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PRESS RELEASE

NCVC's Tribal Resource Tool is Supported by the South Dakota Community Foundation

November 10, 2021 Arlington, VA- The National Center for Victims of Crime is pleased to announce a recent grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation. This grant will support the Tribal Resource Tool, a program of the National Center for Victims of Crime. The Tribal Resource Tool is a locally focused culturally specific mapping tool specifically for American Indian and Alaska Native survivors and victims of crime. Created in concert with the National Congress of American Indians and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, the TRT connects survivors with a diverse network of providers and a holistic array of services in their communities.

This grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation will fund culturally appropriate outreach in South Dakota, allowing NCVC to bring new resources into the Tool, expanding the resources available to AI/AN survivors in South Dakota.

“With this funding, we will be able to meet with Tribal and non-Tribal service providers who work with AI/AN survivors, strengthening the culturally specific and tribe-specific services available to AI/AN survivors and victims of all crime types,” emphasizes Renee Bourque, Center Director of Victim Assistance to Support Tribes at NCVC.

“The Tribal Resource Tool is an essential resource for thousands of survivors and victims. We’ve seen an 106.7% rise in usage of this tool over the course of the pandemic.” comments Executive Director of the National Center for Victims of Crime Renee Williams. “We are so thankful for the support of the South Dakota Community Foundation, without whom we would not be able to do this work.”

“We are proud to partner with the National Center for Victims of Crime as they work to build a stronger coalition within our state.”, stated Ginger Niemann, Senior Program Officer, SDCF. “This past year made it even more evident that resources need to be at the ready and easily accessible.”

About the National Center for Victims of Crime

The National Center for Victims of Crime advocates for victims’ rights, trains professionals who work with victims and survivors of crime, serves as a trusted source of information on victims' issues and provides key resources through the Tribal Resource Tool, the National Crime Victim Bar Association attorney referral service, the VictimConnect Resource Center and the DC Victim Hotline. For more information about the National Center for Victims of Crime, visit <https://victimsofcrime.org>

Visit the Tribal Resource Tool <https://tribalresourcetool.org/>

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About the SDCF

SDCF is a public non-profit organization established in 1987. SDCF, with offices in Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Aberdeen administers over 1050 funds benefiting hundreds of charitable organizations annually. The Foundation distributed nearly \$18 million in grants in 2020 which made a tremendous difference in communities statewide. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors. If you have a specific cause you would like to support or would prefer to give for the general good of our state, please visit <https://sdcommunityfoundation.org/giving> to learn more or call 1-800-888-1842.