

**OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**  
**Program Name: Research on Violence Against Indian Women**

**FY 2017 Request**

Total Funding: \$1.0M\*  
 Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: No change

\*This program is funding through the appropriation to DOJ's Office on Violence Against Women, but is administered by the National Institute of Justice.



**Program Description**

**Purposes:**

1. To identify factors that place American Indian and Alaska Native women at risk for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and murder.
2. To evaluate the effectiveness of federal, state, tribal, and local responses to violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.
3. Propose recommendations to improve effectiveness of these responses.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (sections 201 and 202); the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (sections 231-233) and Title IX, Section 904(a) of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), Public Law No. 109-162 (codified at 42 U.S.C. & 3796gg-10 note), as amended by Section 907

**Administering Agency:** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

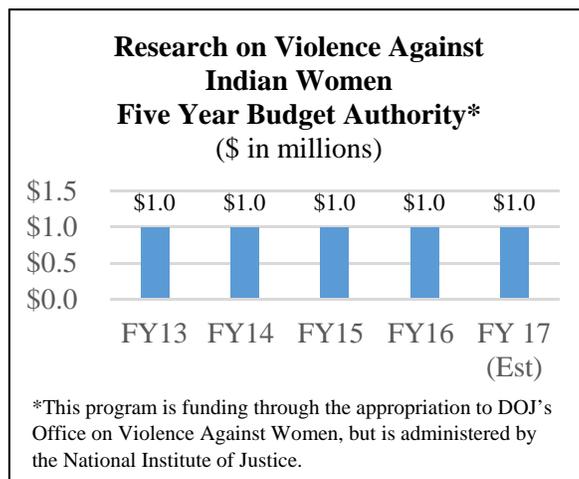
**DOJ Strategic Objective 3.1:** Promote and strengthen relationships and strategies for the administration of justice with law enforcement agencies, organizations, prosecutors, and defenders through innovative leadership and programs

**Who Can Apply for Funding:** Government and non-government organizations, including tribal, public or private agencies or organizations, public and private institutions of higher educations, and individuals. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

**How Funds are Distributed:** Through a competitive process, awards are made as grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts, as appropriate.

**Program Goals:**

- To improve the Nation's understanding of the programs, services, and policies needed by American Indian and Alaska Native women.
- To improve understanding about American Indian and Alaska Native women's experiences with and opinions of the services they receive from seeking those services.
- To educate and inform policymakers and the public about the public safety and health issues that affect American Indian and Alaska Native women.



**Accomplishments:**

The capstone of this portfolio is the National Baseline Study. This 42-month study is the first-of-its-kind to examine domestic violence, sexual assault, and staking committed against American Indian and Alaska Native women living in Indian country and Alaska Native villages. Through the study, the Nation will, for the first time, gain critical data about the magnitude of violence and victimization and services needed in tribal communities. The study is being conducted in geographically dispersed tribal communities across the United States, with the primary aim to provide an accurate national victimization rate of violence committed against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Data collection began in 2015 and will continue into 2017, with study findings released in late fall of 2017.

**FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program:** N/A

**FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program:** N/A

For additional information, please visit: [NIJ Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women Research Program](#).