

## **FY 2009 Tribal Courts Assistance Program Funding Results**

### Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY 2009 Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP) solicitation. TCAP helps develop new tribal courts; improve the operations of existing tribal courts; provides assistance with the development, enhancement, and continuing operation of tribal justice systems; and provides funding for training and technical assistance of tribal court staff. Applicants were invited to submit a proposal under any one of the following categories: 1) Planning and Implementing a Single-tribe or an Intertribal Court System, 2) Enhancing the Operation of Tribal Courts, or 3) Planning and Implementing Tribal Justice Strategies. Applicants were limited to federally-recognized tribal governments, including Alaska Native villages and corporations and authorized intertribal consortia. Recipients of prior Bureau of Justice Assistance Tribal Court planning grants could only apply for Category II funding. Supplemental funding was not available for recipients of FY 2007 or FY 2008 TCAP grants. The solicitation for funding was released on December 1, 2008 and closed on February 12, 2009.

### Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

### Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 60 applications, seeking approximately \$16,250,000 in funding. BJA made 27 awards for a total of \$4,182,528 in funding.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 45 percent of the applications.

### Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at [AskBJA@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskBJA@usdoj.gov).

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
<a href="#">Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP)</a> (Category I: Planning and Implementing a Single-tribe or an Intertribal Court System)	Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove	AK	\$80,839.00
	Hoh Tribal Business Committee	WA	\$200,000.00
	Big Pine Paiute Tribe	CA	\$200,000.00
	Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria	CA	\$150,000.00
	Tribal Government of St. Paul Island	AK	\$200,000.00
<a href="#">Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP)</a> (Category II: Enhancing the Operation of Tribal Courts)	Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	WI	\$150,000.00
	Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	WI	\$148,268.00
	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	MT	\$175,000.00
	Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	OK	\$149,392.00
	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	WA	\$149,982.00
	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	MN	\$175,000.00
	Yurok Tribe	CA	\$173,475.00
	Cheesh'na Tribal Council	AK	\$148,765.00
	Coquille Indian Tribe	OR	\$149,897.00
	Eastern Shoshone Tribe	WY	\$173,934.00
	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	MN	\$147,409.00
	Intertribal Court of Southern California	CA	\$175,000.00
	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas	TX	\$127,972.00
	Kotlik Traditional Council	AK	\$150,000.00
	Native Village of Barrow	AK	\$149,508.00
	Penobscot Nation	ME	\$149,954.00
	Reno Sparks Indian Colony	NV	\$150,000.00
	Tonto Apache Tribe	AZ	\$148,800.00
	Tulalip Tribes of Washington	WA	\$41,833.00
<a href="#">Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP)</a> (Category III: Planning and Implementing Tribal Justice Strategies)	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	MN	\$167,500.00
	The Delaware Nation	OK	\$175,000.00
	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	AZ	\$175,000.00
<b>Awards: 27</b>	<b>Total Funding:</b>		<b>\$4,182,528.00</b>