

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>, <u>Office of Justice Programs'</u> <u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u> is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Renovation of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Discretionary Grant Program. This program will further the Department's efforts to assist tribes in developing effective strategies to cost effectively renovate existing facilities associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction.

# Renovation of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Competitive Grant Announcement

## **Eligibility**

Applicants are limited to federally recognized tribal governments. (See "Eligibility," page 1)

## Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on September 17, 2007. (See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

## **Contact Information**

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This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1–800–518–4726.

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# Renovation of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands CFDA #16.596

## Overview of Renovation of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands

The Renovation of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands will assist tribes in cost effectively renovating facilities associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction. This program is authorized under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title II, Subtitle A, Public Law 103-322, 105 Stat. 1796, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 13709.

## **Deadline: Registration**

Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, if you are a first-time registrant, it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated and confirmed and to receive your user password. It is highly recommended you start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting your application package to our agency by the deadline specified. There are three steps that you must complete before you are able to register: 1) register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR), 2) register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and 3) be authorized as an AOR in your organization. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.grants.gov/">www.grants.gov/</a>. Note: Your CCR registration must be renewed once a year. Failure to renew your CCR registration will prohibit submission of a grant application through Grants.gov.

## **Deadline: Applications**

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. e.t. on September 17, 2007.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants are limited to federally recognized tribal governments. Eligibility is defined under the Indian Self Determination Act, 25 U.S.C. 450b(e).

## Renovation of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program-Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

The Department recognizes the critical role of planning to ensure that renovating established correctional facilities are appropriate for the intended population, supportive of cultural and traditional values, safe and secure when completed, and adhere to Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) standards regarding correctional operations, programs, and design. Grantees will be required to:

- Provide documentation that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has conducted an assessment of needs and supports the tribe's submission.
- Develop and complete a renovation plan that explores correctional building options to ensure the construction of a cost-effective design.
- Work closely with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) to ensure that the renovation is completed within 18 months of receiving the grant award, including the submission of a signed tribal resolution to BJA showing support that the renovation project will be completed within the identified time frame
- Identify the process to be undertaken for the needs assessment, pre-architectual
  programming, design, construction, and transition phases that will meet BIA acceptance for
  occupation and operation, consistent with Planning on New Institution (PONI) BIA
  standards, if relevant.
- As confirmed by a signed tribal resolution, demonstrate how the tribe will manage population data tracking, collection, and reporting needs to support OJP's reporting requirements, such as the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) "Jails in Indian Country" report.
- Consult with OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) if the plan is for a juvenile facility.
- Show that the tribe, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has the capacity to operate and sustain facility operations once renovation is completed.

#### **Amount and Length of Award**

Applicants may apply for up to \$500,000 for a project period of 18 months.

## **Match Requirement**

A grant made under this program may not cover more than 90 percent of the total costs of the project being funded. The applicant must identify the source of the 10 percent non-federal portion of the budget and how match funds will be used. Applicants may satisfy this match requirement with either cash or in-kind services. The formula for calculating match is:

Award amount = adjusted project costs X recipient's share = required match.

**Example:** For a federal award amount of \$500,000, match would be calculated as follows:

 $$500,000 = $555,555 \times 10\% = $55,555 \text{ match} 90\%$ 

#### **Performance Measures**

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), Pub. L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

Program Goals	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
To assist tribal jurisdictions to efficiently renovate correctional facilities associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and or adult offenders.	Percent of renovation plans completed on time.	Number of renovation plans submitted (i.e., 0 or 1) during the reporting period.

## **How To Apply**

DOJ is participating in the e-Government initiative, one of 25 initiatives included in the President's Management Agenda. Part of this initiative—Grants.gov—is a "one-stop storefront" that provides a unified process for all customers of federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding.

**Grants.gov Instructions:** Complete instructions can be found at <a href="www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>. If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at **1–800–518–4726**. **Note:** Both Microsoft Vista and Microsoft Office 2007 are currently incompatible with Grants.gov.

**CFDA Number:** The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.596, titled "Correctional Grant Program for Indian Tribes," and the funding opportunity number is BJA 2007-1669.

A DUNS number is required: The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1–866–705–5711 or by applying online at www.dunandbradstreet.com. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

## What an Application Must Include

#### Standard Form 424

#### **Program Narrative (Attachment 1)**

Applicants must submit a program narrative that describes the proposed activities for the grant period and responds to the below Selection Criteria in the order given. The narrative should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman preferred) with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed 20 pages. Please number pages "1 of 20," "2 of 20," etc.

#### **Budget and Budget Narrative (Attachment 2)**

Applicants must provide a budget that is complete, allowable, and cost effective. Applicants must submit a budget worksheet and budget narrative in one file. A fillable budget detail worksheet form is available on OJP's web site at <a href="https://www.ojp.usdoi.gov/Forms/budget\_fillable.pdf">www.ojp.usdoi.gov/Forms/budget\_fillable.pdf</a>.

#### **Project Timeline and Resumes (Attachment 3)**

Attach a project timeline with each task, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization; and resumes for key positions.

## **Selection Criteria**

## 1. Statement of the Problem (20 points)

Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the corrections issues confronting the tribe's community and the planning and construction elements the jurisdiction will address to meet individual needs. Include incident data and information about the number and types of offenses (e.g., youth, adult, family, traffic) addressed by the tribal criminal and juvenile justice system, the cost to incarcerate individuals, and a detailed description of the correctional facility (age, type (local/regional, tribal/BIA-administered)) used by the tribe. Discuss the impact that alcohol, methamphetamine, and substance abuse has on the criminal justice system and how the renovation and the implementation/enhancement of community-based corrections options will help control and prevent jail overcrowding.

#### 2. Program Design and Implementation (30 points)

Describe the executive-level planning team, including names, titles, and agencies. Identify the project director and planning team members, including tribal leaders, community members, and providers. Providers must represent law enforcement, courts, corrections/ probation, medical/treatment, and educational/vocational services. Note any other partners, such as faith- and community-based organizations. Indicate the tribe's commitment to sustaining the team's membership over the grant project period, detailing the nature of the work, frequency of meetings, and how achievements will be documented.

#### 3. Capabilities/Competencies (30 points)

Describe the tribe's management structure and project staffing. Demonstrate the tribe's capability and capacity to plan and efficiently and effectively renovate its correctional facility along with securing tribal and other public and private funds to complement the project and sustain operations after construction is completed, including staffing, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and maintenance. Note: Constructing a \$10 million correctional facility may take as much as \$100 million over a 30-year period to sustain facility operations.

## 4. Budget (10 points)

Provide a budget that is complete, allowable, and cost effective (see attachment 2).

#### 5. Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation (10 points)

Describe the process for measuring project performance, including meeting timelines and deliverables. Detail who is responsible for collecting corrections data, who is responsible for performance measurement, and how the information will be used to guide the planning process. Outline the steps the team will take to collect and examine baseline corrections data to ensure fiscal and programmatic resources will be used effectively.

#### **Review Process**

All applications will be peer reviewed. The BJA Director will then make award recommendations to OJP's Assistant Attorney General, who will make final determinations.

## **Additional Requirements**

- Civil Rights compliance.
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations.
- Anti-Lobbying Act.
- Financial and Government Audit requirements.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.
- DOJ Information Technology Standards.
- Single Point of Contact Review.
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds.
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements.
- Compliance with Office of the Comptroller Financial Guide.
- Suspension or Termination of Funding.

We strongly encourage you to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting your application. Additional information for each can be found at <a href="https://www.oip.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm">www.oip.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm</a>.