



State of Alaska

Department of Public Safety

Sarah Palin, Governor
Joseph A. Masters, Commissioner

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The Honorable Bob Herron
House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Room 415
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Herron:

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, otherwise known as the "Recovery Act". The bill includes a number of spending priorities including funding for state and local justice assistance programs.

Historically, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has shared information regarding potential grant opportunities with our sub-grantees directly, including the non-profit regional corporations and local police departments. The enclosed notice contains information through the National Criminal Justice Association and includes links to justice funding opportunities under the Recover Act. Applicants may apply directly through these links.

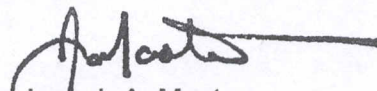
We want to ensure that all Villages and Tribes in your jurisdiction are aware of these funding opportunities outside of the normal State grants that may be available to them.

If State grants are available through the Stimulus Plan, we will follow-up with a letter regarding how to apply for any sub-grants that may be administered through the DPS.

We ask for your help to distribute this information. Please "forward" the attached "Recovery Act Funding Information Notice" as to keep the web links operable.

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,



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This notice contains links and information for organizations that would like to apply for grant funding contained in the Recovery Act.

All organizations that are interested in receiving grant funding must first obtain a [DUNS \(Data Universal Numbering System\)](#) number and register with the [Central Contractor Registration \(CCR\)](#) database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government. To learn more about available federal grants, please visit www.grants.gov.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) administers a number of the grant programs included in the Recovery Act including:

- The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - \$2 billion
- The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program - \$225 million
- Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement (construction of jails on tribal lands) - \$225 million
- Assistance for Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Drug-Related Crime - \$125 million
- Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) - \$30 million
- Grants for Victim Compensation and Assistance - \$100 million
- Grants for Internet Crimes Against Children Initiatives - \$50 million

To visit OJP's Recovery Act page, [CLICK HERE](#).

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) OFFICE

The COPS Office administers the \$1 billion for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). Applications for CHRP grants will be accepted only online through the COPS Office website at www.cops.usdoj.gov. The online application materials are scheduled to be available before the end of March.

To learn how to apply for the CHRP grants visit the COPS Recovery Act page, [CLICK HERE](#).

OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW)

The Recovery Act provides \$225 million to the [Office on Violence Against Women](#) for five of its existing programs:

\$140 million for the [Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors Formula Grant Program \(STOP Program\)](#) to promote a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance services and advocacy to victims, improve the criminal justice system's response, and promote effective law enforcement, prosecution, and judicial strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. *Applicants are limited to U.S. states and territories.*

\$8.75 million for [State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions](#) to support the coordination of state victim services activities, including collaboration and coordination with federal, state, and local entities. State Sexual Assault Coalitions and State Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to \$78,125 each, and dual Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to \$156,250. *Eligible applicants are HHS-designated State coalitions.*

\$43 million for the [Transitional Housing Assistance Program](#) which provides holistic, victim-centered transitional housing services and related support services that move individuals into permanent housing. *Eligible applicants include States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and other organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.*

\$20.8 million for the [Tribal Governments Grant Program](#) to enhance the ability of Tribes to respond to violent crimes against American Indian and Alaska Native women, enhance victim safety, and develop education and prevention strategies. *Eligible applicants include federally recognized Indian Tribes, their authorized designee, or a consortium consisting of two or more federally recognized Tribes.*

\$2.8 million for the Tribal [Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program](#) to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. *Eligible applicants are established federally recognized Indian Tribes, their authorized designee, or a consortium consisting of two or more federally recognized Tribes.*

Remaining funds will support Technical Assistance for grantees including assistance on meeting reporting requirements, as required by the Recovery Act.

It is critical that applicants address our nation's economic recovery in their proposals specifying how these funds will be used to create and preserve jobs, leading the way for economic prosperity, while addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

The majority of these funds will be distributed to States, who will release request for proposals to local communities requesting proposals that will be reviewed through a competitive selection process at the state level. Please contact Alaska's [STOP administering agency](#) for information about applying for STOP Program funds.

To visit OVW's Recovery Act page, [CLICK HERE](#).

The information contained in this notice is courtesy of the [National Criminal Justice Association](#).

The Recovery Act contains funding for hundreds of different programs in addition to justice assistance, including funding for rural community facilities, firefighter assistance grants for constructing fire stations, broadband infrastructure, workforce training and housing improvement, and construction of roads, schools, and detention centers. The federal website www.recovery.gov contains key information related to the Recovery Act and provides links to other government websites and related information. Additional information is also available on the [Alaska Office of Management & Budget](#) website.

We encourage you to seek out and apply for these potential funding opportunities to maximize the positive impacts the Recovery Act can have on our state.

Subgrant opportunities through DPS will be posted on the state's [Online Public Notice System](#) as they become available.