

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes does authorize and empowers the Tribal Business Council to enact laws on behalf of, and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes intend to apply for funds from the Office of Justice Programs entitled, "Safe Kids-Safe Streets", which is a Joint Solicitation Grant Application; and
- WHEREAS, It is the considered judgment of the Tribal Business Council that there exists a correlation between child abuse and neglect and later juvenile delinquency, which often times consists of violent propensities; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council acknowledges and prioritizes the need to reduce juvenile delinquency by helping to break the cycle of child and adolescent abuse and neglect, thereby substantially reducing child maltreatment and fatalities and improving outcomes for children and families; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes that problems associated with juvenile delinquency are becoming overwhelming and that there is a need for child rehabilitative services and, also, in the providing of appropriate justice in the juvenile delinquency area; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council recognizes that, if the grant application is funded, the project will be funded initially for an 18 month budget for Phase I of a 66 month period, with up to \$2.7 million available for three to six cooperative agreements, and that the initial awards will range from approximately \$425,000 for rural or tribal sites; and

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Letter of Intent

Dear OJP:

I intend to apply for funds under the following solicitations:

- Safe Kids—Safe Streets—Community Approaches To Reducing Abuse and Neglect and Preventing Delinquency,
 Evaluation of the Safe Kids—Safe Streets Program

Name: Russell D. Mason, Sr.

Date: July 31, 1996

Position: Chairman

Organization: Three Affiliated Tribes

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Dear Colleagues:

The Three Affiliated Tribes intend to apply for funds under the OJP Solicitations of **Safe Kids - Safe Streets - Community Approaches To Reducing Abuse and Neglect and Preventing Delinquency**.

This Letter of Intent is to assist your offices in forecasting the number of Peer Review Panels needed to review competitive applications, and to assist you in identifying potential conflicts of interest. As you can see, we are a Federally-recognized Indian government and will be applying under the eligibility criteria of a tribal community that is engaged in integrated, community-wide plans to ameliorate child abuse and resulting fatalities.

I believe we are a tribal jurisdiction that is prepared to accept the challenging nature of this important joint OJP solicitation to **demonstrate our readiness and commitment to undertake system reform; make clear progress in assessing and addressing abuse and neglect; exhibit the existing tribal capacity to effect major enterprise through a reservation community-wide collaborative effort; and establish the legislative existence of policies, codes, ordinances, contracts that will promote unified or family court approaches, encourage innovative reform of the justice and child welfare systems, and strengthen coordination between and integration of the two systems.**

Our tribal application will be firmly centered within larger community-based initiatives and programs already underway in our tribal jurisdiction. These include policymakers, decisionmakers, and frontline workers from law enforcement, education, prosecution, the tribal court, Indian child welfare, health, family services, community district neighborhoods, families, victims, resource experts and tribal spiritual leaders. Finally, we will leverage this grant application with new or reallocated public and private funding.

We look forward with anticipation to meeting this OJP Joint Solicitation's grant deadline of September 9, 1996. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at once.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Mason, Sr.
Tribal Chairman



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Inter-Office Memorandum

To: Members, Tribal Business Council and
Concerned Tribal Program Managers

From: Russell D. Mason, Sr.
Tribal Chairman

Subject: **OJP Office of Justice Programs *Safe Kids -
Safe Streets* Joint Solicitation Grant Application**

Date:
8-4-96

The Office of Justice Programs have pooled their resources and this solicitation is a result of this collaborative effort. They have acknowledged the correlation between child abuse and neglect and later violent delinquency and the need to improve system response. The aim of this Joint Solicitation is to create a single program to help break the cycle of early childhood victimization and later juvenile or adult criminality.

The OJP watchwords are opportunities and responsibilities. The direction is clear - our reservation community must grow, develop and evolve over the years. OJP's efforts will be concentrated on communities who need more training and technical assistance. Our tribal government's role is to prioritize efforts, review technical and training assistance efforts and OJP will provide funding to accomplish these tribal goals so that our reservation community can administer capably. The dual challenge is for tribal leadership to provide the partnership and the tribal community to perform efficiently and that tribal families and children are part of this.

This project will be funded initially for an 18-month budget period for Phase I of a 66 month period. Up to \$2.7 million is available for three to six cooperative agreements. The initial awards will range from approximately \$425,000 (rural/tribal sites) to \$925,000 (urban sites). It is important for our tribal government to vigorously pursue this economic opportunity and be one of the high scoring winners selected in the competitive 100 point system outlined in the *Selection Criteria*.

The purpose of this solicitation is ***to reduce juvenile delinquency by helping break the cycle of child and adolescent abuse and neglect, thereby substantially reducing child maltreatment and fatalities and improving outcomes for children and families.*** The significance of this purpose must be emphasized in our tribal collaborative effort. Through this process we will incorporate all the purposes of the spirit of the Safe Kids - Safe Streets effort. After this five and one-half year funding period has ceased we will be able to maintain this effort on our own.

Child and Adolescent Abuse and Neglect is one of the most serious problems facing our justice, child welfare, family services, medical, mental health and education systems on Fort Berthold today. If action is not undertaken, the future for our children is indeed disheartening.



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In view of the September 9, 1996, deadline, I have initiated the following steps:

- 1) Filed a formal Letter of Intent with the Office of Justice Programs that the Three Affiliated Tribes will be applying for funds under this solicitation.
- 2) By tribal resolution, establish a plan of action to accomplish this tribal goal that will include (a) lead tribal agency, (b) Grant Application team members and (c) Time frame outlining specific duties and responsibilities for individual team members with deadlines.
- 3) Establish Tuesday, September 3, 1996, as deadline for Tribal Business Council review of the application, budget and other action deemed necessary, i.e. whether to ship Federal Express or have our application delivered by Tribal officials so they know who we are.

In closing, I believe that our Indian tribal government has an edge in this highly competitive funding opportunity. I say this for the following reasons:

- o There is a geographic consideration in OJP's planned awards to rural and Indian government applicants that is favorable to Indian applicants.
- o There few Indian applicants usually with flimsy or poor grant efforts. Our Tribe has received national recognition for the Family and Children's Five Year Plan that will be the basis for this ongoing effort. A cliché that comes to mind is *nothing ventured - nothing gained*.

With this in mind, let's meet this challenge and be successful in our own endeavors to maintain and fulfill the tribal belief that *our children are sacred*.

cc: Mr. Ed Lone Fight, Tribal Programs Manager
Mr. John Danks, Tribal Programs Analyst

WHEREAS, The goals and intent of the proposed grant is crucial to meeting the existing needs to the residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby approves the submittal of the grant application by the deadline date of September 09, 1996; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Ms. Diane Avery, Legal Counsel, and Mr. John Danks, Programs Analyst, shall have the authority to coordinate the efforts between the appropriate tribal agencies to ensure that their input and concerns are considered and evaluated for the purposes of the grant proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and the Treasurer to negotiate a consultant agreement with an appropriate grants writer.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 9th day of August, 1996; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 9th day of August, 1996.

Douglas Spotted Bear
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chairman, Tribal Business Council

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