

**Self Governance Conference
Department of Justice FY2010
Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation
May 6, 2010, Talking Stick Resort, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

Notes (supplement with power point of Panelist)

Moderator:

Jessica Imotichey, Senior Policy Analyst, Chickasaw Nation

Panelist:

Eugenia Tyner-Dawson, Senior Advisor to Assistant General for Tribal Affairs, DOJ

Recorder:

Jerry Derrick, Senior Counsel, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Office of General Counsel

Jessica: Called meeting to order and introduced Eugenia, including her credentials and current and past work experience.

Eugenia: Requested titles from audience members.

Audience: Attendees introduced themselves.

Eugenia:

Gave a general overview of DOJ including relevant information toward grant application processes to Indian Tribes, three bureaus.

Will complete presentation and do question and answer after.

DOJ has been involved in outreach and education regarding applying for grants to three bureaus.

Process being revised toward a consolidated and comprehensive grant application system for Indian Tribe for 2010.

Bureaus are Office of Justice Program, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and

There are 10 **purpose areas** and technical assistance offered regarding grant opportunities (see power point as some of below is not complete):

Improved Public Safety and enhance community policing capacity,

Prevent and reduce alcohol and substance abuse-related crimes,

Develop and enhance the operation of tribal justice systems,

Plan, renovated ,

Domestic violence,

Enhance protection of domestic Violence victims,

Elder Abuse,

Juvenile Justice system,

Juvenile Justice Delinquency,

Juvenile Justice

Note that other DOJ grants are not limited to Indian Tribal Government.

Process:

Comprehensive planning should be done upfront, and articulation of what an Indian Tribal Community offers.

Submit all required documents with application, and understand review and selection.

Community and Justice Profile for Indian Tribe should be articulated.

Problem and Need Statement is also necessary.

Needs Assessment should include data and examples.

Application must include: authorizing Tribal Resolution, Tribal Community & Justice Profile, Purpose Area Narrative(s), One Budget detail Worksheet, Indirect Cost Rate Agreement and other Attachments as required.

Grants are submitted electronically through DOJ's Grant Management System (GMS). It is important to register or confirm as soon as possible, including testing this.

There is only one application per Tribe, and last one filed becomes the application.

Application drafts can be saved until put into final form.

Key Dates:

March 2, 2010 solicitation opens

Deadline is May 17, 2010 for solicitations.

Do not wait until May 17, 2010.

Deadlines are binding.

Awards expected by September 30, 2010.

Much of time of grant application is spent on articulation of an Indian Tribe's profile and data.

Applications will be assessed by team including reviewers familiar with Indian Tribes.

Website (www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov) has resources for applicants.

There was a brief demonstration of the website.

Then Q&A followed.

Q1: Grant denied without comment in past? There should be a consensus documentation regarding denial should be provided.

Q2: Is this awarded as all or none? Yes

Q3: Expectations in script to peer reviewers? Guidance being given to peer reviewers.

Q4: Will this new path remain? Good question. Will continue if it works well.

Q5: Planning component, is that a feasibility study or ? Good question. Yes and No. Review that category and does not mean this involves a facility.

Q6: How much budgeted and will be award? \$134.5MM, with awards by purpose amount. See information in application materials.

Q7: Planning grant for correctional facility and for planning purposes, will there be more funding for construction? Hoping for flexibility grant and need will dictate funding pool.

Q8: Comment. Thanks to DOJ for how its handled grant issues in working with Indian Tribes. Eugenia will pass this comment on, and expressed thanks for this comment being made.

Q9: Are federal agencies trying to coordinate among themselves on an inter-related project? There will be a session to this effect at the next session on inter-agency collaboration.

Next Session June 16-18, 2010 in Rapid City, South Dakota, close in time to NCAI mid-year meeting.