2022

Grants awarded under this announcement are to provide disaster reimbursement and assistance funds to those State Units on Aging (SUAs), and federally recognized Tribal Organizations who are currently receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA), as amended. These funds only become available when the President declares a Major Disaster under the Robert T. Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and may only be used in those areas designated in the Disaster Declaration issued by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

[EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

Department of Commerce

Economic Development Administration

EDA-2019-DISASTER

Deadline: None

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO.