

**SUMMARY OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET REQUEST**

To fight and prevent the spread of human trafficking, California must strategically allocate resources to ensure early identification, prevention, and an understanding of the dynamics of human trafficking throughout the state. Accordingly, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) is requesting \$2.5 million in continuing funding for training and technical consultation resources that will help coordinate anti-trafficking resources statewide and enable service providers and first responders to identify and serve additional survivors of human trafficking.

**TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS:** CAST is requesting \$1.5 million annually, broken into three grants of \$500,000, each over a two-year period. This funding will be used to develop and deliver training statewide to the diverse groups of front-line “responders” who might encounter a victim being trafficked or just escaping trafficking, including law enforcement agencies, labor inspectors, child welfare workers, school educators, health care providers, housing/homeless services, and public defenders. This grant structure provides flexibility to support various organizations as needed. Continued funding for different types of responder-specific training would allow for an extensive range of outreach points to touch the full diversity of potential human trafficking victims, including both adults and children involved in labor and/or sex trafficking. As more individuals on the “front lines” are trained, new trafficking cases will be prevented and more victims will be identified and connected with the services they need to escape from trafficking situations and to rebuild their lives.

Need	Cost	Outcome
Ongoing training for service providers, first responders, and law enforcement.	\$1.5 million, divided into three \$500,000 grants.	Thousands of human trafficking cases prevented or identified earlier.

**CENTRALIZED TECHNICAL SUPPORT:** CAST is requesting \$1 million annually for centralized, statewide technical consultation on human trafficking. This funding will provide victim service providers, law enforcement, and government agencies with a common resource to field individual questions, coordinate law enforcement taskforces statewide, and assist those setting up new human trafficking programs or coordinating statewide services. By funding a an agency with statewide reach to provide ongoing technical support statewide, service providers, law enforcement, and state agencies will be able to increase their capacity for receiving/responding to hotline calls, identifying trafficking victims, participating in first response to victims, and meeting basic needs such as housing, food, counseling, and legal assistance. Funding of a centralized source for technical consultation will also increase opportunities for training and professional development to ensure that all Cal OES-funded victim services agencies are able to provide trauma-informed, high-quality care.

Need	Cost	Outcome
Centralized, statewide technical consultation and resource provision.	\$1 million.	Hundreds of human trafficking cases prevented or identified earlier and existing programs have the capacity, resources, and training to more effectively serve survivors.

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