

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Notice of Availability of Funds

Take notice that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (LPS), through the Division of State Police, hereby announce the availability of the following grant program funds:

- I. Name of Program:** Office of Victims of Crime Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking
- II. Purpose:** The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Victims of Crime (OVC): FY2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking provides funding to develop, expand, or strengthen a multidisciplinary approach to better respond to human trafficking. Funding will assist with the creation of a statewide ECM task force comprised of law enforcement and a victim service provider working together to combat human trafficking while supporting a victim-centered and trauma-centered approach.
- III. Available Funding:** LPS (New Jersey State Police Human Trafficking Unit) is seeking to apply for federal funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program, Office for Victims of Crime, FY24 Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking. Funding will be made available to applicants through a competitive process where the lead applicant (New Jersey State Police Human Trafficking Unit) will submit their entity's application separately, and an identical abstract and proposal will be generated and submitted by the selected Victim Service Prover; with separate budget proposals for each. Pursuant to the availability of federal funding, the anticipated amount of grant funding available is \$800,000 - \$1,000,000 per award (max of \$2 million per task force) over the course of 36 months. The anticipated funding period for each award is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027.

Organizations which may apply: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS other than institutions of higher education.

IV. Examples of eligible use of grant funds:

1. Victim Service Providers

- Priority within the budget should reflect sufficient funding dedicated to the provision of services, either directly or through project partners.
- Specific services should be clearly outlined in the budget.

2. Law Enforcement Agencies

- Priority within the budget should reflect sufficient funding for personal (positions funded 100% with overtime funds are discouraged) to support law enforcement investigations and prosecutions, to include analytical and intelligence functions that directly support human trafficking cases, and outreach.
- If equipment and supplies are proposed, applicants must demonstrate a clear connection to supporting victim-centered and trauma-informed approaches to victim identification, service delivery, and investigations/prosecutions.

3. All Grantees

- Administrative costs: Costs related to the salary and fringe benefits of executive-level leadership and accounting/financial administration. Administrative costs must be reasonable and allocable.
- Match: Applications should include a description in the Budget Narrative as to cash or in-kind match that is included in the project budget.
- Travel required for trainings: As required by OVC, task force grantees should budget to send their task force coordinator, lead law enforcement representative, prosecutor, and lead victim service provider to **three** 2-day training events (locations TBD) over the 36-month project.

V. Selection Criteria: LPS, NJSP seeks a victim service provider having experience and involvement with supporting victims of human trafficking using a victim-centered and/or trauma-centered approach. All submissions will receive an initial review to ensure the proposal meets minimum standards. This will be followed by an evaluation of the proposal

to determine if it meets the intent of the grant and the expected results and outcomes. Only proposals meeting all requirements will be considered complete and be reviewed.

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

1. *Victim Service Provider's Experience in Human Trafficking Services (50 points)*

- The victim service provider must have the capacity and training to implement project activities, including the expertise necessary to investigate and prosecute trafficking crimes, provide services to human trafficking victims, provide training to task force partners, and work collaboratively as a member of a multidisciplinary team.

2. *Types of Services Provided (30 points)*

- The victim service provider must engage in a diverse set of strategic approaches (victim-centered, innovative, survivor-informed, intelligence-led, outreach-based, departmental and systems cross-training) that increase identification of all demographics, and all forms of human trafficking and provides access to services.

3. *Use of Grant Funds (20 points)*

- Funds awarded through this program support costs for key program activities: task force coordination; personnel and related travel for investigations and prosecutions; crime and intelligence analysis; direct victim services; training; community outreach; and ongoing data collection and program assessment.

VI. Application Process: The application kit will provide application and submission instructions, required forms, scoring guidelines and restrictions applicable to this grant.

VII. All proposals must be submitted via email no later than 4:00 P.M. on March 28, 2024. Proposals must be sent with the subject line **FY2024 Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking** to Laura Maley at: Laura.Maley@njsp.gov. Applicants will be notified of approval or disapproval of applications approximately 3 days after the application deadline.

VIII. Contact: Please direct all questions to:

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IX. Subject to Appropriations: Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly depending upon the availability to the LPS of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of LPS to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by LPS or an event of default under a grant agreement and LPS shall not be held liable for any breach of a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from LPS beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by LPS to expend funds beyond the termination date set in a grant agreement.