# Narrative

Purpose Area #6 Narrative (15-page limit not including template text; answers should be double-spaced)

1. Describe current or previous efforts, if any, to address the problem(s) related to victims of child abuse and neglect identified in the Tribal Community and Justice Profile and state whether they were effective. Please provide detailed information about any current or past child victim-related programs funded by OVC or other federal agencies and their current status.
2. Describe current needs or gaps in services related to child abuse and neglect.
3. Describe how the proposed grant-funded program will be used to support child victims of crime.
   1. Please describe in detail what activities will be funded under PA6 to address current needs or gaps in services related to child abuse and neglect.
   2. Identify plans to develop a new program or use funds to enhance and sustain an existing program. The plans must address how the proposed program will support improving the investigation, prosecution, or victim advocacy for criminal child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse, in a manner that minimizes trauma to child victims.
   3. Identify where the program will be housed, how victims of child abuse and neglect will access the services, what services will be available to child victims, and who will provide those services.
4. Describe how your community responds to reports of child abuse. Do you have trained police officers to investigate criminal child abuse, neglect and sexual exploitation? Is a multidisciplinary team used to respond to child abuse cases? Does your community have or use a children’s advocacy center? Does your community have a designated prosecutor to handle child abuse cases?
5. For each challenge that you will be addressing with this funding, identify the specific goals and objectives of the proposed program that will be accomplished in 36 months.
   1. Provide details about the specific tasks and activities necessary to accomplish each goal and objective.
   2. Describe how data will be collected and assessed to measure the impact of the proposed efforts.

6. Describe the proposed staffing and management structure. What proposed partnerships will be created or enhanced as a result of this funding? Examples may be tribal leaders, advisory boards, multidisciplinary teams, child protection teams, not-for-profits, private organizations, etc. Identify training and technical assistance (TTA) needs you may require related to your proposal.  Use of the OVC-funded TTA provider is required for the community needs assessment, which is a required deliverable if implementing a new program.  OVC expects all awardees to use the OVC-designated TTA provider as the primary resource for any other TTA needs.

1. What methods will be used to ensure that child abuse victims receive trauma-informed care including medical, mental health, and social services needed to support them from the initial investigation through any court processes and to healing and recovery?
2. Describe the tribe’s need for federal funding to implement the proposed program. This should be linked to the issues identified in the Tribal Community and Justice Profile.
   1. How will the identified partnerships or resources be used to facilitate a long-term strategy to sustain the project when the federal grant ends?
   2. Describe any challenges you anticipate in sustaining the program beyond the grant funding.