

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Justice	2024
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>

Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women	34748
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<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	07/01/2022	07/01/2024	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
34 U.S.C. § 10452 note	06/27/2005	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee's Recommendations on the Program of Research were forwarded to the Attorney General as well as the Directors of the Office on Violence Against Women and the National Institute of Justice.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

OVW coordinated on the nomination of members to the Section 904 Violence Against Indian Women in Indian Country Task Force. In compiling the list of nominees, consistent with the

statutory mandate on membership, OVW solicited recommendations for membership from numerous inter-tribal councils, national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault organizations, and national tribal organizations. The Section 904 Task Force was established by the Attorney General in March 2008 and subsequently rechartered.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Meetings of Task Force are expected to occur infrequently until there are results from NIJ's program of research that needs to be presented to the Task Force for future recommendations from the Task Force.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Section 904(a)(3) directed the Attorney General of the United States, acting through the Director of OVW, to establish a Task Force to assist NIJ in the development and implementation of this program of research and to help guide implementation of the recommendations resulting from the research.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Meetings are open.

**21. Remarks**

The Task Force held a virtual meeting in FY23. Although the Charter contemplates annual meetings, meetings are only held if there is relevant information about the NIJ Program of Research to be addressed. The Task Force does not have a chairperson but will be encouraged to select one at the next meeting. The DFO opens,

closes, sets the agenda and chairs the meeting.

## Designated Federal Officer

Rosemary Hidalgo Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bird, Holly	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Judge	Representative Member
Crevier, Frances	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Attorney	Representative Member
Desautel, Sabrina	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Attorney	Representative Member
Edwards, Catherine	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Advocate	Representative Member
Oliviera, Julia	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Law Enforcement	Representative Member
Rutherford, Chris	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Law Enforcement	Representative Member
Toya, Roshanna	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Lawyer	Representative Member
Wright, Emily	07/27/2022	07/27/2024	Research	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 8**

## Narrative Description

The Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), Public Law Number 109-162 (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10452 note), Title IX, Section 904(a) mandates the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to conduct analyses and research on violence against Indian women in Indian Country. In consultation with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), NIJ is mandated to conduct a National Baseline Study that focuses on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and murder. The legislation also authorizes studies evaluating the effectiveness of federal, state, tribal, and local response to violence against Indian women in Indian Country. Due to the broad scope of the legislation and the complexity of the topic, NIJ refers to the National Baseline Study as a “program of research,” because multiple research projects over a period of time be necessary to address the statutory mandate. Task Force Section 904(a)(3) directed the Attorney General of the United States, acting through the Director of OVW, to establish a Task Force to assist NIJ in the development and implementation of this program of research and to help guide implementation of the

recommendations resulting from the research. OVW coordinated the nomination of members to the Section 904 Violence Against Indian Women in Indian Country Task Force.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

The Task Force's recommendations proposed improvements to the program of research developed by NIJ to conduct analyses and research on violence against Indian women in Indian Country and to improve the response to these crimes.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

5

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The committee met in FY 2023.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Not reported.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Not reported.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

DOJ looks forward to reviewing recommendations proposed by the Task Force in the future and will provide information about agency feedback in future meetings and on the OVW website, as appropriate.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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### **Action Comments**

The Committee considered ways to address research on murdered or missing indigenous women in addition improvements to NIJ's program of research on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

### **Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

Not reported.

### **How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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### **Access Comments**

NA