

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and Borough of Sitka Assembly

CC: Lisa Gassman, General Manager

Naomi Palosaari, Tribal Attorney

FROM: Rachel Henderson, Grant Administrator

RE: MOU with the City of Sitka for CTAS Grant

DATE: February 6, 2019

Background of the Issue:

In 2017, the Department of Justice released a grant opportunity entitled "Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation" (CTAS), which is a compilation of DOJ funding opportunities (called purpose areas) within one solicitation for which only tribes are eligible. Sheldon Schmitt, working on behalf of the Sitka Police Department to secure more funding, reached out to us to be included in our 2017 CTAS application. At the initial meeting to discuss project ideas, we settled on creating a Community Response Team (CCR) and sexual assault response team (SART) with STA, SAFV, and SPD, with additional partners to be added if funded. At the time of submittal, all the project partners had seen and provided input to the project and budget. The police department was written in for \$249,600 salary and fringe for a DV Investigator and \$8,310 for travel for training approved by DOJ Office of Violence Against Women.

We've met and exchanged emails with several representatives of the City of Sitka since January 2018. The Police Department have met with us multiple times for the CCR, but thus far haven't been compensated without a MOU/Contract in place. The current grant end date is 9/30/2020, but we could ask for a one year extension to complete our project tasks, if needed.

Request:

Sitka Tribe of Alaska is requesting the City of Sitka enter into an MOU with STA for our CTAS project. We want to increase collaboration throughout the organizations in Sitka in regards to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and compensate SPD for the time spent on the activities covered by the grant.

I am writing in support of the MOU between STA and the City and Borough of Sitka.