

FUNDRAISING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

Overview

If your organization serves human trafficking survivors, you may be eligible for funding. There are several organizations that aim to connect providers and survivors with services and funding:

- Polaris Project
<https://polarisproject.org/>
- Human Trafficking Hotline
<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>
- Grants.gov
<https://grants.gov>

Funding options include foundation funding, government funding, and private fundraising. Here are some suggestions for where to start if you are interested in fundraising for human trafficking survivors.

Foundation Grants

NEO Philanthropy Anti-Trafficking Fund

This organization grant funds to organizations that support survivor-led initiatives.

<https://neophilanthropy.org/anti-trafficking-fund/>

Legatum Foundation

This foundation, in partnership with two other anti-slavery activists and donors, manage the Freedom Fund, a Fund designed to end modern-day slavery. This fund is available internationally and pays special attention to “hotspots,” or areas known for high rates of modern slavery.

Freedom Fund: <https://freedomfund.org/>

Brokell Foundation

This foundation supports local-based nonprofits whose primary focus is ending human trafficking. They support a broad range of objectives within the scope of ending human trafficking, including legal services to survivors, shelter, mental health, and several others.

<http://fdnweb.org/brokell/about/>

Change a Path

Change a Path provides grants to nonprofits that work on preventing trafficking, protecting and supporting women and children at risk or subject to trafficking, and prosecuting traffickers. They specifically fund organizations with budgets under \$1 million.

<https://changeapath.org/grants/>

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United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund

This fund provides grants for NGOs that “provide tangible support” to HT survivors. They have two sub-programs: Immediate and Essential Direct Assistance for Vulnerable Victims of Trafficking in Persons, and Medium-Term Direct Assistance for Vulnerable Victims of Trafficking in Persons. Applicants may only apply to one of the programs.

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking-fund/2019-call-for-proposals--small-grants-facility.html>

Government Funding

US Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

OJP manages several grants through their various offices. They offer grants to aid law enforcement efforts, grants for service providers, and a variety of other grants to aid in assisting survivors.

<https://www.ojp.gov/ovc/grants/index.html>

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

They offer the Specialized Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Resource Development program to service providers who meet one or more of their designated purpose areas.

<https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/announcements.html>

Private Fundraising Tips

- When fundraising for HT survivor services, be wary of leveraging the stories of survivors as doing so can be further exploitation. Survivors are often asked or expected to share their stories without any consideration given to the impact that doing so might have on their mental health.
- Consider hosting events that serve to educate the public in addition to raising money. Reach out to providers in the area who have worked with survivors and can speak to the community about it, such as law enforcement, legal professionals, and nonprofit workers.

