response of the tribal, state, and federal systems of justice in handling family violence cases;

- Attendance for tribal judges at specialized training courses, seminars, or conferences;
- Training or support for a planning meeting or focus group initiated by a tribe to develop specific procedures for coordinating the civil and criminal aspects of tribal, state, and federal justice systems.

F. Dissemination of Information

Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center (Continuation)—\$261,084

The OVC Resource Center serves as a national clearinghouse of information concerning victim and witness assistance programs, victim compensation programs, and organizations from the private sector that assist victims and witnesses. In addition, it establishes liaisons with national, state, local, and private sector organizations whose activities are directed toward improving services for victims and witnesses and maintains directories of state, local, and private sector programs, resources, and experts.

Since 1986, OVC has supported the Resource Center as part of the National Criminal Justice Reference Service contract. In order to maintain and enhance Resource Center activities during FY 1995, OVC, in cooperation with BJA, will make \$261,084 available to Aspen Systems Inc.

Crime Victim Compensation Videotape (Non-Competitive)—\$30,000

This non-competitive grant to the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards (NACVCB) will continue an existing grant and build upon a previous grant that produced a highly successful video about compensation benefits for Native Americans. NACVCB will produce a video that explains how the compensation program works so that victims will understand the basics of the program. NACVCB will use the "core script" that was written for the previous video. The video will be distributed to all military bases, National Parks, and other areas of Federal jurisdiction and made available nationally to organizations and programs assisting crime victims. In addition, OVC will use the "masters" of the video to make copies available on a fee-for-service basis through the OVC Resource Center.

Reproduction of Federal Victim Assistance Informational Materials (Continuation)—\$120,000

OVC has responsibility for the preparation, publication, and

distribution of informational materials that describe Federal crime victims' rights and available services. In FY 95, OVC will support:

 The publication of revised Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance (\$20,000);

• The development, printing and distribution of a Federal Resource Book for Federal agencies (\$40,000);

- The printing and distribution to all U.S. Attorneys' offices of a Federal supplement to the manual "Prosecution of Child Abuse" (\$10,000);
- The development and distribution of briefing packages to assist Federal Victim-Witness Coordinators (\$10,000);
- The printing and distribution of "Going to Court" activity books and parent's handbooks for child victims required to testify in court (\$40,000).

These materials will be reproduced within DOJ or as the result of Interagency Agreements.

Conference and Meeting Support Grant (Non-Competitive)—\$75,000

OVC will retain up to \$75,000 to handle the logistical planning and implementation tasks for OVC-sponsored conferences and events. These events are likely to include:

- A focus group of ten to 15 ministers, rabbis, and priests from a variety of religious traditions will be convened to provide input to OVC on developing and presenting appropriate training for members of the clergy;
- A focus group of approximately ten to 12 members will meet to make recommendations regarding continuing support for the Victim Assistance in Indian Country (VAIC) program, and to identify strategies for strengthening the program and assisting subgrantees; and
- Support for unanticipated conferences and events that OVC may wish to conduct in the course of the year.

G. Restorative Justice Symposium

Restorative Justice Symposium (Interagency Transfer)—\$30,000

In attempting to ensure that justice is administered fairly and impartially, our system of criminal justice makes crime a violation against the state. A consequence of this approach is that crime victims—those who personally suffer the impact of crime—are often excluded from their own cases. The focus usually is placed on the offender's crime, rights, and needs, and the sanction that represents society's just retribution. The current system often fails to hold the offender accountable to either the victim or the community, both of which are harmed by crime.

Restorative justice is a philosophical framework that allows the victim and the community to participate actively in the criminal justice process. Both must be restored, insofar as possible, from the harm done by the offender. The community has an additional role: To assist offenders in re-building their ties to the community as responsible citizens. This role is crucial for the community to be interactively engaged in the administration of justice.

This activity will be conducted under a current NIJ contract. The NIJ contractor will plan, organize, and conduct a transfer of knowledge symposium on restorative justice. The symposium will bring together policy and decision makers from a number of environments, including the political arena, victim services, criminal justice, academia, and research. Participation in the symposium will be by invitation only, with no more than 80 in attendance.

For further information, contact Susan Laurence, OVC, (202) 616–3573 or Cheryl Crawford, NIJ, (202) 514–6210.

IV. National Crime Victims Agenda

Update of the 1982 Final Report of the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime (Non-Competitive)—\$125,000

In 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime issued its final report—a comprehensive blueprint of 68 recommendations designed to improve the treatment of the nation's crime victims by the criminal justice system and other sectors of society. The report was the first Federal study of its kind and spearheaded a national momentum toward securing specific victim rights and developing services responsive to the unique needs of crime victims.

In the decade that followed, state governments and the Federal government adopted many of the recommendations in the 1982 report. At the Federal level, the Office for Victims of Crime was established to serve as the national advocate for crime victims and to administer the Crime Victims Fund. The Fund, derived from fines, penalty assessments, and bond forfeitures leveled against Federal criminal offenders, was an innovative idea for helping to fund state compensation and assistance programs at the local level, supporting victims of Federal crimes, and providing national scope training and technical assistance. Since the publication of the report, victim services have expanded throughout the country and many service providers have received specialized training regarding crime victim issues. Victim advocacy groups have developed nationwide