



Human Trafficking Fund Proposal

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The Problem is Local

Human trafficking is one of the most lucrative illegal industries world wide.

Nearly 46 million people are in slavery, more than at any other time in history, according the 2016 Global Slavery Index.

Human trafficking is listed as the second-most profitable criminal industry after drug trafficking, according to information on the Freedom for All website.

The UN definition for Human Trafficking is "the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation."

Human trafficking is a particularly insidious crime that has profound negative effects on the health and well-being of survivors as well as the community.

This kind of trafficking is taking place every day in Humboldt County.

ACTION

Recruiting

Harboring

Transporting

Providing

Obtaining

Patronizing,
soliciting, and
advertising*

* Sex trafficking only

BY

MEANS**

Force

Fraud

Coercion

** Minors induced into
commercial sex are human
trafficking victims-
regardless if force, fraud, or
coercion is present.

FOR

PURPOSE

Commercial
sexual
exploitation

OR

Forced
labor

Most at Risk Local Populations

Homeless

Rural communities

Cannabis communities

Youth

Women

Foster care children

LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals

Undocumented workers

Migrant workers

Racial and ethnic minorities

Disabled

Those with a history of substance abuse

Low income

Humboldt County is a community with traumatic histories and industry that has attracted a large unreported population:

Leaving many issues unreported

Creating a clandestine culture of abuse

Creating a communication gap between victims and law enforcement

We cannot allow these abuses to persist, as we work to find ways to address the "source issues" of Humboldt County.

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HCHRC) urges the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (HCBOs) to continue to support:

law enforcement

public health

mental health

drug and alcohol

social welfare

and other relevant
community
departments and
offices

Making amongst their highest priorities:

The rescue of victims

The rehabilitation of human trafficking survivors

The capture, arrest and conviction of human traffickers

The HCHR has determined there is additional need in these areas:

Research

Data collection

Education

Awareness on local issues

Access to educational and awareness tools in high risk areas

Real statistics on victims, survivors and perpetrators

Participation from victims, survivors and perpetrators in formulating actions plans

Recommendation

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- ▶ Create a Human Trafficking link on the county website that lists available local resources such as:
 - ▶ DHHS
 - ▶ North Coast Rape Crisis Team
 - ▶ Game Over
 - ▶ Prevention Project
 - ▶ PROTECT
 - ▶ The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Tip Line,
 - ▶ and any other resources appropriate for local human trafficking related issues.

Recommendation

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- ▶ Empower the Commission to immediately release these recommendations as a public statement, reminding the public:
 - ▶ That it is the intent and practice of all Humboldt County Departments and Offices to affirm the dignity and value of human trafficking survivors.
 - ▶ By assisting in our policies and procedures through educational and public awareness programs and initiatives to effectively prevent.
 - ▶ By discouraging and prosecuting all human traffickers.
 - ▶ By providing support for their victims.
 - ▶ Press format available in attached appendix A.

Recommendation 3

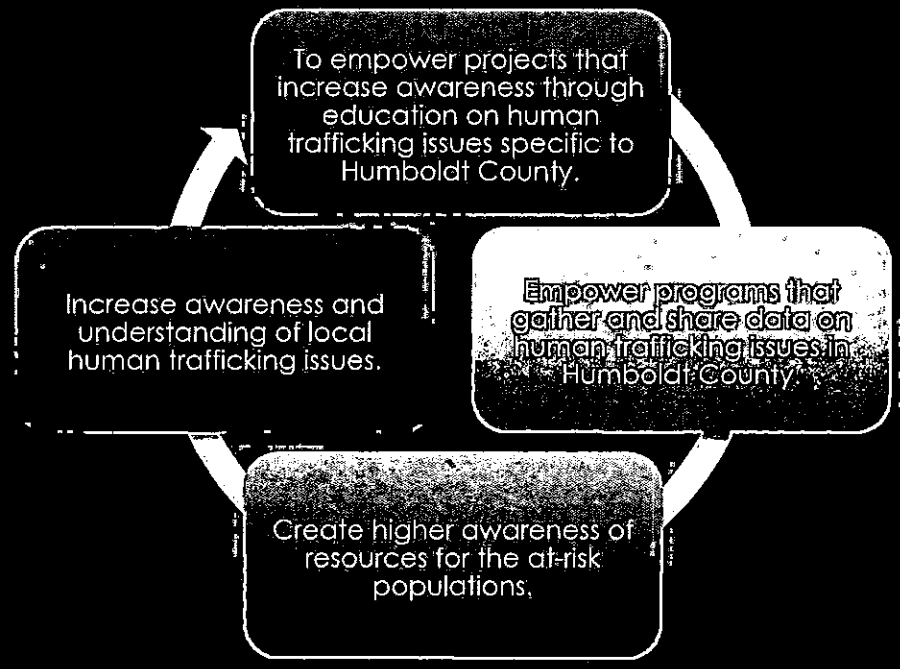
- ▶ Work in collaboration with HCHRC and stakeholders from law enforcement, social services, legal counsel, and advocates.
- ▶ Identify strategies to support programs in Humboldt County that create statistical evidence and best practices.
- ▶ Support programs that implement best practices in programs in Humboldt County, for Human Trafficking.

Recommendation

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- ▶ Create a fund from Measure S that supports local organizations, groups, and/or individual's addressing Humboldt County's human trafficking issues.

The Funds Purpose



Fund Manager



Expendable Fund Contract with HCBOS and the Humboldt Area Foundation

Administrative cost 1.75%

Management of funds

Management of application process

Due diligence on applicants

Communicates with HCBOS and/or Staff on Fund management.

Communicates with HCHRC on application process.

Funding request from Measure S

\$20,000 for fund

1.75% for HAF management cost

Total ask \$21,145.00

Detailed budget may include:

Cost related to educators and experts

Overhead cost

Staff

Transportation

Events

IT

Materials

Applicants

Nonprofits

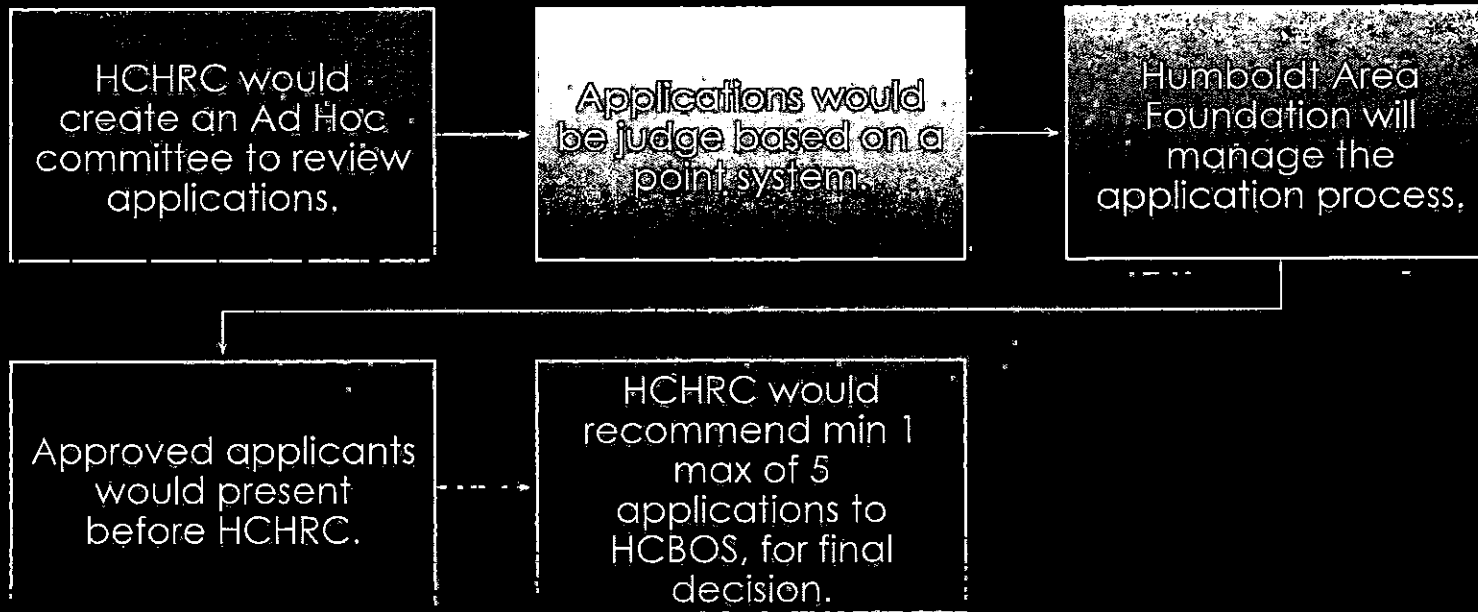
Educational Institutions

Local organizations

Local agencies

Qualified Individuals

Application Process



Application Requirements

Proof of residency in Humboldt County.

Pass due diligence

Have an affiliation to a nonprofit, government agencies, local organization, and/or institution of education

Bank Account

Cost Analysis

Project targets Humboldt County

Grant proposal for a project collecting data on human trafficking in Humboldt County

Grant proposal for an education program on human trafficking in Humboldt County

Application Preferred Requirements

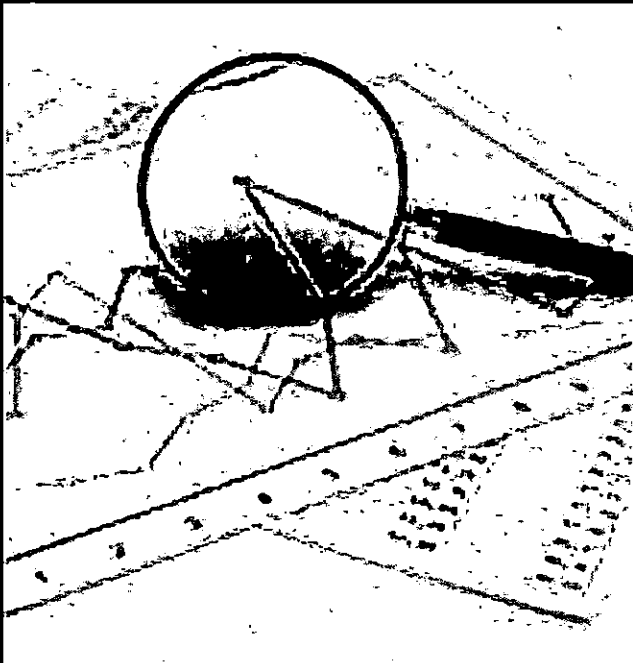
Experience

Certifications

Identified community partners

Resources to implement

Tracking Accountability



Financials in report

Receipts

Documentation

Half way through project a written and 5 min oral report to commission

End of project report to HCHRC, HAF, and HCBOS

Markers of success

Available
documented data

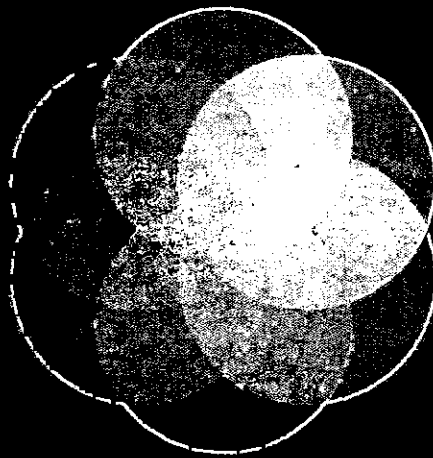
Increased
community donors
and participants

Increase in reporting
to authorities

Annual allocation to
the funds

Decrease # of
missing people in
Humboldt County

Increase in awareness
and understanding of
our local human
trafficking issues



Recommendation 5

The HCBOS in collaboration with HCHR, HAF and other identified stakeholders:

- ▶ Law enforcement
- ▶ Social services
- ▶ Legal counsel
- ▶ Advocates
- ▶ Identify and develop strategies that support programs in Humboldt County to:
 - ▶ Create statistical evidence
 - ▶ Implement best practices in programs related to human trafficking.

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission thanks the Board of Supervisors and Humboldt Area Foundation for their compassion and awareness of Human Trafficking in our County. This area historically has been a place where we address our issues and create change. The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission appreciates continued leadership in creating positive change.

Respectfully,
The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission.

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June 5, 2018

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors,

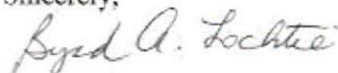
Thank you so much for bringing forward this potential project to address the issue of Human Trafficking in Humboldt County. I wish I could be here in person to address you, but I am serving as an Inspector at a polling place in Arcata today.

I know you will hear from others about this possible budget item that would set up a fund to disperse money for projects that will support research and data collection about human trafficking in Humboldt County, in order to design local educational programs to help reduce human trafficking in our community. I urge your approval of this allocation for the following reasons.

- This is a subject of great concern in our community.
- Your support helps to educate everyone about the dangers to our residents, particularly the young and vulnerable, from unscrupulous people looking to enslave them.
 - There is already support in the community for this fund, which will grow with community donations.
 - This is an excellent collaboration with the Humboldt Area Foundation.
 - Humboldt Area Foundation will provide expertise in grant-making that the Human Rights Commission may not have.
 - Interested and appropriate people, including graduate students, will be able to apply for funding for pertinent projects.
 - Ongoing funds will help to collect data and to form educational programs.

Thank you again for your recognition of this serious problem in our community. Members of the Human Rights Commission are ready to work collaboratively with you to ensure that this grant program will be money well spent in an effort to bring an end to human trafficking in Humboldt County.

Sincerely,



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June 1st 2018

To whom it may concern,

I was born and raised in Humboldt county, am an HSU alumni, and have been working in sexual assault and domestic violence prevention and education for about six year years. Last year, as the Community Outreach and Events Specialist at Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, I organized a series of Community Network Gatherings to bring together about 35 organizations in Humboldt County who work with intimate partner violence to define and refer resources, along with discussing challenges and support networks.

The organizations consisted of HDVS, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Two Feathers, Yurok Tribal Services, W.I.S.H, along with many others. At the gathering in July 2017, the main conversations at the round tables were about sex trafficking in Humboldt County. The ruralness of the area and lack of resources for survivors have many organizations, such as Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, at a loss for ways to address the issue when they get frequent calls from survivors who are currently being trafficked. Another factor of sex trafficking in the area is our thriving cannabis industry. I am not implying that human trafficking and cannabis are inevitably connected. I do, however, urge the understanding of how rural isolation, workers demographics, and financial black market in the cannabis industry allows for higher risk of violent situations to occur.

I have been extremely interested in the dichotomy of conversations around sex trafficking in the community. Organizations working directly with survivors of human trafficking have seen and been discussing it's rampant existence in Humboldt county, yet the general public and other social services are not aware of it's presence. This winter I collected data from Humboldt Domestic

Violence Services on their reports of sex trafficking. From October to December there were 697 hotline calls. Out of those calls 85 were survivors of sex trafficking, which the Executive Director stated to be a 15% increase from last year. Of those, 72 are ongoing trafficking cases. Due to the confidentiality of the work, and for the safety of the survivors, specific geographic data is not able to be shared publicly. This is just one data source from one resource. I hope to gather more data from various organizations in order to compile and stress the severity of the situation. In March, I was asked to come to the Mattole Valley Resource Center board meeting to discuss these reports and brainstorm ways in which people can address human trafficking in their community. It was an inspiring first start to a conversation addressing violence in rural communities.

In April, for Sexual Assault Awareness month I had the honor of being a part of a panel at Humboldt State University talking about human trafficking and the cannabis industry. That conversation intensified the necessity of restorative justice through community action. I have currently been talking to my own community, reaching out to other people involved in the cannabis industry, and talking to local organizations to strategize survivor centered responses and preventive measures that rural places are able to act on to create safer communities. Although there has been many transformative conversations in regards to hangout trafficking, the resources and services need to be supported now more than. We appreciate your time and dedication to carving out a world without violence.

Sincerely,

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