



## BIA Tribal Justice Support

# VAWA TRAINING GRANT

### Grant Overview

The BIA TJS VAWA Training Grant provides funding for training initiatives aimed at helping tribal communities better understand, implement, and comply with VAWA and ICWA provisions.

This includes training for law enforcement officers, tribal court personnel, victim advocates, prosecutors, and other relevant stakeholders.

“One unique aspect of this training is the focus on building trauma-informed court practices tailored to the needs identified by this community”

Ron Whitener  
Director of Justice Consulting  
Co-Owner, The Whitener Group



### Funding

#### Funding Requirements

Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. Sections 3611 and 3612, the Tribal Justice Support (TJS) Directorate requires a TJS tribal court assessment (25 U.S.C. Section 3612) to be either initiated or completed in order for the tribal court program to be considered eligible for funding. If you are unsure if you have had a tribal court assessment or if you may be due for another assessment, please don't hesitate to reach out to us or TJS directly.

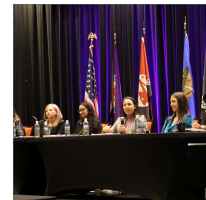
# How to Request Funding

You can pursue the BIA TJS VAWA Training Grant independently or with our assistance! We've outlined the application process below for your convenience. If you prefer, we can manage most of the grant application process on your behalf. Our goal is to support your success, whether you choose to work with us or not! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

# 1

## SEND FUNDING REQUEST

Draft and send a letter of interest on your official letterhead to TJS requesting funding from the VAWA Training Grant.



# 2

## COMPLETE FORMS

Complete the necessary forms, including:

- Point of Contact Form (required only in the first year of the cooperative agreement)
- Statement of Work (SOW), detailing the expected number of attendees, qualifications of training staff, and other details
- Draft Agenda (a rough draft is sufficient and can be modified later)
- Estimated Event Budget



# 3

## SUBMIT FORMS

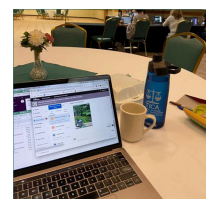
Email the completed forms to TJS for review. The TJS office will evaluate your tribe's capacity to conduct the training, assess the current need, and determine the appropriate cost.



# 4

## APPROVAL & RELEASE OF FUNDS

After receiving TJS approval, Complete & sign Forms: SF424 & SF424A and submit to TJS via Grant Solutions.



# 5

## RECEIVE NOTICE OF AWARD

A Notice of Award will be emailed to the contact person listed in Grant Solutions.

# Planning Your VAWA Event Tips

Planning an event can be a complex undertaking. While you can certainly handle every detail yourself, we specialize in taking the reins and managing the entire process. Our goal is to provide support and expertise, but you're in control. (And remember: You still don't have to hire us! 😊) Here are some key factors to consider as you start planning:

## Examples of Prior VAWA Speaker Topics\*:

Jurisdiction in Domestic Violence, Child Welfare & Elder Abuse in Indian Country

Intergenerational Trauma

Understanding and Improving Law Enforcement Practice in DV Cases

DV & IPV Trauma Informed Response in Indigenous Communities

Violence against Native LGBTQ Children: Effects of Trauma & Cultural Interventions for Resiliency

Secondary Trauma & Self-Care

\*See Resources Page for Additional Speaker Topics

- **Determine Event Type and Format** – Decide if your training will be in-person, virtual, or hybrid, and choose online platforms for engagement if needed.
- **Determine Speakers and Panels** – Identify and invite speakers. Determine speaker topics. Consider including opening and closing songs, prayers, drum groups, and cultural leaders.
- **Location and Reservations** – Choose a suitable venue, arrange conference rooms, and secure room blocks for attendees if in-person.
- **Tech Setup and Management** – Coordinate the necessary technology for presentations and manage on-site or virtual tech support.
- **CE/CLE Credits** – Get approval for continuing education or legal education credits for attendees.
- **Event Materials** – Design and create program booklets, signage, badges for attendees and staff, and other materials.
- **Online Marketing and Website Design** – Create a style guide, design a website, and utilize online marketing to promote your event. Send out save-the-dates and manage registrations.
- **Advertisements and Press Releases** – Promote your event through advertisements and press releases to boost attendance and engagement.
- **Surveys and Feedback** – Plan to distribute surveys to gather feedback from attendees.



## Previous Events Facilitated by The Whitener Group

**VAWA & ICWA Training**  
Bay Mills Indian Community  
(5 year Initiative)

**Healing to  
Wellness Court  
Training**  
Penobscot Nation

**VAWA Training**  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
(5 Year Initiative)

**Personalized Event Style Guide**

**Social Media Posts**

**Save the Date Flyers**

## Contact Us

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# Resources

## Previous VAWA Training Speaker Topics

### Domestic Violence (DV) and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

- Intimate Partner Violence: A Refresher
- Domestic Violence its Effects on Children
- Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence
- Domestic Violence Advocacy
- Best Practices: Trauma-Informed Processes and Practices in Domestic Violence Cases
- Understanding and Improving Law Enforcement Practice in DV Cases
- Back to Basics: A Domestic Violence Refresher
- DV and IPV Trauma Informed Response in Indigenous Communities
- Re-Indigenizing Trauma Informed Response in Indigenous Communities

### Child Welfare & Family Issues

- Intersection of Child Welfare and Domestic Violence: Collaborative, Culturally Based Responses to Native Families Impacted
- Asserting Sovereignty and Reimagining Child Welfare: A Discussion of Tribal Codes & Best Practices
- Families First and Title IV-E
- The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Neglect and Juvenile Justice
- Social Services: Child Welfare and Substance Abuse
- Through the Eyes of the Infant: Supporting Healthy Brain Development in Young Children Exposed to Trauma and Interpersonal Violence
- Impacts of Trauma on Youth and Adults: Elements of a Trauma Informed Tribal Justice System
- Social Services: Child Welfare & DV in Tribal Courts After COVID-19

### Elder Abuse

- Identification and Prevention of Elder Abuse in Indian Country

### Human Trafficking

- Social Services: Identifying Human Trafficking
- Law Enforcement: Policing Human Trafficking in Tribal Communities



## Legal and Jurisdictional Issues

- BRACKEEN V. HAALAND: What the Decision Said and How to Move Forward
- Jurisdiction in Domestic Violence, Child Welfare, and Elder Abuse in Indian Country
- Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction
- VAWA and ICWA Update
- How to (and Why) Preserve ICWA Standards in Domestic Violence Cases
- ICWA Case Law Update
- Legal Updates from Indian Country
- Balancing Victim's Rights and Children's Needs in DV Cases
- Government to Government Relationships in Domestic Violence and Child Welfare Matters

## Tribal Justice and Sovereignty

- Healing to Wellness Courts: Key Components of a Family Healing to Wellness Court
- Tribal Courts and Programs: Preventing Violence against Women
- Justice in Indian Country Today
- Generational and Systemic Trauma
- Sacred Justice: A Different Worldview Regarding Justice (Unleashing the Power of the Circle)
- This Land: Bringing Indigenous Issues Mainstream
- The Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Epidemic

## Trauma, Healing, and Self-Care

- Healing Families from Intergenerational Trauma
- Healing: Trauma and COVID-19
- Generational and Systemic Trauma
- Secondary Trauma and Self-Care
- Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care
- Working Collaboratively to Support Victims

## Miscellaneous

- Getting to Know and Working with Domestic Violence Coalitions
  - Working with and Interviewing Victims of Violence: Adults, Children, & Elders
  - Working with Victims of Sexual Assault
  - Working with Perpetrators: Balancing Accountability and Risk
  - Services and How to Evaluate Them for Your Clients
  - Setting the Stage: Where are we now? Where do we want to go?
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