



U.S. Department of Justice

Office on Violence Against Women

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Washington, DC 20530

June 8, 2022

Dear Tribal Leaders and Authorized Designees:

The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022) authorized a new program to reimburse Tribal governments for costs associated with exercise of Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (renamed and expanded from Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction). The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) invites you to discuss your recommendations for this new program. Under the statute, the Department of Justice is required to issue regulations for the reimbursement program by March 15, 2023, after consultation with Indian Tribes. To meet this statutory deadline, a special consultation dedicated to this subject is necessary. A framing paper providing relevant background information and questions for you to consider is attached and is also available for download through OVW's tribal consultation website: [www.ovwtjreimbursement.org](http://www.ovwtjreimbursement.org).

We invite you to participate in a series of consultation webinars by telephone, computer, or other device that will be held on July 27 and 28. Registration information is available at [www.ovwtjreimbursement.org](http://www.ovwtjreimbursement.org). Tribal leaders and authorized designees are welcome to participate in any of the sessions. OVW also anticipates holding a listening session in late August. The dates and times of the consultations are:

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. EDT

In addition to the consultations and listening session, we will accept written comments until 5 p.m. EDT on August 31, 2020. Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TribalAffairs@usdoj.gov).

If you have difficulty registering, please email [TribalConsultation@support.eventPower.com](mailto:TribalConsultation@support.eventPower.com). We hope that you will be able to participate in providing feedback to OVW on this very important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison L. Randall".

Allison L. Randall  
Acting Director

Attachment