

## **Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Solicitation Applicant Call-In Session**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) held an applicant call-in session on February 6, 2007. Participating OJJDP staff included Tribal Youth Policy Coordinator Laura Ansera, Program Manager Patrick Dunckhorst, and Program Manager Ruby Qazilbash. In the following section, the questions from callers are in bold face, and OJJDP's response follows.

- **How should applicants determine the level of effort for T&TA?**

Applicants should follow the guidelines in the project design portion of the solicitation.

- **What is the funding level for the current T& TA provider?**

The current provider is receiving \$525,000 for 1 year.

- **Is the statement of work for the current provider the same as what is outlined in the new solicitation?**

Basically yes, the statement of work is the same with minor additions including coordination and collaboration.

- **Does the \$600,000 amount include both direct and indirect costs?**

Yes.

- **What is the history of the TYP T& TA program?**

Since the inception of TYP in 1999, OJJDP has set aside 2 percent of total funding every year for T&TA, and OJJDP has added additional funds to this amount. There have been three providers for these services to date: American Indian Development Associates, Native American Alliance Foundation, and Fox Valley Technical College.

- **Currently, how many active grants make up the TYP?**

There are currently 113 active TYP awards.

- **How many TYP applicants will be awarded funds this year?**

OJJDP anticipates that the Office will make approximately 25 TYP awards in Fiscal Year 2007; however, this is dependent upon congressional appropriations, which have not yet been determined.

- **When will the current TYP T& TA cooperative agreement end?**

The current agreement will end on July 31, 2007.

- **Which events make up the 200 on-site and off-site technical assistance working days, and what is the length of a typical training session?**

Currently, the only mandatory events for TYP awardees are a 2-day new grantee orientation in the first year of the project period, as well as attendance at a 2-to-3 day regional training each year of the project period. Other training and/or TA sessions/workshops are entirely dependent on needs the TYP awardee assesses/expresses. One working day is defined as 6 hours of service by one individual. OJJDP anticipates that most training and TA sessions/workshops require multiple trainers/consultants to conduct.

- **What are major TYP products and where were they produced?**

TYP information and products can be viewed on the TYP pages of the OJJDP Web site and the TYP pages of the Fox Valley Technical College Web site.

- **Will OJJDP require the winning applicant to create a Web-based T&TA tracking system?**

Yes; applicants should refer to the third bullet on page 11 of the solicitation. OJJDP anticipates, however, that the Office will assist the successful applicant with the development of such a tool and that the applicant will not bear full cost of the project.

- **Will OJJDP require the successful applicant to accept the current pool of consultants?**

No, but OJJDP will make the current consultant list available, and due to the cooperative nature of the award, the successful applicant and OJJDP will make decisions regarding consultants jointly.

- **What are some of the major accomplishments and deficiencies of past TYP T&TA services providers?**

OJJDP will not address discrepancies, but the Office has worked to develop stronger marketing outreach to the tribes and has offered a “planning year” to help tribes develop strategic plans that include focused assistance with coalition building within their communities under the five categories i.e., implementing successful tribal youth court programs, developing juvenile justice codes, mobilizing schools and parents to support substance abuse prevention efforts, et al.

- **Where are the currently TYP-funded tribes located?**

All awards, both past and present, are listed on the TYP pages of the OJJDP Web site.

- **How much funding do TYP awards provide to tribes and how long are the award project periods?**

There are no minimums but, depending on the size of its population, a tribe can receive a maximum of \$300,000 or \$400,000 for the entire project period.

- **To what extent will the successful applicant bear responsibility for implementing projects (ex. TYP National Evaluation) that are already in place?**

CSR, Inc. will continue to conduct the TYP national evaluation. The successful applicant will coordinate with CSR, Inc., as necessary.

- **How many full time employees (FTEs) does the current provider have under this cooperative agreement?**

The current provider has a total of 2.05 FTEs. Also, the agreement allows the provider to apply a percentage of its funds to support consultants.

- **What types of TA requests does the provider receive?**

In the past, TYP recipients have requested a range of TA services, including tribal community mobilization; program marketing to youth, parents, and volunteers; leveraging resources; tribal youth court implementation; tribal juvenile justice code development; and tribal youth risk and protective factor assessment.

- **Is there a current survey of TYP recipient needs?**

No, currently there is not an extensive assessment survey.

- **Does the current provider have any subcontracts?**

The current provider has one subcontractor.

- **Is there flexibility with regard to the 200-day requirement for on-site and off-site TA?**

Please refer to page 12 of the solicitation, which reads: “In the interest of cost effectiveness, OJJDP will consider recommendations for modifying and enhancing the products and services to be delivered. When such recommendations are made, justification and alternatives should be proposed.”

- **Does OJJDP consider distance learning to be on-site or off-site TA?**

OJJDP considers distance learning to be off-site TA.

- **Is the 1-page project abstract part of the 30-page program narrative limitation?**

Yes, it is.

- **The solicitation requires applicants to be familiar with Chapter 3 of the *OJP Financial Guide*; where can applicants review the Guide?**

Applicants can find the *Financial Guide* on the OJP Web site under the Office of the Comptroller page.

- **Is there a survey of TYP categories that TYP recipients have implemented that identifies the strengths and weaknesses of each site?**

Applicants should refer to the TYP pages of the OJJDP Web site to view TYP recipients, their project abstracts, and which categories these projects are addressing.

- **Will OJJDP work with the successful applicant on the developing T&TA protocols?**

Yes, OJJDP will work with the winning applicant to develop T&TA protocols.

- **How many OJJDP program managers work with TYP awardees?**

Based on our state regionalization, there are seven program managers with a significant portion of their work portfolio that includes TYP awardees.

OJJDP will hold the next TYP T&TA applicant call at 2:00 PM ET on February 20, 2007. To participate, e-mail [ruby.qazilbash@usdoj.gov](mailto:ruby.qazilbash@usdoj.gov), providing your name; organization; phone number; and e-mail address or call 800-521-6079 (202-353-0881 in the Washington DC metropolitan area). The passcode is 9533.