



National Child Traumatic Stress Network **FUNDING UPDATE**

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This is the third in a series of quarterly funding updates to support National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) programs and initiatives. The purposes of the Funding Updates are twofold: to provide a deeper understanding of the overall funding picture in relevant service areas; and also to supplement monthly announcements by alerting Network members of currently available funding opportunities.

This quarter's update focuses on U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grants that can increase NCTSN members' work in the areas of children's mental health, youth violence and violence against women. It is organized as follows:

Section I: Funding Highlight – This section serves as an overview of DOJ and its funding capacities, describing funding sources that can potentially support NCTSN programs and their work. This section also provides members with a more thorough understanding of how relevant grants administered by DOJ flow into states and communities.¹ It is important to note that the funding sources in this section are not currently available however NCTSN grantees can monitor many of these funding streams for grant opportunities throughout the year.

Section II: [Current Opportunities](#)² – This section provides basic information on DOJ funding sources that are currently available and that can potentially provide support for NCTSN programs and initiatives. The Finance Project staff has developed this list of DOJ funding sources by scanning and identifying federal requests for proposals or requests for applications that are aligned with the purposes and priorities of NCTSN members. Some of these may be funding sources through which Network members can apply directly to DOJ; others may be sources through which a partnership is required to be eligible; and finally, others may be sources through which state or local government agencies receive funding and then distribute those funds to local community-based agencies, organizations and partnerships through sub-grants or contracts.

Section III: Helpful Resources – This section highlights websites and publications that provide supplemental information on funding sources and juvenile justice related issues that may be helpful for NCTSN members.

DOJ Grant Opportunities with Upcoming Deadlines (see Section II for more information on these and other upcoming grant opportunities)

- Weed and Seed Competitive Program—**September 9, 2008**
- Helping Outreach Programs to Expand (HOPE) Grant Program – **Open**³

Section I: Funding Highlight: United States Department of Justice

¹ The various funding types that can support NCTSN grantees (Formula/Block grants, Discretionary grants) are also described in this section.

² To find current opportunities, go to [http:// grants.gov/](http://grants.gov/), then "Browse by Agency," then click "United States Department of Justice"

³ Contingent upon fund availability

Overview

Composed of 40 sub-organizations and headed by the Attorney General, "DOJ seeks to protect all Americans while preserving their personal freedoms; and to balance strict, tough enforcement of federal laws with abiding respect to individuals and their constitutional rights." More specifically, DOJ aims to address four overarching themes:

- preventing terrorism and promoting the nation's security (FY '07 \$4.2 billion; FY '08 \$4.5 billion);
- enforcing federal laws and representing the rights and interests of the American people (FY '07 \$8.5 billion; FY '08 \$8.6 billion);
- assisting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence (FY '07 \$3.7 billion; FY '08 \$2.7 billion); and
- ensuring the fair and efficient operation of the federal justice system (FY '07 \$7.7 billion; FY '08 \$8.1 billion).

In balancing these goals and in keeping with its underlying mission to curb youth violence, crime, and domestic abuse, DOJ provides several funding opportunities which NCTSN grantees can use to address topics relevant to their work.

Funding Landscape

With a budget of approximately \$24 billion in FY '07, \$25 billion in FY '08, and a proposal of \$26 billion in 2009⁴, DOJ provides funding to state, territorial, county, city, and tribal governments as well as to private, non-profit, and community- and faith-based organizations.

Six offices within DOJ fund activities aligned with the priorities of NCTSN grantees (as shown in the table to the right). Following is a description of each of the funding sources within these six offices that can potentially support NCTSN initiatives.

Programs within DOJ offices that support NCTSN Grantees

Office for Victims of Crime

- [Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities](#)
- [Crime Victim Assistance](#)
- [Crime Victim Assistance \(Discretionary Grants\)](#)
- [Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program \(HOPE\)](#)
- [National Field-Generated Training, TA and Demonstration Projects](#)

Bureau of Justice Assistance

- [Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program](#)
- [Project Safe Neighborhoods](#)
- [Anti-Gang Initiative](#)

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

- [Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants \(COPS\)](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- [Reduction and Prevention of Children's Exposure to Violence \(Safe Start\)](#)
- [Tribal Youth Program](#)
 - [Mentoring Programs for At-Risk Tribal Youth](#)
- [Juvenile Mentoring Program](#)
 - [National Mentoring Programs](#)
 - [Strengthening Youth Mentoring through Community Partnerships](#)
 - [Latino Youth Mentoring Program](#)
- [Membership Support Services for Nonprofit Missing Children's Organizations](#)
- [Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program](#)

Office of Justice/Violence Against Women

- [Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program](#)
- [Campus Grant Program](#)
- [Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children](#)
- [Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program](#)
- [Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to End Abuse of Women with Disabilities](#)
- [Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program](#)

Community Capacity Development Office

- [Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program](#)

⁴ FY '09 numbers are based on the President's budget.

Office for Victims of Crime

- **Funding Source:** Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: Grants can help aid Indian tribes in developing, establishing, and operating programs that improve the handling of child abuse cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse; and improve the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse.
Applicant Eligibility: Indian tribal governments; nonprofit Indian organizations
Funding History: FY '07 \$3 million; FY '08 \$3 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may partner with tribal agencies to support improvements in how child abuse and neglect cases are handled to reduce further trauma to children.
- **Funding Source:** Crime Victim Assistance (Victims of Crime Act)
Funding Type: Formula/Block Grant
Purpose: Grants may be used to provide immediate emotional support to crime victims through crisis intervention; transportation to court; short term child care services; and temporary housing and security measures.
Applicant Eligibility: States, the District of Columbia, all Commonwealths and any other territory or possession of the U.S.
Funding History: FY '07 \$370 million; FY '08 \$268 million
Flow of Funds: Funds are awarded to grantees. Grantee agencies may subcontract out to other public or nonprofit agencies.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may use funds to provide trauma-focused counseling and crisis intervention services to children and adolescents who have been victims of crime.
- **Funding Source:** Crime Victim Assistance (Discretionary Grants)
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: Grants may be used to support demonstration projects and training and technical assistance services to crime victim assistance programs.
Applicant Eligibility: States, US Attorneys' offices, victim services agencies, Federal training centers
Funding History: FY '07 \$675 million; FY '08 \$590 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to provide training and technical assistance services to crime victim assistance program staff around how to detect and respond to cases of child traumatic stress. Initiatives may also partner with grantees to provide trauma-focused mental health services to children and adolescents in the case of mass violence or terrorism.
- **Funding Source:** National Field-Generated Training, TA and Demonstration Projects
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: Funding can be used to develop or enhance training, technical assistance, and promising practices, models, and programs that build the capacity of victim service and other ancillary providers to provide services and support to crime victims or to ensure that victims are afforded the rights to which they are due. Projects focus on one of the following focus areas: elder abuse, sexual assault, victim restitution, child abuse, youth victimization, capacity building for victim service providers/organizations, victim services in corrections settings, domestic violence, stalking, the implications of DNA evidence for victims, and training and technical assistance on crime victims' rights.
Applicant Eligibility: Private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, colleges or universities, or public agencies that can demonstrate (1) knowledge and understanding of one or more of the victimization areas described above; and (2) staff resources and capability to develop or enhance national-scope resources for the crime victims' field.
Funding History: New funding source
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can apply or partner with grantees to provide trauma-focused mental health services to victims of crime.

Bureau of Justice Assistance

- **Funding Source:** Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: The Drug Court Discretionary Grant provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement treatment drug courts that effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over nonviolent, substance-abusing offenders.
Applicant Eligibility: States, State courts, local courts, units of local government and Indian tribal governments, acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities
Funding History: FY '07 \$9.8 million; FY '08 \$15.2 million
Flow of Funds: Fund flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide trauma-focused mental health and substance abuse treatment to offenders.
- **Funding Source:** Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: PSNs, a nationwide commitment to reducing gun crime, links existing local programs together and provides them with necessary tools. PSNs 1) take a hard line against gun criminals, using every available means to create safer neighborhoods; 2) seek to achieve heightened coordination among federal, state, and local law enforcement; and 3) emphasizes tactical intelligence gathering, more aggressive prosecutions, and enhanced accountability through performance measures.
Applicant Eligibility: States, State courts, local courts, units of local government and Indian tribal governments
Funding History: FY '07 \$18.9 million; FY '08 \$13.6 million
Flow of Funds: Fund flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide services in an effort to create safer neighborhoods.
- **Funding Source:** Anti-Gang Initiative
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: Funds may be used to support anti-gang enforcement and prevention activities as specified in the authorization legislation. Generally, funds may be used to provide additional personnel and equipment for widespread prevention, apprehension, prosecution and adjudication of persons who violate Federal, State, and local laws related to violent criminal gang activity.
Applicant Eligibility: States, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, and private nonprofit organizations.
Funding History: FY '07 \$45 million; FY '08 \$49 million
Flow of Funds: Fund flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide prevention services.

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

- **Funding Source:** Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants (COPS Grants)
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: Grants may be used to increase police presence and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community; expand community policing efforts through the use of technology and other innovative strategies; increase security and reduce violence in schools; address crime and disorder problems; and enhance public safety.
Applicant Eligibility: States, units of local government, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, U.S. territories or possessions (including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Mariana Islands), other public and private entities, and multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia thereof.

Funding History: FY '07 \$555 million; and FY '08 estimated at \$4 million

Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.

NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may access funds to provide training to law enforcement officers to increase their capacity to recognize and effectively respond to trauma in children and adolescents.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- **Funding Source:** Reduction and Prevention of Children's Exposure to Violence (Safe Start)⁵
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: Grants may be used to establish and enhance a broad range of local prevention, intervention and treatment services for young children who have been exposed and are at risk of being exposed to violence; develop effective multi-agency protocols; and coordinate services to develop a community-wide system for responding to the needs of children exposed or at risk of exposure to violence.
Applicant Eligibility: Public agencies applying on behalf of a collaborative group of organizations working to prevent and address the impact of exposure to violence on children. Private and nonprofit agencies and organizations may apply as co-applicants as long as the lead applicant is a public agency.
Funding History: FY '07 9.9 million; FY '08 \$0 appropriations
Flow of Funds: Grants are awarded to public agencies and then distributed among a collaborative group of agencies (private or nonprofit) that serve as co-applicants.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to ensure that child trauma assessment, treatment and interventions are part of a state's comprehensive community service delivery system for young children who have been exposed or at risk of exposure to violence. Funds can also support training and technical assistance for service providers on how to recognize and respond to signs of trauma.
- **Funding Source:** Tribal Youth Program (Title V)
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: Grants may be used to reduce, control and prevent crime both by and against tribal youth; intervene for court involved tribal youth; improve tribal juvenile justice systems; provide prevention programs focusing on alcohol and drugs; and provide mentoring services to juveniles in the juvenile justice system. (For more information, see Mentoring Programs for At-Risk Tribal Youth)
Applicant Eligibility: Indian tribes, tribal coalitions and Native Alaska Villages
Funding History: FY '07 \$10 million; FY '08 \$14 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to provide trauma-focused mental health services and supports for American Indian and Alaskan Native youth in the juvenile justice system.
- **Funding Source:** Mentoring Programs for At-Risk Tribal Youth
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: The purpose of the program is to support national tribal organizations and national organizations that support mentoring activities in tribal communities. Successful applicants will strengthen and expand existing mentoring activities in tribal communities that seek to increase participation of tribal youth in activities with adult mentors.
Applicant Eligibility: Applicants are limited to national tribal organizations and national organizations, including community, secular, and faith-based nonprofit organizations. A national organization must demonstrate the capacity to operate programs with multiple tribes in multiple states and tribal jurisdictions, including tribal commercial and nonprofit national organizations, tribal colleges and universities, and tribal consortiums.
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide training and technical assistance to help grantees recognize and respond to signs of trauma in at-risk mentees.

⁵ For more information on this highly relevant program for NCTSN grantees, please visit:
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=15&ti&si=&kw=&PreviousPage=ProgResults>

- Funding Source:** Juvenile Mentoring Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: .This program includes three OJJDP youth mentoring programs for FY 2008; Latino Youth Mentoring Program, National Mentoring Program; and Strengthening Youth Mentoring Through Community Partnerships; which together made grants available across a wide spectrum of communities (More information below.)
Applicant Eligibility: States, Territories, and public/private nonprofit organizations.
Funding History: FY '07 \$9.8 million; FY '08 \$70 million
Flow of Funds: Fund flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide training and technical assistance to help grantees recognize and respond to signs of trauma in at-risk mentees.
- Funding Source:** National Mentoring Programs
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: The purpose of this program is to support organizations that have mentoring programs ready for implementation that will strengthen and expand existing mentoring activities. Grants are especially targeted to increase participation of mentors by underrepresented groups (e.g., Hispanic and African-American adult males), programs that target children of single-parent families, and organizations that focus on making truancy prevention a priority in improving school attendance. This initiative also seeks to promote collaboration among national youth service organizations that support mentoring activities and community organizations committed to supporting mentoring services.
Applicant Eligibility: National organizations, including community and faith-based nonprofit organizations
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide training and technical assistance to help grantees recognize and respond to signs of trauma in at-risk mentees.
- Funding Source:** Strengthening Youth Mentoring through Community Partnerships
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: The purpose of this program is to assist state and local government leaders in further development of community partnerships designed to foster new mentoring approaches and initiatives; or in the expansion of existing mentoring programs. The community partnership mentoring program will increase the capacity of local communities to implement mentoring programs through innovative cross-system collaboration among state, local, and tribal governments and public and private partners (such as community- and faith-based organizations).
Applicant Eligibility: State governments, units or subunits of local government, and federally recognized tribal governments.
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide training and technical assistance to help grantees recognize and respond to signs of trauma in at-risk mentees.
- Funding Source:** Latino Youth Mentoring Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: The purpose of this initiative is to provide a vehicle for students to acclimate to a new school environment; to enable mentors and mentees to celebrate and nurture positive identities, while creating a positive peer group that experiences prosocial, recreational, cultural, educational, vocational, and support activities; to ensure that each older student mentor helps the mentee find and participate in other activities of interest offered to the general school population.
Applicant Eligibility: Private organizations, nonprofits (including faith and community based organizations), and public agencies (including schools, colleges, universities, and units of local government)
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide training and technical assistance to help grantees recognize and respond to signs of trauma in at-risk mentees.

- Funding Source:** Membership Support Services for Nonprofit Missing Children's Organizations
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: These grants provide resources for the grantee to support membership organizations of nonprofit organizations that serve the families of missing and exploited children, provide services to law enforcement and community agencies, provide public awareness and education about child protection, and related purposes.
Applicant Eligibility: Private nonprofit organizations (including secular and faith-based non-profit organizations)
Funding History: This information is currently unavailable.
Flow of Funds: Fund flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide training and technical assistance to help grantees recognize and respond to signs of trauma in exploited children and in families and siblings of missing children.
- Funding Source:** Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grants
Purpose: Grants are awarded to localities to enhance coordination of Federal, state, and local resources in support of community partnerships implementing two or more of the following anti-gang strategies: primary prevention, secondary prevention, gang intervention, and gang enforcement.
Applicant Eligibility: Public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, public universities and colleges, and tribal governments) and private organizations (including faith- and community-based organizations). Joint applications from two or more eligible applicants are welcome; however, one applicant must be clearly indicated as the primary applicant (for correspondence, award, and management purposes) and the others indicated as co-applicants.
Funding History: This information is currently unavailable.
Flow of Funds: Fund flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may access funds to provide training to grantees to increase their capacity to recognize and effectively respond to trauma in children and adolescents.

Office of Justice Programs, Violence Against Women

- Funding Source:** Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: Grants may be used to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence, dating violence and child abuse; provide treatment, counseling, and assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence and child victimization; and work in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies.
Applicant Eligibility: States, Indian tribal governments, local governments of rural States, and other public or private entities in rural states. Local units of government in rural states and public and private entities in rural states may also apply directly for assistance.
Funding History: FY '07 \$33 million; FY '08 \$29 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide trauma-focused mental health treatment and supports to victims of child abuse and children exposed to domestic violence in rural areas. Initiatives can also use funds to support public education and prevention strategies.
- Funding Source:** Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program (Campus Program)
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: This grant program is designed to encourage institutions of higher education to adopt comprehensive, coordinated responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Campuses, in partnership with community-based nonprofit victim advocacy organizations and local criminal justice or civil legal agencies, must adopt protocols and policies that treat violence against women as a serious offense and develop victim service programs that ensure victim safety, offender accountability, and the prevention of such crimes.
Applicant Eligibility: Institutions of higher education

Funding History: FY '07 8.4 million; FY '08 6.5 million

Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.

NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with universities to provide trauma-focused mental health treatment and supports to victims of domestic violence.

- **Funding Source:** Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: Grants can be used to support supervised visitation programs as well as safe exchanges of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.
Applicant Eligibility: States, Indian tribal governments, and units of local government
Funding History: FY '07 \$10.4 million; FY '08 \$11.2 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to ensure that visitation center staff members are knowledgeable about child trauma as well as the services available in their community for victims of trauma.
- **Funding Source:** Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: The main purpose of this program is to strengthen civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The goal is to develop innovative, collaborative programs within the legal system that promote victim safety and increase victim economic autonomy.
Applicant Eligibility: Private nonprofit entities, territorial organizations, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity such as law schools. Organizations should have a demonstrated history of providing direct legal or advocacy services on behalf of these victims.
Funding History: FY '07 32.2 million; FY'08 27.9 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to ensure that they are knowledgeable about child trauma as well as the services available in their community for victims of trauma.
- **Funding Source:** Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to End Violence and Abuse of Women with Disabilities
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: These grants provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against individuals with disabilities; and enhance direct services to such individuals.
Applicant Eligibility: States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations, and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations, such as state domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions or nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving disabled individuals
Funding History: FY 07 \$7.5 million; FY 08 est. \$7 million
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may use funds to provide trauma-focused counseling and crisis intervention services to women who have been victims of crime.
- **Funding Source:** Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: Grants must be used to increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women; enhance the response to violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women at the tribal, Federal, and State levels; and identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services to American Indian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence.
Applicant Eligibility: Established nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions, or individuals or organizations that propose to incorporate as nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions will obtain nonprofit status within eight months from the beginning of the project period, that have as their

primary mission addressing domestic violence and/or sexual assault against American Indian and/or Alaska Native women

Funding History: FY 07 \$3.1 million; FY 08 \$5.1 million

Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.

NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may partner with grantees to ensure that they are knowledgeable about trauma as well as the services available in their community for victims of trauma.

Implications for NCTSN

Given DOJ's current priorities on youth violence, crime and domestic abuse, there is clearly opportunity for Network program and initiative leaders to develop their capacity to access these grant programs either directly or in partnership with stakeholders in their State and community. Following are tips that Network members can utilize to increase their chances of accessing specific grant programs:

Accessing Block or Formula Grants - Accessing these dollars begins with developing an understanding of how your State administers these dollars. By either contacting your State administrator's office and/or reviewing their web page, you can gain valuable insight as to what extent your State is issuing grants and/or contracts on a competitive basis, and you can learn more about existing grantees and contractors. If you are not already aware of and/or connected to the administrator of a particular block grant, it is a good idea to determine who the local contact is (either a regional contact from a State office or a county office depending on how the program is structured in your State). You should have a conversation with them about how and if your NCTSN program aligns with the priorities of the block grant, and you should acquire information on opportunities for funding and/or coordination with existing providers.

Accessing Discretionary Grants⁶ - Discretionary grants, sometimes called project grants because of their targeted focus, are awarded directly to applicants through a competitive proposal process. An application for a discretionary grant does not guarantee an award, and the amounts awarded are not based on a formula. It is important that NCTSN program leaders do the following:

Get to know the various programs and deadlines by monitoring what funding is available and when (i.e., visit federal agency websites for funding "outlooks" that provide information on which grant opportunities will be open in the coming year; review the [Federal Register](#) on an ongoing basis to view notices of fund availability as posted by federal agencies; and explore NCTSN monthly funding announcements and website resources).

- Follow the guidelines and requests in DOJ grants application process very carefully.

Section II: Upcoming Funding Opportunities

This section describes upcoming funding opportunities that could support NCTSN grantees.

Community Capacity Development Office

- **Funding Source:** Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: Operation Weed and Seed provides a multi-agency strategy to link federal, state, and local law enforcement efforts with social services, private sector, and community efforts to "weed out" violent crime and "seed" positive outcomes through social and economic revitalization.
Applicant Eligibility: State governments, including Indian tribal governments; local governments; and neighborhood and community-based organizations
Available Funds: \$175,000 per grant
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
Deadline: September 9, 2008

⁶ For block or formula grants and discretionary grants, applicant eligibility may be determined by state priorities.

NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs may partner with youth development initiatives to support programs and activities that reduce risky behaviors and encourage positive youth development.
For More Information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/ws/welcome.html>

Office for Victims of Crime

- **Funding Source:** Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program (HOPE)
Funding Type: Discretionary Grant
Purpose: This grant provides up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help them improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.
Applicant Eligibility: Grassroots, nonprofit, community- and faith-based victim organizations and coalitions
Available Funds: Up to \$10,000 per grant
Flow of Funds: Funds flow directly to grantees.
Deadline: Open (Contingent upon fund availability)
NCTSN Relevancy: NCTSN programs can partner with grantees to provide trauma related services to crime victims.
For More Information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/>

Section III. Helpful Resources

- This DOJ website provides a forecast of future funding opportunities:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/10grants/>
- [The Link: Connecting Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare](#), a newsletter created by The Child Welfare League of America focuses on building linkages between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)** is a federally funded resource offering justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide. NCJRS services and resources are available to anyone interested in crime, victim assistance, and public safety including policymakers, practitioners, researchers, educators, community leaders, and the general public. **For more information:** <http://www.ncjrs.gov/whatsncjrs.html>
- The **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America** offers grant-writing tips at <http://cadca.org/CoalitionResources/Funding.asp>
- [Grants.gov](#) is a valuable source to find and apply for federal government grants.
- Find contact information for the state representatives and organizations that administer many Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) programs at:
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/statecontacts/resourcelist.asp>

Publications

- Built from years of collaborative expertise and experience, **Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare System Coordination and Integration: A Framework for Improved Outcomes** uses a comprehensive framework to guide state and local jurisdictions in achieving greater system coordination and integration for children, youth and families that populate multiple youth serving systems. This is available at:
<http://www.cwla.org/programs/juvenilejustice/jjguidebook08.pdf>

- The **Office of Justice Programs Resource Guide, Fiscal 2008** edition provides a listing and description of all 2008 funding sources within the Department of Justice available at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/newsroom/pdfs/ojp_resource_guide_08.pdf
- The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) has developed two funding updates this year. Previous NCTSN Funding Updates include:
 - **Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration** available at: http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/word_docs/NCTSN_Electronic_Funding_Update_April_2008.doc
 - **Administration for Children and Families** available at: http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/NCTSN_Electronic_Funding_Update_July_2008I.pdf
- **A Guide to Private Funding to Support Child Traumatic Stress and Other Trauma-Focused Initiatives** provides practical information and guidance on how child traumatic stress initiative leaders can attract and access private funding to address their financing challenges and support the development, implementation and dissemination of trauma-informed interventions. This is available at: http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/Private_Funding_Guide_Final.pdf
- **Finding Funding: A Guide to Federal Sources for Child Traumatic Stress and Other Trauma Focused Initiatives** catalogs 69 federal funding sources that can potentially support child trauma services. This is available at: http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/CTS_FFG_finalRev.pdf
- **Thinking Broadly: Financing Strategies for Child Traumatic Stress Initiatives** presents a conceptual framework for financing child traumatic stress initiatives' work and a set of approaches that initiative leaders can implement to provide comprehensive and coordinated trauma supports and services. This is available at: http://www.nctsn.org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/ThinkingBroadlyCTS_final.pdf

About the National Child Traumatic Stress Network

Established by Congress in 2000, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is a unique collaboration of academic and community-based service centers whose mission is to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families across the United States. Combining knowledge of child development, expertise in the full range of child traumatic experiences, and attention to cultural perspectives, the NCTSN serves as a national resource for developing and disseminating evidence-based interventions, trauma-informed services, and public and professional education.

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