



COALITION to STOP
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CSVANW Calls for Immediate Action to End Federal Funding Freeze and Protect Vital Services for Survivors in Native Communities

Albuquerque, NM – [The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women \(CSVANW\)](#) is calling on tribal, local, state, and national leaders to take immediate action to address [the ongoing federal funding freeze](#), which has significant and irreparable consequences for Native communities across the United States. The freeze, which impacts crucial services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking, places Native women, children, and families in even greater jeopardy.

"Native communities already face immense challenges when it comes to addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. The recent federal funding freeze is an immediate and devastating blow to the programs that serve victims of violence in Native communities," **said Tiffany Jiron, Executive Director of CSVANW.** "These programs, including shelters, legal aid, counseling, and advocacy services, are already underfunded and depend on federal grants to operate. Without this funding, these critical services could cease, leaving survivors with nowhere to turn."

The funding freeze has paused the disbursement of federal financial assistance to programs that provide essential services to survivors. Programs that offer shelters, legal support, mental health services, and crisis counseling are at risk of shutting down, leaving survivors without the support they desperately need. Additionally, programs that train law enforcement and healthcare providers to respond appropriately to domestic violence and sexual assault are also at risk of being cut, leading to a lack of trained professionals who can properly handle sensitive cases.

"Many Tribal communities, especially those in rural areas, face significant barriers to accessing services. This funding freeze will only make those barriers greater. The services provided by Tribal organizations are culturally competent and are specifically designed to address the unique needs of Native survivors. Without this funding, victims will be forced to seek services outside their communities, which is not only traumatic but often impractical," **said Jiron.**

[Native women experience some of the highest rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in the country.](#) Despite these challenges, Native communities are historically underfunded, and many lack the necessary infrastructure to fully address the violence that

disproportionately affects their people. The federal funding freeze is only exacerbating these inequities and threatens to undo any progress made in supporting survivors and building safer communities.

“Native women and children are already at a higher risk for violence, and the funding freeze will further isolate them, leaving them without the critical services that have been shown to help them heal and rebuild their lives,” **said Jiron**. “This freeze could force the closure of essential programs, leaving a gaping hole in the support systems that our communities rely on to address and prevent violence.”

CSVANW is urging all leaders at the tribal, local, state, and national levels to join forces and demand that the federal government immediately release the frozen funds to ensure that critical programs for victims of violence remain operational. The funding freeze must be lifted to prevent further harm to Native women, children, and families, and to protect the work that is being done to support survivors.

“We are asking for immediate action to ensure that these vital programs are reinstated without delay,” **said Jiron**. “The lives of Native women, children, and families depend on these services. We cannot afford to allow this funding freeze to continue—it has already caused irreparable harm and will continue to do so unless we act now.”

CSVANW is also calling for long-term, sustainable funding solutions to ensure that Native communities are not left to fight for resources on an ongoing basis. The lack of reliable funding has been a systemic issue, and now more than ever, it is crucial that federal, state, and Tribal leaders work together to ensure that these communities are empowered with the resources they need to protect their citizens and provide essential services.

“The federal funding freeze is a direct threat to the safety and well-being of Native communities, and we are urging all levels of government to take immediate action to protect survivors of violence,” **said Jiron**. “This is an urgent issue that requires leadership, collaboration, and action to prevent further harm and ensure that Native communities receive the support they need and deserve.”

CSVANW is committed to advocating for the safety, dignity, and sovereignty of Native women and children. The Coalition continues to work alongside its partners and stakeholders to ensure that funding for victim services is restored and that these essential programs can continue to operate.

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