

# FY 2023 TRIBAL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
AUGUST 7, 2023

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
AUGUST 14, 2023

### Who May Apply:

Nonprofit organizations as defined by 26 U.S.C § 501(c)(3), that provide legal assistance services to eligible tribal members and other individuals pursuant to federal poverty guidelines, federally recognized Indian tribes, or tribal justice systems.

### Why Apply:

Receive funding to build and enhance capacity and improve delivery of civil and criminal legal services to individuals and tribes, develop policies that improve access to tribal justice systems, and provide training and technical assistance for the development and enhancement of tribal justice systems.

### Maximum per Award:

Up to \$1,098,000 per category

### BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

### Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Expand and improve civil legal assistance for eligible tribal members, other eligible individuals, federally recognized Indian tribes, and tribal justice systems.
- Enhance tribes' capacity, operations, or legal infrastructure.
- Improve the quality of criminal defense representation for tribes and other eligible individuals.
- Coordinate and collaborate at the local level to effectively utilize resources and engage the tribal justice system community.
- Partner with Indian tribes to provide legal or technical assistance for the development of intergovernmental agreements, law enforcement training, and more.

### Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/tribal-civil-and-criminal-legal-assistance-tccla-program/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/tribal-civil-and-criminal-legal-assistance-tccla-program/overview) for more information about the program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171804](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171804) for full funding information.



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## Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: [sam.gov/content/home](https://sam.gov/content/home).
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: [bja.ojp.gov/funding/OBJA-2023-171804.pdf](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/OBJA-2023-171804.pdf) for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
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## How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by August 7, 2023.
- (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by August 14, 2023. The application's major elements are:
  - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
  - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
  - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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