

### **Department of Justice (DOJ)**

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Washington, D.C. 20531

GRANT NOTIFICATION Grant Number: 2019-IC-BX-K003

Name & Address of Recipient: UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Title of Program: BJA FY 2021 Invited to Apply - Continuation of BJA Previously Funded Awards

Title of Project: Proposal of the Tribal Judicial Institute at the University of North Dakota School of Law 2021 Category 4

Responding to Violent Crime in Tribal Communities Training and Technical Assistance

Amount of Award: \$600,000 Date of Award: 12/17/2021

Awarding Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Dara Schulman

Supplement: Yes

Statutory Authority for Program:

Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat 1182, 1259

Impact/Focus: Formula CFDA Number: 16.738

#### Project Description:

Partners: The Tribal Judicial Institute (TJI), along with primary partners Center for Court Innovation Tribal Justice Exchange (CCI), National Tribal Criminal Justice Center with Fox Valley Technical College (NCJTC) and the National Tribal Judicial College (NTJC), propose to provide consistent, culturally relevant, comprehensive and user-friendly delivery of TTA to BJA and OVW grantees and OLJ as they develop strategies to respond to precipitous increases in crime at the tribal level, especially violent crime. Experience: The partners have worked collaboratively for more than a decade to provide TTA focusing on court planning, diversionary programming, code development, strategic planning, tribal civil and criminal legal assistance, victims of crime, child sexual abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. The partnership has evolved through a series of federally funded grant projects wherein the partnering agencies provided TTA to tribes nationwide. Partners have experience providing TTA to an array of tribal audiences and disciplines through in person training, online opportunities and publications. Each partner has developed internal procedures to evaluate and report to funding agencies. TTA: Key activities include a TTA needs assessment, on-site TTA, distance learning, judicial training, support for national conferences, establishment of online communities of practice and support for Operation Lady Justice Task force efforts, including a community of practice for tribal law enforcement. The following provides an overview of project goals and objectives: GOAL 1: To provide proactive technical assistance to assist grantees and target audience in meeting the goals and objectives of their grant funding. Objective 1: Provide overall project oversight and coordinated outreach to grantees and target audience. Objective 2: Provide TA to target audience and support their efforts to successfully plan and implement strategies and programs to address precipitous increase in crime, particularly violent crime in their tribal community. GOAL 2: To provide culturally competent, comprehensive and user-friendly Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) to assist BJA and OVW grantees in meeting the goals and objectives of their grant funding. Objective 1: Provide TTA



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to grantees and target audience through publications, training opportunities, distance learning opportunities and online dissemination of resources on topics relevant to addressing precipitous increases in crime in tribal communities, particularly violent crime. Objective 2: To support national partners on related projects and collaborate with BJA and OVW and funded TTA Providers to ensure consistent delivery of TTA to BJA and OVW grantees.
For more information about this award, please contact the OJP Office of Communications at 202-307-0703 or OJP.OCOM@ojp.usdoj.gov.