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# Victims of Human Trafficking Notice of Funding Opportunity

## Funding Recommendations Overview

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# Purpose of Funding

- The Account for Victims of Human Trafficking, created by [NRS 217.530](#), to support eligible entities to provide continuous services or building the capacity to provide additional services or programs to victims of human trafficking.



# Eligibility

- Nonprofit organizations or agencies and political subdivisions of Nevada with community-based programs:
  - who have established or will establish pilot programs for alternatives to law enforcement response (diversion programs) to victims of human trafficking
  - whose primary purpose is providing direct services to victims of human trafficking



# Evaluation Committee Members

- Danacamile Roscom
  - Social Services Chief III, DHS DO Grants Management Unit (GMU)
- Tawny Chapman
  - Victims of Human Trafficking Program Manager, DHS DO GMU
- Shannon Jenkins
  - Management Analyst II, DHS DO GMU
- A'keia Sanders
  - Director, Governor's Office of Federal Assistance
- Sushma Koncha
  - Management Analyst II, Division of Child and Family Services GMU



# Application Requirements

| Field Name                        | Points or TR* | Page Limit | Instructions  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------|---|
| A. Abstract                       | 5             | 1          | Complete on word document. Single spaced; one page limit; Aptos, Arial or Times New Roman; 12-point font  |
| B. Project Application            | 10            | 5          | Request form from <a href="mailto:gmu@dhhs.nv.gov">gmu@dhhs.nv.gov</a> .  |
| C. Narrative                      | 55            | 10         | Complete on word document. Double spaced (tables may be single spaced); page numbered with headings and subheadings defined in Section II (D) of NOFO; Aptos, Arial or Times New Roman; 12-point font size. |
| D. Scope of Work                  | 15            | 5          | Request form from <a href="mailto:gmu@dhhs.nv.gov">gmu@dhhs.nv.gov</a> . Single spaced, font: Aptos, Arial or Times New Roman, 12-point font size.  |
| E. Budget Narrative               | 15            | N/A        | Request form from <a href="mailto:gmu@dhhs.nv.gov">gmu@dhhs.nv.gov</a> .  |
| F. Resume of Project Manager      | TR            | 2          | Project Manager with experience.  |
| General Provisions and Assurances | TR            | N/A        | Sign and attach.  |
| Total                             | 100           |            | *Technical Requirement  |



# Available Funding and Ask

- The available funding for this Notice of Funding Opportunity was \$450,000
- The combined total ask from all qualified applications received was \$1,293,970.



# Applications Received

| Organization                               | Service Area                 | Amount Requested |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|
| Advocates to End Domestic Violence         | Carson/Storey                | \$29,563.00      |
| Awaken                                     | Washoe County                | \$100,000.00     |
| Chicanos Por La Causa                      | Las Vegas                    | \$100,000.00     |
| Empowerment                                | Washoe/Carson/Douglas        | \$99,100.00      |
| Family and Child Treatment of So NV (FACT) | Las Vegas                    | \$129,855.00     |
| FREE International                         | Las Vegas                    | \$100,000.00     |
| Hope Christian Health Center               | Las Vegas                    | \$97,602.00      |
| Pink Chair Hookers for Jesus               | Las Vegas                    | \$100,000.00     |
| Quest Counseling                           | Washoe County                | \$100,000.00     |
| Rite Of Passage, Inc.                      | Las Vegas                    | \$100,000.00     |
| Signs of Hope                              | Las Vegas                    | \$98,560.00      |
| St Rose Dominican - Dignity Health         | Clark County/Henderson       | \$99,900.00      |
| Washoe County Sheriff's Office             | Washoe County                | \$98,738.00      |
| Xquisite                                   | Carson/Storey/Douglas/Washoe | \$99,230.00      |
| Youth Advocate Programs (YAP)              | Las Vegas                    | \$41,422.00      |



# Disqualified Applications

- One application, FREE International, was disqualified due to submitting passed the indicated NOFO deadline and did not utilize the required templates.



# Evaluation Committee Recommendations for Funding

- The following agencies were of the top ranking (scoring over 80) that allowed for proper distribution of funds across Nevada as well as limited duplicative services being provided within the services areas. Direct services were prioritized when applicable.
  - **St Rose Dominican Dignity Health** – Southern Nevada (Clark County Area)
  - **Rite of Passage** – Southern Nevada (Clark County Area)
  - **Hope Christian Health Center** – Southern Nevada (Clark County Area)
  - **Awaken** – Northern Nevada (Washoe County Area)
  - **Washoe County Sheriff's Office** – Northern Nevada (Washoe County Area)
  - **Xquisite** – Northern Nevada (Carson City, Storey County, and Douglas County)



# Southern Nevada Agencies - Clark

- St Rose Dominican – Dignity Health
  - Recommend funding the full amount requested – \$99,900.
  - Project to fund a Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator/Survivor Advocate to provide training to healthcare providers and community members across all 8 St Rose Hospitals and 10 Dignity Health Medical Groups. Program also pilots a Survivor Advocate Program to help victims connect with resources for safety through hospital and medical group referrals.
- Rite of Passage
  - Recommend funding the full amount requested – \$100,000.
  - Project to continue to fund the Embracing Project program serving Sexually Exploited Youth and Commercially Sexually Exploited Children in Southern Nevada by providing trauma informed wrap around services at a youth focused drop-in center specifically for this population.



# Southern Nevada Agencies – Clark Cont.

- Hope Christian Health Center
  - Recommend the partial funding of \$67,842.
  - Project to fund increased access to comprehensive trauma informed healthcare services for victims of human trafficking in Las Vegas, NV by delivering coordinated medical and behavioral health services within a single, healthcare organization. Funds will support clinical staffing and forensic examination training for providers establishing a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for both adult and pediatric populations.
  - Original request incorporated the acquisition of van for patient transport, though recommend funding project with out the van acquisition.



# Northern Nevada Agencies - Washoe

- Awaken
  - Recommend funding full amount requested – \$100,000.
  - Project to fund Clinical Director position to strengthen clinical protocols and clinical training for staff, interns and mentors of the anti-trafficking organization. The Clinical Director also will provide ongoing trauma-informed clinical sessions to survivors.
- Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)
  - Recommend partial funding of \$30,000.
  - Project to continue funding the WCSO Human Exploitation and Recovery Operations (HERO) team's Victim Advocate position which provides direct services such as individualized healing-centered services and case management for victims of human trafficking. The Victim Advocate position also provides training for law enforcement, prosecutors and other community partners to improve the identification of trafficking.



# Northern Nevada Agencies - Rural

- Xquisite
  - Recommend the partial funding of \$52,258.
  - Project to fund the establishment of the multidisciplinary sex trafficking victim collective team to coordinate community partnerships, outreach, and training for both community and new advocates. Funds will also continue to direct services to victims such as emergency relocations.



# Questions?