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CONGRATULATIONS!

[Judge Juan Ulloa Receives Lifetime Service Award](#)

Imperial County Superior Court Judge Juan Ulloa has received this year's Cesar E. Chavez Lifetime Service Award from San Diego State University. Ulloa is also the presiding judge of the superior court's family/juvenile division. "On behalf of the courts, staff and the legal community, we share a collective pride for Judge Ulloa's recognition," said Presiding Judge Poli Flores. "This award reflects Judge Ulloa's continuous commitment to public service, especially his focus on addressing the challenges facing our youth in this community."

Ulloa's career includes professional and social justice advocacy for change in low-income communities, according to a press release. He has extended services and outreach to the Quechan Tribe, the Baja California Family Court and the Consulate of Mexico in Calexico. He has also received the Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award which recognizes judges who have shown a long-term commitment to improving access to the court for low-and moderate-income Californians. He will be recognized and serve as keynote speaker at the 2015 SDSU Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Luncheon on April 17 in San Diego.

Other News

[New BIA Guidelines on ICWA](#)

On February 25, 2015 the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) posted new "Guidelines for State Courts and Agencies in Indian Child Custody Proceedings" (new guidelines) which will replace and supersede the guidelines which were initially issued in 1979.

[Indian Law on State Bar Exams In the Age of the Uniform Bar Examination](#)

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[2015 Young Native Writers Essay Contest](#)

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FORUM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

[University of North Dakota Sponsoring Tribal Courts Conference- Exploring Emerging Issues in Tribal Courts](#)

March 19-20, 2015
Denver, Colorado

[National Indigenous Women's Resource Center- Feeding the Fire for Tribal Safety, Justice & Sovereignty for Native Women](#)

March 31-April 2, 2015
Chandler, AZ

[NICA's 33rd Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

April 19-22, 2015
Portland, Oregon

[Indian Health Council Training Addressing the Needs of Tribal Foster Youth](#)

April 30, 2015
Valley Center, California

[U.S. Department of Justice Intergovernmental Tribal Reentry Workshops](#)

Albuquerque, NM — April 28-30, 2015
Portland, OR — May 19-21, 2015
Columbia, SC — May 27-29, 2015

[Bureau of Indian Affairs- Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country Seminar](#)

May 13-15, 2015
Columbia, SC

[National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges Sponsors the 19th Child Abuse & Neglect Institute](#)

June 1-5, 2015
University of Nevada, Reno

[National American Indian Judges Association Sponsors the 2015 National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference- Tribal Justice Systems: Pathways to Healing & Sovereignty](#)

October 6-9, 2015
Niagara Falls, NY

American Probation & Parole Association Sponsors Interviewing and Report Writing Skills Training

May 12-14, 2015
San Diego, CA
Contact Kim Cobb at kcobb@csg.org

These programs are supported with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice that are administered through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Court Improvement Program, and the California Department of Social Services.

CALIFORNIA STATE JUDICIAL BRANCH ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

Court Extranet and CJER Online

The State Judicial Branch has a Court Extranet with educational and other resources for state court judges and tribal court judges. This website contains information relevant to all levels of judicial branch personnel and includes resources designed to meet education, facilities, financial, human resources, legal, special court projects, technology, and other informational needs. It also offers both current news and archived resources. CJER Online consolidates all CJER websites into a single site for easy access to distance education, calendars, and registration. The new site is more accessible, user-friendly, and allows users to easily search CJER publications and distance education materials or register for programs. For more information, please contactCarolynn Bernabe at 415-865-7556 or carolynn.bernabe@jud.ca.gov.

California Dependency Online Guide (CalDOG)

The State Judicial Branch has a Dependency Online Guide with dependency-related case law, legal materials, articles and other resources to California attorneys, judicial officers, social workers, tribal representatives, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other child welfare professionals. This website contains up-to-date information for professionals working in child welfare, regardless of the size of the county, the employer, or the availability of legal and other resources in the local area. For more information, view the [CalDOG postcard](#). Subscriptions are free and available to professionals working in the field of juvenile dependency. [Log in or subscribe here](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[Funding Opportunity: Research and Evaluation Examining Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women](#)

Due: April 15, 2015

NIJ is seeking proposals for research and evaluation that will examine violence and victimization experienced by American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) women living in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages to produce a deeper understanding of the issues faced by Native American women and help formulate public policies and prevention strategies to decrease the incidence of violent crimes committed against AI and AN women. NIJ is especially interested in research and evaluation related to violence against AI and AN women in the areas of domestic violence, homicide, intimate partner violence, sex trafficking, sexual violence, stalking, and teen dating violence.

[Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program FY 2015 Grant Announced](#)

Due: April 20, 2015

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) invites eligible entities to apply for the [Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program \(BCJI\) FY 2015 competitive grant](#), a program to plan and implement place-based, community-oriented strategies to address targeted crime issues within a neighborhood as a part of a broader neighborhood revitalization initiative. BCJI builds the capacity of local and tribal communities to identify and address significant crime issues through collaborative cross-sector approaches that help advance broader neighborhood development goals.

[Funding for Tribal Courts](#)

Due: April 20, 2015

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families - ACYF/CB
Tribal Court Improvement Program Grant

[U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Grant Information](#)

The purpose of this resource page is to identify open grants, training and technical assistance that may be of particular interest to defender agencies, courts, state, local and tribal jurisdictions, research and academic institutions, and non-profit organizations that are working to enhance legal assistance and related services for historically underserved populations. Please contact the issuing entity for more information about listed grants, training and technical assistance. For a comprehensive listing of all Department of Justice (DOJ) grants, please visit www.justice.gov/business/.
[Overview of resources for courts and indigent defense providers.](#)

Criminal - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Juvenile - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Civil - Grants | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
Violence Against Women - [Grants](#) | [Training & Technical Assistance](#)
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CRIMINAL

Criminal – Grants

[Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Maximizing State Reforms](#)

Deadline: 3/10/2015

[Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Program](#)

Deadline: 3/10/2015

[OJJDP Center for Coordinated Assistance to States Multi-System Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program: Building an Infrastructure for Reform](#)

Deadline: 3/16/15

[OJJDP FY 2015 Youth Violence Prevention Coordinated Technical Assistance Program](#)

Deadline: 3/20/15

[Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals](#)

Deadline: 4/7/2015

[Postdoctoral Fellowship on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, Teen Dating Violence, and Stalking](#)

Deadline: 4/7/2015

[Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Violence](#)

Deadline: 4/8/2015

CIVIL

Civil - Grants

For information on other Civil grant opportunities, please visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov.

Civil - Training and Technical Assistance

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW)- Grants

OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

[OVW FY 2015 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program](#)

Deadline: March 11, 2015

The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance needed to effectively aid adult and youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence, at minimum or no cost to the victims. LAV Grant Program funds may not be used to provide criminal defense services.

[FY 2015 NAGPRA Grant Program](#)

Deadline: March 11, 2015

The National NAGPRA Program assists the Secretary of the Interior with some responsibilities under NAGPRA. Section 10 of NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony.

[Drug-Free Communities Support Program](#)

Deadline: March 18, 2015

Grants awarded through the DFC Support Program are intended to support established community-based youth substance use prevention coalitions capable of effecting community-level change. For the purposes of this RFA and the DFC Support Program, a coalition is defined as a community-based formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration among groups or sectors of a community in which each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community. DFC grantees are expected to conduct the day-to-day operations of the grant program. DFC funded applicants are not permitted to serve as a conduit for DFC funds passing through them or to another agency. Therefore, the grantee may not contract a substantive portion of the day-to-day operations to another agency and/or coalition.

Coalitions receiving DFC funds are expected to work with leaders in their communities to identify and address local youth substance use problems and create sustainable community-level change through the use of the Seven Strategies for Community Change. For more information on these strategies, please refer to page 8 of the Expectations section of this RFA. The DFC Support Program does not fund the following (not a fully exhaustive list):

- After-school programs
- Youth mentoring programs
- Sports programs
- Treatment services/programs/facilities
- Drug Courts
- Construction
- Landscaping/neighborhood revitalization projects

SAMHSA strongly encourages all grantees to provide a tobacco-free workplace and to promote abstinence from all tobacco products (except in regard to accepted tribal traditions and practices).

[OVW Fiscal Year 2015 Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies](#)

Deadline: March 19, 2015

The Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies (hereafter referred to as the Consolidated Youth Program) was enacted in the FY 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 appropriation acts, which consolidated four previously authorized and appropriated programs into one comprehensive program. The four programs included in the FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 consolidations were: Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth (Youth Services), Grants to Assist Children and Youth Exposed to Violence (CEV), Engaging Men and Youth in Preventing

Domestic Violence (EMY), and Supporting Teens through Education and Prevention (STEP). The Consolidated Youth Program supports projects designed to provide coordinated community responses that support child, youth and young adult victims through direct services, training, coordination and collaboration, effective intervention, treatment, response, and prevention strategies. The Consolidated Youth Program creates a unique opportunity for communities to increase collaboration among non-profit victim service providers; violence prevention, and children (0-10), youth (11-18), young adult (19-24) and men-serving organizations; tribes and tribal governments; local government agencies; schools; and programs that support men's role in combating sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Native Asset Building Initiative

Deadline: March 25, 2015

Asset building is an approach to overcoming poverty that emphasizes the value of sound family budgeting, money management, savings, and investment in long term assets. The Office of Community Services (OCS) and the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) have partnered to increase access to and awareness of asset building opportunities in Native American communities. OCS and ANA are program offices within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). OCS and ANA will accept applications to establish and administer asset building projects with a focus on Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. The AFI focus of each project requires that eligible participants are given access to match savings accounts, called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Grantees will provide an array of additional supports and services to enable low-income individuals and families to become economically self-sufficient for the long term. Additional services offered to participants may include financial literacy education, credit counseling, coaching on money management and consumer issues, business support, home ownership support services, and other supportive services that enable them to become more financially secure. The IDA portion of the project is funded by OCS. ANA funds may be used to pay for costs associated with project administration and to provide other asset-building strategies. Under the funding opportunity announcement (FOA), applicants will submit 1 application that identifies a single work plan and 2 budgets, that is, a budget for each award. Successful applicants will receive an OCS-AFI award and an ANA-SEDS award.

Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Drug Courts

Deadline: March 27, 2015

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2015 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment services in existing adult and family "problem solving" courts, which use the treatment drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment (including recovery support services supporting substance abuse treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination as well as family-focused services in the case of Family Treatment Drug Courts) to defendants/offenders. Grantees will be expected to provide a coordinated, multi-system approach designed to combine the sanctioning power of treatment drug courts with effective treatment services to break the cycle of criminal behavior, child abuse and neglect, alcohol and/or drug use, and incarceration or other penalties. Grants funds must be used to serve people diagnosed with a substance use disorder as their primary condition, particularly high risk/high need populations diagnosed with substance dependence or addiction to alcohol/other drugs and identified as needing immediate treatment. Grant funds must be used to address gaps in the continuum of treatment for those individuals in these drug courts who have substance abuse and/or co-occurring disorders treatment needs. Grant funds may be used to provide services for co-morbid conditions, such as mental health problems, as long as expenditures remain consistent with the drug court model which is designed to serve individuals needing treatment for substance dependence or addiction to alcohol/other drugs. SAMHSA will use discretion in allocating funding for these awards, taking into consideration the specific drug court models (adult and family treatment drug courts) as appropriate, and the number of applications received per model type.

Tribal Court Improvement Program

Deadline: March 30, 2015

The Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau announces the availability of awards to provide tribes and tribal consortia the opportunity to compete for grants to enable tribal courts to:

- (1) Conduct assessments of how tribal courts handle child welfare proceedings and to make improvements to court processes;
- (2) Implement improvements to provide for the safety, permanency and well-being of children as set forth in the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-89) and increase and improve engagement of the entire family in court processes relating to child welfare, family preservation, family reunification and adoption;
- (3) Ensure children's safety, permanence, and well-being needs are met in a timely and complete manner (through better collection and analysis of data); and
- (4) Provide for training of judges, attorneys, and other legal personnel in child welfare cases.

Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence

Deadline: April 7, 2015

NIJ has supported research in the area of violence against women for over four decades through annual solicitations, research workshops, and dissemination efforts. A compilation of NIJ's work in this area can be found in the Compendium of Research on Violence Against Women highlighting over 300 projects supported through NIJ's program since 1993.¹ More information about NIJ's support of research in the areas of teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual violence can be found on topic-specific webpages², and priority areas are documented in summaries of research meetings and workshops³. Applicants should review past violence against women solicitations that document overall areas of recent interest⁴ and awards made under this program. Under this solicitation, specific areas of interest have been identified; however, other topics that offer important insights into violence against women will also be accepted for review.

NIJ seeks applications to examine the effectiveness of specialized police and court-based units, services, and methods related to intimate partner and sexual violence. Of interest are studies on specialized prosecution or law enforcement programs for domestic or sexual violence, sexual assault prosecution units, domestic or intimate partner violence prosecution units, or domestic or intimate partner violence law enforcement teams or units. The cost-effectiveness and sustainability of such specialized units or programs should be included as a component of a proposal's research design.

NIJ seeks research on the development, adaptation, and testing of screening tools used for the identification of intimate partner violence in family court proceedings—specifically for cases involving child custody. Studies can involve the testing of new and existing tools, and instruments and proposals should include all relevant instrumentation in the appendices of the proposal.

Secondary Analysis of the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) Data: General Population and American Indian and Alaska Native Samples

Deadline: April 9, 2015

The purpose of this National Institute of Justice (NIJ) solicitation is to encourage and support research using the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) data available from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data 1 (NACJD) to help inform policies and programs aimed at preventing violence, as well as addressing the specific information needs of state and national governmental and nongovernmental organizations. The survey was designed to track trends in intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence (SV), and stalking. NIJ seeks to support the scholarship of promising researchers to conduct secondary data analyses of these existing data.

[Announcement of Availability of Funds for Supporting and Enabling Early Innovation to Advance Adolescent Health and Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#)

Deadline: April 10, 2015

The primary purpose of this grant is to establish two independent intermediaries that will select, fund, and support a portfolio of innovators across the country to design, test, and refine interventions to advance adolescent health and prevent teen pregnancy. For the purposes of this FOA, OAH defines innovation broadly as new or promising approaches, interventions, curricula, or strategies informed by scientific theory or empirical evidence that may lead to or have the potential to result in a substantial reduction in teen pregnancy rates, sexually transmitted infection (STIs) rates, and associated sexual risk behaviors. One intermediary will focus on supporting innovation of technology interventions and the other will focus on supporting innovation of program interventions. Interventions may be designed to improve knowledge and skills related to TPP, improve the delivery of programs (e.g., increase participant engagement), and/or expand the ability of programs to reach youth who have otherwise been difficult to reach. Examples of technology interventions may include, but are not limited to, mobile applications, video games or other gaming technology, use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology, adaptation of a pre-existing technology for new use, etc. Examples of program interventions may include, but are not limited to, infusion of TPP content into settings where youth work, live, and play; systems-level approaches; use of non-traditional delivery approaches; etc. Hybrid approaches that combine both program and technology may be classified as either, and will depend on whether the intervention is primarily (i.e., 50% or more) technology driven. Each intermediary is expected to fund a broad range of interventions to advance adolescent health and prevent teen pregnancy. The successful applicant will determine their focus area (technology or program) and propose a five-year strategy to competitively select, fund, and support a portfolio of innovators across the country (estimate 5-15 per year). The successful applicant must be able to reach a national audience for the selection of innovators. Successful applicants will create an infrastructure to support and foster innovation; monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the TPP Early Innovation Program; and disseminate successes, lessons learned, and knowledge gained. Throughout the five-year grant period, some interventions developed under the intermediary's portfolio may need further development and testing, others may be deemed impractical or not feasible, and some interventions may be ready for a rigorous impact evaluation. OAH would consider each of these outcomes a valuable contribution to the field. Supporting HHS Strategic Goals, Healthy People 2020, and the National Prevention Strategy. This FOA supports the HHS Strategic Goals to Put Children and Youth on the Path for Successful Futures, Eliminate Health Disparities, and Accelerate the Process of Scientific Discovery to Improve Health. HHS is committed to supporting both evidence-based programs and innovative approaches for children and youth in order to positively impact a range of important social and health outcomes, including, but not limited to sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and teen pregnancy (<http://www.hhs.gov/strategic-plan/hhs-vision.html>). This FOA addresses the Healthy People 2020 (<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx>) overarching goals to (1) achieve health equity, eliminate disparities, and improve the health of all groups and (2) promote quality of life, healthy development, and healthy behaviors across all life stages. The FOA addresses several Healthy People 2020 goals and objectives, including Family Planning Objectives 7 through 13; STD Objectives 1 and 6; HIV Objective 2; Adolescent Health Objectives 3 and 5; and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender

[Building the Evidence for Family Group Decision-Making in Child Welfare](#)

Deadline: April 20, 2015

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to solicit proposals for 36-month demonstration projects which will:

1. Conduct a Family Group Decision-Making (FGDM) program which effectively supports family connections and engages family members in ways that achieve positive outcomes for the target population of children who are in, or at risk of entering, foster care and their families; and
2. Analyze the implementation, impact and cost of the FGDM program, through a rigorous local evaluation and cross-site evaluation participation, and produce high level evidence of what worked and why, in order to contribute to the evidence base for FGDM practice.

Grant projects will implement and evaluate a FGDM program, which includes essential elements required under this FOA. Grant projects will be designed to support families in making decisions and developing plans that nurture children in the target population, protect them from abuse and neglect, and, when

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appropriate, address domestic violence issues in a safe manner. Throughout the project period, grantees will devote a substantial amount of resources to the effective collection and analysis of data for evaluation purposes, and to the dissemination of evaluation findings regarding the impact of the FGDM process on safety, permanency and well-being outcomes for the target population of children and their families.

[Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships FY15](#)

Deadline: April 20, 2015

NIJ is interested in funding multiple criminal justice research projects involving researcher-practitioner partnerships as well as capturing detailed descriptions of these collaborations. Other NIJ solicitations often encourage researcher-practitioner partnerships; however, this solicitation is directly aimed at supporting criminal justice research and evaluation activities that include a researcher-practitioner partnership component. Within the context of the proposed research or evaluation project, the partnerships can be new or ongoing. Results from these projects should lead to better criminal justice policy, practice, and research, including for the participating practitioner partner. For the purpose of this solicitation, practitioner or criminal justice practitioner or practice-based organization refers to public, non-profit, or community-based agencies at federal, State, and local levels directly involved in:

- Law enforcement.
- Corrections, including pretrial, parole, probation, supervised release, and reentry.
- The criminal judicial system.
- The juvenile justice system.
- Forensic sciences for criminal justice purposes.
- Crime victim services and programs.
- Crime and violence prevention programs

[NIJ FY15 Evaluation of the Office on Violence Against Women's Sexual Assault Justice Initiative](#)

Deadline: April 30, 2015

NIJ seeks proposals to evaluate the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) Sexual Assault Justice Initiative. The OVW Sexual Assault Justice Initiative will fund up to eight sites to implement performance measures intended to gauge prosecution efforts in cases of sexual assault. The performance measures are intended to improve prosecutorial practices by targeting accountability-related outputs and outcomes rather than determining success by conviction rates.

[Standing Announcement for Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants](#)

Deadline: April 30, 2015

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to solicit applications for one-time grants to tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop, and within 24 months of grant receipt, submit to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a plan to implement a title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Grant funds under this funding opportunity announcement may be used for the cost of developing a title IV-E plan under Section 471 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to carry out a program under Section 479B of the Act. The grant may be used for costs relating to the development of data collection systems, a cost allocation methodology, agency and Tribal court procedures necessary to meet the case review system requirements under Section 475(5) of the Act, or any other costs attributable to meeting any other requirement necessary for approval of a title IV-E plan.

[FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-Tribal Historic Preservation Offices](#)

Deadline: May 15, 2015

To provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historical preservation by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning, and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended through 2006.

[Access to Historical Records](#)

Deadline: June 17, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals that promote the preservation and use of the nation's most valuable archival resources. This grant program is designed to

support archival repositories in preserving and processing primary source materials. The program emphasizes the creation of online tools that facilitate the public discovery of historical records. The Commission looks to fund projects that undertake one or more of the following activities: Preservation, arrangement, and online description of historical records in all formats• Digital preservation of electronic records and unstable audio or moving image formats. After completing arrangement and description activities, applicants may also propose to digitize materials to provide online access to collections. For a comprehensive list of Commission limitations on funding, please see "What we do and do not fund". Applications that consist entirely of ineligible activities will not be considered. Award Information: A grant normally is for one or two years and for up to \$200,000. The Commission expects to make up to 14 grants in this category for a total of up to \$1,000,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligible applicants include: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

[Veterans Cemetery Grants](#)

Deadline: July 1, 2015

Grants are available for states, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. This program is implemented in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 39.

[FY 2015 Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program, Program) to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land and transfer ownership of their interests to the tribe of jurisdiction. This effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. The Buy-Back Program is interested in partnering with eligible tribes to gain their direct participation in land consolidation efforts on the reservations under their jurisdiction as tribes are considered uniquely qualified to perform the land consolidation activities on their reservations. Consequently, the Program intends to, whenever feasible and practical, enter into single source cooperative agreements with eligible tribes to not only to capitalize on their unique knowledge of their reservations but also to improve the overall effectiveness of the Program. Eligible tribes will be given the opportunity to apply for a cooperative agreement, if desired, prior to the implementation of the Buy-Back Program at the location under their jurisdiction.

[The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2015

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary, incentive-based program that provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of cooperative agreements to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. The PFW Program is delivered through more than 250 full-time staff, active in all 50 States and territories. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation priorities within

These focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the PFW Program directs resources to conserve habitat for federal trust species. Project work plans are developed strategically, in coordination with partners, and with substantial involvement from Service field staff. Projects must advance our mission, promote biological diversity, and be based upon sound scientific biological principles. Program strategic plans inform the types of projects funded under this opportunity. For more information, contact Gerri Watkins, Management Analyst michael_murray@fws.gov

[Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions](#)

Deadline: October 8, 2015

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks proposals to publish documentary editions of historical records. Projects may focus on the papers of major figures from American history or

cover broad historical movements in politics, military, business, social reform, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. The historical value of the records and their expected usefulness to broad audiences must justify the costs of the project. The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. The NHPRC encourages projects, whenever possible and appropriate, to provide access to these materials in a free and open online environment, without precluding other forms of publication. Grants are awarded for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, editing, and publishing documentary source materials in print and online. Because of the focus on documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project. All applicants should be aware that the application process is highly competitive. Applicants from ongoing project must: demonstrate that they have successfully achieved the performance objectives associated with previous NHPRC awards; provide updated, current information, including a description of the new activities; show progress towards completing the edition; and justify costs in a new budget. If a currently-funded project is preparing only a print edition, it must either complete the project by 2018 or make plans to prepare an online edition by 2018. In the latter instance, projects may also prepare print editions as part of their overall publishing plan. Print-only editions should contact the NHPRC staff for technical assistance in preparing an application. New projects and projects that have never received an NHPRC grant must include plans for an online edition and apply at the second deadline (October 8, 2015). Such projects may also prepare print editions as part of their overall publishing plan. Applicants may apply for funding for one year. Award amounts may range from \$30,000 to \$200,000.

Depending on the availability of funding, the Commission expects to make as many as 25 grants in this category, for a total of up to \$2,500,000. Grants begin no earlier than January 1, 2016. The Commission requires that grant recipients acknowledge NHPRC grant assistance in all publications and other products that result from its support. Eligibility: U.S. nonprofit organizations or institutions; U.S. colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; and federally-acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

[Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents](#)

Deadline: Open

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to encourage applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate goal of this FOA is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors.

[Interventions for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Native American Populations](#)

Deadline: Open

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to develop, adapt, and test the effectiveness of health promotion and disease prevention interventions in Native American (NA) populations. NA populations are exposed to considerable risk factors that significantly increase their likelihood of chronic disease, substance abuse, mental illness, oral diseases, and HIV-infection. The intervention program should be culturally appropriate and promote the adoption of healthy lifestyles, improve behaviors and social conditions and/or improve environmental conditions related to chronic diseases, the consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mental illness, oral disease, or HIV-infection. The intervention program should be designed so that it could be sustained within the entire community within existing resources, and, if successful, disseminated in other Native American

communities. The long-term goal of this FOA is to reduce mortality and morbidity in NA communities. For the purposes of this FOA Native Americans include the following populations: Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian. The term Native Hawaiian means any individual any of whose ancestors were natives, prior to 1778, of the area which now comprises the State of Hawaii.

Surdna Foundation- Teens' Artistic and Cultural Advancement

Deadline: Open (Letters of Inquiry) <http://www.surdna.org>

This foundation seeks organizations that have a proven and longstanding commitment to serving teens and that emphasize skill building. This funding is designed to:

- Provide high quality arts training that integrate life skills. These skills include: written and oral communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership development;
- Encourage teens to connect to their cultural identity through art-making;
- Provide young people with a well-developed, sequential curriculum that meets the increasing skills of participants;
- Foster strong mentoring opportunities for artists with teens;
- Employ accomplished faculty and guest artists who engage teens in art forms that reflect their cultural interests and community;
- Use research and evaluation tools to track the progress of teens' success over time;
- Share best practices in regards to training and evaluation in order to strengthen the field of youth arts training.