

**Transcript of Conference Call for Applicants for
OJJDP FY 2009 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grants (TJADG) Program**

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Operator: Good afternoon. My name is (Josh) and I will be your conference operator today. At this time, I would like to welcome everyone to the TJADG Solicitation conference call.

All lines have been placed on mute to prevent any background noise. After the speaker's remarks, there will be a question and answer session. If you would like to ask a question during this time, simply press star then the number 1 on your telephone keypad. If you would like to withdraw your question, press the pound key. Thank you. Ms. Donoghue, you may begin your conference.

Brecht Donoghue: Thank you very much. My name is Brecht Donoghue. I am program manager in the demonstration programs division of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. I'm also the point of contact on the Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program Solicitation. It's quite a mouthful.

I apologize for starting a little bit late. We had some confusion about times and I was under the impression that the call was at 2:30 so I apologize if I sound a little confused or take a moment to get myself together but I appreciate you all waiting.

With me today I have Patrick Dunckhorst who is also a program manager in the demonstration programs division of the Office of Juvenile Justice and (Jennifer Tyson), who's a program manager as well.

In a few moments I expect that Laura Ansera who is the Office of Juvenile Justice's Tribal Youth Coordinator will be joining us. Again with the confusion about time - she may be walking in a little bit late. But I'm going to ask all of my colleagues at any point during the call if they want to provide additional clarification or comments to anything that I say, to please jump in.

This should be a very informal call and everyone both on our end and your end should feel free to ask questions and jump in where necessary. I'm looking forward to the dialogue about the solicitation.

The other person I would like to note is on the call is Anne Wang who works for the Education Development Center. EDC is our technical assistance provider for all of our tribal programs within OJJDP. They do a lot of terrific work for us and I would encourage all of you to take a moment to look at their Web site when you have a chance.

That Web site's www.tribalyouthprogram.org and they provide a variety of training and technical assistance both to OJJDP grantees and to non-OJJDP grantees. The only caveat is that you are a federally recognized tribe [to request technical assistance]. So I would encourage you to take a moment to look at their site not only for the (T&TA) they provide but also because in the next few days, we will be posting a transcript of this call; an audio clip of this call; and a frequently asked questions document for any additional questions that may have come up or come in afterwards. So hopefully it will be a good resource.

I just want to take a few moments to talk about some key things that I think all applicants to the TJADG application solicitation should be aware of before

you apply - just to make sure we're all on the same page and perhaps I can answer some of the questions in advance of their coming in.

I wanted to be clear about the purpose of the TJADG funds. The funds are used to assist tribal communities to develop and implement programs that hold American Indian and Alaskan Native youth accountable for delinquent behavior and strengthen tribal juvenile justice systems.

As you all are probably aware from reading the solicitation, applicants must identify one of seventeen purpose areas that they are going to focus on with their project and those purpose areas are listed in Appendix B of the solicitation.

One of the questions we get most frequently about this solicitation is who is eligible to apply. So I want to deal with that issue right up-front and be as clear as possible. Only federally recognized tribes whose names appear in Volume 73, Number 66 of the Federal Register are eligible applicants.

So what that means is if two federally recognized tribes want to partner to apply for a TJADG award, that is certainly acceptable. However, one of the tribes would need to be the primary applicant and would need - their name would need to go into the applicant box in grants.gov and they would need to be ultimately responsible for the administration of funds.

As well that also means that for non-profits - community based organizations - faith based organizations who might wish to partner with a tribe. That is also something we would encourage. However - again, the federally recognized tribe needs to be the primary applicant and needs to be the one that's listed on the application.

Moving on to the deadline for applications - again, just to be very clear, its 8:00 p.m. Eastern standard time, Thursday, March 12, 2009. One of the reasons I note that deadline is that the question also oftentimes comes up - when should you register in grants.gov to submit your application. And what I would say from personal experience is do it as soon as possible.

You know - registering for grants.gov is a one-time process; however, processing delays happen not infrequently and you don't want to wait until the last minute and realize there's something wrong with your registration and you're not going to be able to submit by the deadline.

So I would encourage all of you, whether you think you have an active grants.gov registration or not, go in today - check it out. And make sure you're ready to [submit your application] in advance of the deadline.

If you do have any problems with grants.gov, the other piece of advice that I would give you is just to make sure that you document everything. You want to make sure that if you make phone calls to them, you write down the date, the time, who you spoke with, and what they said. If you get emails from them or send them emails, keep those. That is all documentation that if - you know - unfortunately you did somehow have a problem that was the fault of grants.gov, that documentation would be what we would use to be ascertain that the fault lies with the grants.gov system and not with the applicant.

So again I encourage you to just keep track of everything and make sure you document it all just for safety's sake.

Moving on to the question of matching funds - that's something that oftentimes causes some confusion. Matching funds are required of applicants

to the TJADG program. Funds may not exceed 90% of the total program cost including any funds that the recipient sets aside for program administration.

You must identify the source of the non-federal portion of the budget and how you will use these matching funds. And you can satisfy the matching requirement either with cash or in-kind services.

The one exception to this is that if you intend to use your funds to construct a permanent juvenile correctional facility, the match then rises to a 50% match. So you need to be aware - and the match has to be cash only. So you need to be aware of that requirement.

There's quite - well, to me at least - it seems a somewhat complicated algorithm for figuring out what your matching funds should be. I mean I'm not going to try to go through it with you right now because I'm sure I would actually probably get you all more confused than you might be anyway. So what I would do is encourage you to see Page 6 of the Solicitation because it actually lays out a formula for determining what your matching funds would be quite clearly and should answer any of the questions you have about matching funds.

An additional point about the matching funds that sort of leads into another question - that I think actually we even got in an early question about from someone who emailed it in was the requirement for a trust fund. In fact, TJADG is somewhat unique in that our requirements state that you must draw down the total amount of the government funds and put it into an interest bearing account, along with the matching funds that the applicant provides and then those funds - the matching funds, the federal funds and the interest [accrued] all need to be used for program activities.

This is a non-negotiable requirement. It's pretty much - you know - what we require of all TJADGs. I know we had some question as to whether or not that could change but unfortunately - actually I would say fortunately, because as I was discussing with a colleague earlier today - we were saying that in this economy, it's probably not so bad to be getting interest on your federal funds and matching funds. So hopefully that's something that will actually be good news for folks.

I'm working my way through my list. I'm almost done here and I'm going to open the floor to questions but I wanted to touch on the question of tribal resolutions because I know that's also often a question. The TJADG solicitation requires that a draft - at the minimum - a draft tribal resolution be submitted with the application and then if an applicant is selected for funding, within 30 days of receipt of their award, they will need to submit a signed tribal resolution supporting the application and the project.

Now of course if you already have a signed tribal resolution, that's great. Send that in with your application. That's even better. But I want to be very clear that if no tribal resolution - draft or signed or otherwise - accompanies the application, that application won't be considered for funding. So it's a very important piece of your application.

I wanted to mention the training and technical assistance requirements associated with the award. I mentioned EDC at the start of the call. They provide our (T&TA). As part of that, there is a mandatory orientation for all new Tribal JADG grantees, as well as some strategic planning training and regional meetings that happen every year.

If you look at Pages 13 and 14 of the solicitation, it speaks specifically to how this impacts your budget because those funds for the travel associated with

those trainings do come out of the TJADG budget. So please make sure you are aware of that when you are aware of that when you're putting together your application and make note of that in your budget so that you make those allowances.

Lastly I received a few questions that came in by email before we began the call so I'm just going to deal with those first in the event that they are questions that other people on the call have been wanting to ask. And then we'll open it up to questions for people who are actually on right now.

We had a question that said: "We currently do not have a tribal court though we have some ordinances developed. We are applying for funds to develop and implement a tribal court. Do we need to include a functioning tribal court in our plan or could we use the tribal court we expect to have?"

I actually discussed this with Patrick Dunckhorst and Laura Ansera - our tribal youth coordinator who has actually just joined us. So I wanted to make note of that fact and I'll give her a chance to say hello if she wants in a minute. But the answer to that is - yes. This would be allowable. You know, in many cases tribal councils have actually served as tribal courts - you know - until the American system of courts was adopted. And so I think under Purpose 3 or perhaps one of the other purposes, you can be sort of creative about it.

You would be able to fund the development of a tribal court. The only caveat I would add to that is that it needs to be a juvenile tribal court so you'd need to be serving youth ages 17 and younger. But that certainly sounds like something that we would support through these funds.

I had a question about the interest bearing trust account. I believe I covered that. It is a requirement of the award. If you're - you know - if it's something

that doesn't sound realistic for your tribe, then you may not want to - you may decide that these aren't the right funds for you.

Let's see - the next question was the SMART system requirements. Somebody - the question was - "At the present time we do not have the smart system in place. Therefore, should we even put together an application if we will be eliminated from the process?"

You don't actually need to have a SMART system or smart software. The smart mapping tool is available on-line through Web site - SMART.gismapping.info and you can actually go onto this Web site and take the tutorial and download the maps you need - the reports you need and then upload them into grants.gov as an attachment to your application in support of whatever problems or other issues are going on in your geographic area.

So I would definitely encourage you to check that out. If you have problems with the SMART system, please feel free to email me. My email - I believe my email address is on the solicitation and I will direct you to an OJJDP staff person who can help you. But we are encouraging everyone to include those SMART - the smart reports and smart maps as attachments to their application.

And then the last question I have that came in advance of this call is a tribe that was looking to have juvenile offenders participate in cultural and traditional healing, for example, sweat lodges and ceremonies. Would funding requests for these types of alternatives - accountability measures be acceptable. The answer is yes. Costs associated with cultural and traditional activities are usually allowable.

I would encourage you to look in the OJP Financial Guide to see what costs are allowable and unallowable. There are some restrictions around food and beverage for example. But in general, these types of activities are activities that we have supported in the past and intend to in the future.

And yes - I'm being reminded by my colleagues - we also do have restrictions around gift giving. So again, I would encourage you to look in the OJP financial guide. These are issues too, that if your application was accepted for funding, we would be working with you on your budget to ensure that all of the items in your budget are allowable.

So at this point - because I didn't give them a chance earlier - I'm just going to see if any of my colleagues would like to say anything and then as soon as we do that, I will open it up for questions. I appreciate you letting me power through that, and I'm sorry if I went sort of fast. Laura.

Laura Ansera: Hello everyone. My name is Laura Ansera. I've been with TYP for a good while here now and when they talk about grandfathering the TJADG, they include me in there. So I'm the grandmother I guess here. I'm pleased that you're interested in tribal juvenile accountability discretionary grant funds.

This is an interesting program. I think that - if you can make it work for you, it provides a lot of opportunity for the community to be involved in a program that holds juveniles accountable. I wish you the best and as Brecht and Patrick here are involved with JADG, they have become very knowledgeable of the guidelines and we're all here to provide support to you. And do not hesitate to call if there are any questions that come up.

So I wish you the best and look forward to seeing your application in a few weeks.

Patrick Dunckhorst: Hi, I'm Patrick Dunckhorst here. Again, I have the same sentiments. This has really been a great program and we see not just some great success but I think also some great learning lessons for all of us in sharing that with other tribes and I just wish we had more money to share in this regard.

But again, good luck to all of you. Thank you.

Brecht Donoghue: All right - I think at this point, we'll open it up for questions from anyone who's on the call. Please feel free to throw them at us, and as Patrick and I were discussing earlier, if we don't know the answers, we'll find them out and post them on the Web site in a day or two. But hopefully we can answer your questions right now.

Operator: As a reminder, if you would like to ask a question at this time, please press start then the number 1 on your telephone keypad. If you would like to withdraw your question, press the pound key.

And your first question comes from the line of (Bethany Walling).

(Bethany Walling): I have a question about the SMART mapping. I know we need to attach it, but in our narrative, do we need to address what we find or just put see attachment?

Brecht Donoghue: I think - I mean I'm going to have Laura and Patrick feel free to jump in here if they want to. My feeling about it would be - if you feel that it supports what you're saying in your narrative and want to reference it, please feel free.

However, if you're not finding that I know - the smart system is a great system. But depending where you are in Indian country, it's more or less

useful. In some places it's got stronger information than others. So if you don't feel like it's particularly helpful in enhancing your program, I wouldn't want you to waste any text talking about it. So I think as long as you've got those attachments, I think that fits the letter of the law there.

(Bethany Walling): Okay - well the reason why I asked is on last year's application, we actually got dinged because the logic model - I didn't ever mention it in the narrative. I just attached it and it was because of the space limits that I did that. So I just didn't know on certain things that we're supposed to attach - do we have to at all address them in the narrative.

Brecht Donoghue: When you say you got dinged - do you mean that in your peer review comment that they had mentioned that you didn't reference it?

(Bethany Walling): Yes.

Patrick Dunckhorst: Were you registered? Had you registered in SMART?

Brecht Donoghue: It was about their logic.

(Bethany Walling): It was a logic model. They didn't have the smart requirement the last time around.

Patrick Dunckhorst: I think some - I think in some cases, peer reviews will look at see that they've registered.

Brecht Donoghue: Yeah - well I think what - I think that that's good to know and I think that what that - actually we can take that information back and we provide guidance to peer reviewers when we have the peer review panels and I will be

sitting in on all of them and I will let them know that during this call, we instructed people that they did not have to make reference to it.

(Bethany Walling): Okay. Thank you.

Patrick Dunckhorst: Good question.

Operator: Your next question comes from the line of (Todd Mosely).

(Todd Mosely): Hi, I have two questions and one question kind of has two parts. The first is on the evaluation plan. Do we need an outside evaluator and then also, how detailed does a process evaluation plan need to be? And then I have one additional question.

Brecht Donoghue: No - you don't need an outside evaluator. I take it if you think you can do it internally, I think that that would be fine. So - we've actually - I mean I'm going back and looking at the solicitation right now.

(Todd Mosely): Is that part of the technical assistance that - be provided?

Brecht Donoghue: Yes. That would be part of the technical assistance we provide. We essentially - since the solicitation was posted, we've actually changed some of our evaluation requirements and so, what I would say right now is yes. I would not budget for an outside evaluator and then assuming that you were selected for funding, during the (T&TA) - strategic planning process, we actually update grantees as to what is expected of them as far as evaluation and assessment and performance measures. The performance measures are also in the solicitation.

(Todd Mosely): It really doesn't have to be a detailed process evaluation plan?

Brecht Donoghue: No - I think that - because then again, that's something that we will be working with you on during the strategic planning.

(Todd Mosely): Okay. Can I hit you with my second one or get in the back of the line.

Brecht Donoghue: Sure. I don't have a problem with it - assuming the operator doesn't cut you off you're fine.

(Todd Mosely): And the other one is - it's kind of talking about the cultural and traditional practices. We're modeling a youth healing to wellness court after our adult healing to wellness court that's been really successful here in Choctaw, Mississippi. We will have group therapy and 12 step meetings and individual counsel and family involvement but we also want to include some outdoor therapeutic activity to deal with kind of achievement and survivalist skills and things of that nature - getting back to the earth.

That will take some start-up funding. Not a lot - less than \$20,000 but with that not really being seen as recreation but more achievement and excess in a young person's life, would that be acceptable?

Brecht Donoghue: No - what Laura - (unintelligible) at her.

Laura Ansera: I see this as experiential learning.

(Todd Mosely): Correct.

Laura Ansera: And you have it focused on team building and all of the character building kinds of steps.

(Todd Mosely): Absolutely.

Laura Ansera: We've done that in the past through other programs.

(Todd Mosely): I'm sorry.

Laura Ansera: And it's been workable. The only thing that I would caution is that - you don't mix with the adults. You mentioned that you have a similar program for adults, et cetera - et cetera.

(Todd Mosely): They wouldn't be mixed at all.

Laura Ansera: We would need to make sure that this would be a juvenile program.

(Todd Mosely): Absolutely. It's totally separate. That's why I didn't say an extension or an expansion of - it's just kind of modeled after some of our successes - using like the matrix model and things like that.

Laura Ansera: And that it would be part of the curricula if you will in terms of the treatment plan or plan - that is case management plan.

(Todd Mosely): Yes.

Laura Ansera: That you are providing for the child (unintelligible).

(Todd Mosely): Yeah - some of the same behavioral health individuals would actually go on the - we call them expeditions or whatnot to reinforce some of the lessons they learned. And this would only happen once or twice a year though.

Brecht Donoghue: Okay - good - it sounds like that - so it sounds like that again - you just have to keep in mind that it's the peer reviewers who ultimately will be accessing whether or not you make the case that this is all going to lead towards the purpose that you've identified as your purpose area under JADG. I mean that's what they're going to ultimately be having in mind so you know - while we can say, that sounds good and it's allowable at this point, it's the peer reviewers you're ultimately going to have to make the case with as far as really justifying it. So.

(Todd Mosely): Okay.

Brecht Donoghue: Okay.

(Todd Mosely): Thank you.

Brecht Donoghue: Sure.

Operator: Your next question comes from the line of (Michelle Bridges).

(Michelle Bridges): Yes ma'am. I was just curious - this would be the first time I would have - I will apply for this grant if I actually apply for it. And I'm wondering the budget. Has that been released yet or how do I get that information?

Brecht Donoghue: I'm sorry. I'm not sure I'm clear what you mean by the budget - you mean the amount that you can apply for?

(Michelle Bridges): Yes - the amount.

Brecht Donoghue: The amount is \$300,000.

(Michelle Bridges): Okay.

Brecht Donoghue: And then there's a matching requirement for that.

(Michelle Bridges): Okay. 10%. The match is 10%?

Brecht Donoghue: Unless you have a construction - unless you're planning construction. I believe the matching information is on Page 5 of the solicitation.

(Michelle Bridges): I had another question - I was wondering if I might could address Mr. (Mosely) who just asked you a question.

Brecht Donoghue: I don't if the operator is set up to be able to pull somebody back like that but we can give it a shot.

(Michelle Bridges): Because I'm in Mississippi and I heard him say Choctaw. And that would be the tribal government that I would go through. So I was interested in getting his contact information.

Brecht Donoghue: Well, why don't you - you know what - how about - if he's willing to do that, I'll let him indicate that to the operator and perhaps you can hang on afterwards and the operator can provide that information to you.

(Michelle Bridges): Okay, thank you ma'am.

Brecht Donoghue: Thank you.

Operator: And again, if you have a question, please press star then the number 1 on your telephone keypad. And your next question comes from the line of (John Young).

(John Young): Hi, good afternoon. The question I have is related to the seventeen program purpose areas and I'm looking specifically at number two. And I wanted to see where or if day treatment group home model falls within the context of (unintelligible) two.

Brecht Donoghue: I'm sorry. So say that again. A day...

(John Young): I'm looking to see if - we've got - we're looking at possibly a day treatment group home and I'm wondering if that's something that would fall into the context of number two with the program purpose area. I know it's mentioned - that juvenile correction facility or detention facilities or community corrections.

And I guess in Wisconsin, one of the things in working with the other ten tribes, the big discussion has been there's a feeling that - for us to operate a detention facility for tribal kids - we might not have enough even as a collective to really be able to keep it open. But if there's more of a need for a treatment facility and also on each reservation here in Wisconsin, a group home type of setting. And I'm wondering if there's any - if that would fall under this grant.

Brecht Donoghue: I was just - we've been sort of talking amongst ourselves and listening to your question. I think the general feeling here is that unfortunately and we certainly recognize the need that you're mentioning, but unfortunately, these purpose areas all flow out of the juvenile block grant purpose areas and I think under number two, it is very clear that it's for correction and detentions.

I think while a treatment facility is certainly something that is needed, I think unless the kids are actually in detention, it would be - it would probably not

fall within that. And - I mean while I would also encourage you as far as treatment activities to look - we have a - we'll have a solicitation coming up soon under our tribal youth program as well. But again, we have the same - we actually have even stronger limits about construction. So if that's really the only thing you're looking for is the actual construction funds, I don't know that that would be much help for you either.

(John Young): Okay, thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Brecht Donoghue: Okay. Thanks.

Operator: Your next question comes from the line of (Bethany Walling).

(Bethany Walling): I had a question about the grant awards. Last year only three were funded. I was just wondering if more were going to be offered this year or if it was because of budget restrictions or - it just seemed like a small number to me.

Brecht Donoghue: Well but - the tribal JADG funds are based on annual congressional appropriation and it's a certain percentage of the juvenile county's block grant funds are set aside. And you traditionally - I mean if you look through past years, we almost always have three - occasionally I think one year we had four grants. But it ultimately - we're just handicapped by the amount of money that we're given. So I don't think we anticipate having more funding.

As Patrick said at the beginning, I think we'd like to. We recognize what a great program this is but right now it's unlikely.

We're under a continuing resolution - at least at this point - so we're not necessarily expecting any increase. Again, if you're in some - there's a lot of overlap between the tribal youth program and the tribal JADG program and

there typically is more money under the tribal youth program solicitation. So I certainly would encourage you when that solicitation comes out, to take a look at that as well.

If you're not signed up on the OJJDP Web site for the JuvJust list serve, I would encourage you to sign up for that because it will let you know when any of our open solicitations are coming out. And actually going backwards for a second, if I could just take a moment - Laura was actually mentioning to me at the end of the last question about the detention facilities - I'm sorry - day treatment facilities for construction.

She was suggesting that the Bureau of Justice Assistance - which is another office within the office of justice program, might have a solicitation that would be more appropriate for that. So we would encourage you to look on their Web site as well for open solicitations both now and in the coming months. And that's - again, that's the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Thanks.

(Bethany Walling): Thank you.

Operator: Your next question comes from the line of (Elaina Cusstroat).

(Judge Pepkin): Hello, my name is (Judge Pepkin) and I'm with the (unintelligible) tribe. I've actually got two tribes under me. One is the (Sinabuene) tribe. The other one is a (Gromar) tribe up here in Montana.

And I'm actually (unintelligible) from another reservation. But I was hired here to help them with their court. And I'm presently the only judge here. I guess my questions are this. In looking at this grant, because the government funds this court so low there are three or four different things that we would - I would like to somehow see combined into this.

Number one - can we do that and the second question is you had talked about gifts. I - we have started what we call the elders program and the council has called it the traditional court - it's not. We're assigning juveniles - an individual to take juveniles around to talk to certain elders within the communities from each of the tribes. I can honestly say that the positive feedback we've had from summer before last and this past summer is that out of - I think it was 13 kids - I have not seen one of them back in my court. And we're talking kids that have files two and three inches thick.

But my question is to the gift part of that. A lot of the elders and the tradition and the customs and their tribal values - don't want money. And so what we've been doing is - the juvenile has been given cost in tobacco and then what I'm thinking is, can this grant be used - let's say one of the elders spends four hours with a child - a juvenile. Can we say put a price on that in our grant and then maybe go out and buy them gifts for that amount of money to cover the four hour cost.

You know - I guess a good example would be \$20 an hour - four hours is \$80. And you go out and you buy them maybe some groceries, some tobacco, some cloth or whatever so that you're not handing them money and insulting their traditional values. Is that possible?

Brecht Donoghue: I'm going to let - I'm going to actually let Laura field this one. I think the general feeling is that the groceries might work. I think the tobacco is going to - I don't - I can't imagine that getting through our office of the Chief Financial Officer - even understanding the cultural significance but I'm going to let Laura [respond].

Laura Ansera: We have been challenged with the tobacco issue and a policy was set a couple of years ago - we mentioned the gift giving policy and there's particular restrictions on tobacco because we're a prevention agency and tobacco - taken in the American system - is often looked at as harmful and a drug and this is where we're trying to educate folks that tobacco in our culture is considered a form of prayer and a gift of honor. However, it doesn't translate into our financial guidance. It's not acceptable because it's not acceptable anywhere.

So I would say that if you have other funds that are not federally connected or whatever, that may be tribal funds - that that would be where you would get your tobacco and arrange for that to be purchased under other funds other than federal funds - and especially JJ funds.

Now gift giving - the reason this policy came about is again - one in a few would cause the problem to be - I mean cause the issue to be raised and it kind of cut off everything for the rest of the programs and that is that we don't get - allow gifts such as give aways at Pow-Wows - gifts to honor such as Pendleton jackets - amounts, you know - that those are valuable items in terms of the dollar amount.

And so in the past, whenever our grantees were having Pow-Wows for the kids - the kids were doing the programs but they were having what was interpreted as being lavish gift giving. In other words, the chairman and vice chairman and secretary and the council were all giving Pendletons and Pendleton jackets and large amount of gifts and it was not - it was interpreted as not allowable. It comes under the financial guidance restricting gifts of a certain amount.

(Judge Pepkin): So what I mean when I talk about gifts is not only just the groceries, is not Pendleton jackets - I'm not going there with that. Maybe cloth for the elders

when they go out to pray, they can use that cloth later on for their tobacco ties or whatever in their own spiritual activity.

When we say gifts or cloth, I'm talking like maybe a square yard of cloth or something that I do know you can get at the local store for like seven bucks a yard or something like that.

You know, and then as far as tobacco, I can understand where you're going with that and you know - we'll continue to go down that road the way we're going with that particular item. I can guarantee you that. And then like I said - the other question was - of the one through seventeen - I think it is - that you can pick - can we pick more than one and combine them in this because I do need...

Presently right now, I'm running 60 orders behind because of the amount of case load that I'm carrying in the court. Another judge and a probation officer would greatly help out in this field. Can we combine one and - say like one and ten and fifteen or whatever. Can we combine them into one grant or are we stuck with just one of these numbers.

Brecht Donoghue: You're not stuck with just one of those numbers. I mean you could select more than one. You'd have to make a sort of comprehensive case for how this is going to enhance your tribal juvenile court system as a whole. The operative word there would be juvenile though. It really would need to be going in support of juvenile services and serving participants 17 or younger. So that would be what you - one thing that you'd want to keep in mind.

And then on another note going back to the question about gifts - one suggestion that Laura made actually a moment ago was that one way we might be able to sort of deal with this issue is gift certificates are oftentimes

allowable. So if it would be acceptable to some of the elders, in lieu of being payment or cash, a gift certificate where they could then go themselves and purchase cloth or groceries or whatnot. That might be one way to think about it.

(Judge Pepkin): Okay. (Unintelligible) before.

Brecht Donoghue: Thank you.

Operator: Your next question comes from the line of (Elizabeth Remmel).

(Elizabeth Remmel): Hi. My question is for the Umatilla tribe in regards to the evidence based or model program. Are you requiring that? And also could you give the Web sites once again on the smart mapping.

Brecht Donoghue: Sure. No - we're not requiring evidence based practices. I think that - you know - there's a general feeling in the Office of Justice Programs generally and definitely within the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention that we're working towards moving a lot of programs and grantees towards that - you know that seems to be the catch phrase right now. But I think we all acknowledge that at this point, there's just not enough out there about what works and what doesn't work in Indian country for us to ever make that requirement. So - "no" is the answer.

And then as for your question about the SMART - let me just actually pull it up here. It's actually in the solicitation itself where it deals with smart. So I'm going to - give me one second to flip through pages because I had it open when I was talking it earlier and of course, now I've shut it and I'm going to take me a second to find it. So I believe it was smart - yes. It's smart.gismapping.info.

And I may have actually left out the first dot the first time I said it - in which case I apologize. It's smart as in S-M-A-R-T-dot- G-I-S mapping - that's one word - dot info. It's on Page 10 of the solicitation.

(Elizabeth Remmel): All right - thank you.

Brecht Donoghue: Thank you.

Operator: Your next question comes from the line of (Elaine Baker).

(Elaine Baker): Hi, I'd like to say hello to Patrick and Laura who I know from my involvement with the TYP.

Laura Ansera: Hi (Elaine).

Patrick Dunckhorst: Hi (Elaine).

(Elaine Baker): I apologize - I was called away for an emergency at the beginning of this conference and then my phone buttons didn't work and so I had to circle around to come back and you may have already addressed this question.

I had submitted - pre-submitted it and that had to do with the requirement for a tribal court. We currently do not have a tribal court in place. We have lots of pieces that we are now applying for grant funds to try and pull it all together and get our tribal court established. But it looks to me like the tribal court is actually supposed to be an active participant in this - in our projects.

So I guess my question is - is it actually required and how much of a hit would we take if we tried to submit something that didn't actually have an existing tribal court.

Brecht Donoghue: We actually did mention this previously but I'm happy to go back over it. I actually talked with Patrick and Laura about this in advance of the call and it was pointed out by both them that tribal councils traditionally served as tribal courts. So in that sense, you know - and it does ultimately go towards the purpose of the tribal JADG fund. So we believe it would be allowable for the development of a tribal court - perhaps under purpose area three or - you can take a look and see which one you think you can shoehorn it into - our only caveat was that it would need to be a juvenile tribal court because obviously these funds need to be going towards providing services for kids 17 and younger.

(Elaine Baker): Okay - maybe this is something I could clarify a little bit more with you maybe in a call or in an exchange of emails. I'm listening to this and it sounds hopeful but I need to think about it.

Brecht Donoghue: Well, if you think of a question now, feel free to get back on the line and if you think of it, definitely email it because it would be something - any correspondence we have about it, we would want to add to the questions that we post on-line so that everybody can get the answers.

(Elaine Baker): Oh, I see. Okay. So - all right. Let me just - so all right. You're saying that if the tribal council would be acceptable as an existing - as our existing tribal court.

Brecht Donoghue: What we were basically saying is that we - we were sort of parsing the language a little bit. And I think the answer - the cut and dry answer is we

believe it would be allowable for funds to go towards the development of a juvenile tribal court.

(Elaine Baker): Oh, I see. Okay. So - okay. So we would site as our - as our existing structure that the tribal council is X - in place of our tribal court for now. I guess I'm trying to figure out how to.

Brecht Donoghue: I mean - yeah - I think that that would be one way you can do it. And again, you know, since we've had this call - I mean - certainly, we provide instructions to reviewers and we can make it clear. I'm keeping a running list right now of all the things I've got to remember to tell reviewers we've said and one of the things would be that we had instructed people that the development of a juvenile tribal court was allowable.

Patrick Dunckhorst: And (Elaine) if I could just add. You would be articulating in your project design narrative the evolution or the genesis of this tribal youth court - how you're going to build it. So - you know - that's really where you would be putting your emphasis to share with the peer reviewers on what it is you intend to do.

(Elaine Baker): Okay. So - all right I'm processing this. I think I'm going to have to clarify my thoughts on this and just, you know, come back at another time. Maybe call Brecht or email her or something.

Brecht Donoghue: Yeah - I would appreciate - if you email me, I'll email you back. That would probably work the best just because we have to - you know - we're wearing our federal hats. Now we have to make sure we keep it fair so everyone has access to the same information so email me. I'll send you and answer and we'll post it on the Web site too.

(Elaine Baker): Okay, thank you. I appreciate that.

Brecht Donoghue: No problem.

Operator: Your next comes from the line of (Annie Barnes).

(Annie Barnes): Good morning.

Brecht Donoghue: Hi Annie. How are you doing?

(Annie Barnes): I spoke to you not too long ago.

Brecht Donoghue: She called me when I was panicking because I realized the call was at two and not 2:30 (laughter). So anyway - what's your question?

(Annie Barnes): I have a few things to clarify. On the match, I heard you mention it was a cash only on that 10%.

Brecht Donoghue: No, that was for the construction - if you chose to do construction, it's a 50% match and it's cash only. If you do the - if you're doing one of the other purpose areas, then it's 10% and it's not cash only

(Annie Barnes): Okay, good. And my next question is on the advisory board. We currently have a TYP grant and what we have in mind is utilizing the same advisory board to develop our juvenile program for this specific grant. Can we do that?

Brecht Donoghue: I think - I don't see any problem with that. You just would want to make sure that your - the advisory board - you know, the representation that you have for the tribal youth program, is adequate for TJADG - that it has the same - the people you need at the table.

(Annie Barnes): Okay - thank you. One of our main concerns is our numbers are very small. Our tribe is very small but if we combine all the six (unintelligible) tribes of Lake County, we feel we can certainly develop something but that was quite premature to be able to get everybody an MOU and to develop a very competitive grant. So we just wondered how competitive would it be if we stuck with specifically Robinson Rancheria - our specific numbers and to really develop for our juvenile offenders.

Brecht Donoghue: Unfortunately - I mean - I can't speak to that because ultimately, I mean that's not even something we - that's the peer reviewers who - you know - ultimately score the applications based on exactly what is in the solicitation. So I mean I would just encourage you since you are limited by time and may not be able to put all the other players in place, to just write the best application you can and make the case for you know why you think your program would work. But ultimately I can't speak to the competitiveness of it. Sorry.

(Annie Barnes): Okay. So my last question on the seventeen items - were we to choose only one or two?

Brecht Donoghue: I mean I think that would be the ideal just because as you know from tribal youth program, we really are trying to get people to hone down - to really focus on - because we find you know when people start picking a lot of different things and promising the moon in their applications, you know, that's when you know resources get spread too thin and it's just not possible.

So I mean while we recognize there may be situations as the Judge was talking about earlier where you need to add in two or three just to cover all

your bases, I think ideally, we'd want people to really be selective about what they were planning on doing with the funds.

(Annie Barnes): Good. Thank you.

Brecht Donoghue: Sure.

Operator: At this time, there are no further questions in the queue.

Brecht Donoghue: Okay, well I want to thank everyone. Thanks for dealing with my discombobulation at first and I'm going to open it up in case Patrick or Laura want to add anything to...

Patrick Dunckhorst: I'll add one to that last comment from (Annie). You know, the number of purpose areas you site in your application - remember, you need to talk to those. So you need to have goals and objectives that again are going to be supportive of those purpose areas you pick. So and again, just keep that in mind.

Brecht Donoghue: I think the only thing - other thing I just wanted to add was going back to the question about the evaluation and process evaluation and so forth. I just want to make sure we're all sort of operating on the same page and that there is no requirement for - an evaluation - a specific process evaluation or outcome evaluation with this solicitation.

We talk about having an evaluation and performance measure data collection plan. We want to make sure that you are going to be able to report on the mandatory performance measures for OJJDP but beyond that, there are no specific requirements as there have been in the past - particularly with the tribal youth program for formal evaluation.

So with that, I encourage anyone - everyone in fact to go on to the www.tribalyouthprogram.org Web site in the next few days to take a look at the transcript in case there may be things you missed or in case somebody wants to email anything into me. After the fact - we'll try to turn those around as quickly as possible and get the answers up on the Web site.

My email address is on the solicitation but just in case anybody doesn't have that in front of them it's my first name Brecht - B-R-E-C-H-T dot my last name - Donoghue - D-O-N-O-G-H-U-E at usdoj.gov.

And with that, I want to thank everyone for participating and we look forward to reading your applications.

Laura Ansera: Thank you.

Woman: Thank you.

Patrick Dunckhorst: Thank you.

Brecht Donoghue: Thank you.

Operator: This concludes today's conference call. You may now disconnect.

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