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**VICTIM SERVICES TO NATIVE AMERICANS**  
**ENHANCED WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Victim assistance services in Native American communities will be significantly enhanced as a result of grants totaling \$729,745 to 18 states awarded by the Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). These grants, awarded under the Victim Assistance in Indian Country (VAIC) Discretionary Grant Program, will expand existing victim assistance programs and firmly establish victim assistance in areas where Native Americans have limited access to victim services.

The grants will help tribal communities provide direct services to victims, including crisis intervention, emergency shelters, mental health counseling for victims and their families, court advocacy in federal court proceedings, and salaries of victim service providers.

"Cooperation and coordination among the federal, state, and local levels are essential if we are to address the needs of Native American crime victims," said OVC Director Aileen Adams. "We are very proud of our work with tribal leaders and state

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governments. Together, we have worked effectively to ensure that Native American crime victims receive the much needed services and assistance that they are entitled to receive."

Since 1988, OVC has awarded more than \$5.9 million to 19 states under this grant program. As a result, 52 Native American victim assistance programs have been established in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Many of these states now fund tribal victim assistance programs entirely with state revenues.

The VAIC Discretionary Grant Program funds are allocated from the Crime Victims Fund, which was created by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, as amended. The Crime Victims Fund receives money entirely through fines, penalty assessments, and bond forfeitures from federal criminal offenders, not from taxpayers.

A list of the participating states and the grant amounts is attached.

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**VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN INDIAN COUNTRY  
DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 1995 AWARDS**

State	Award Amount
Arizona	\$82,500
Colorado	\$50,500
Idaho	\$40,225
Kansas	\$20,000
Michigan	\$25,500
Minnesota	\$20,000
Mississippi	\$48,145
Montana	\$70,000
Nevada	\$36,750
New Mexico	\$82,150
North Dakota	\$33,750
Oklahoma	\$36,100
Oregon	\$20,000
South Dakota	\$55,500
Utah	\$20,000
Washington	\$44,625
Wisconsin	\$20,000
Wyoming	\$24,000