

SUMMARY OF PREVALENCE AND EVALUATION STUDY BUDGET REQUEST

The Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) is proposing that the California State Legislature make a onetime investment of \$6 million to conduct (i) a comprehensive prevalence study to understand the nature and extent of human trafficking in California, and (ii) an audit and evaluative study of service providers receiving Cal OES grant funding. This investment will allow California to better identify where to focus its resources in order to prevent and address human trafficking. It is only with this critical data that human trafficking can be early identified, prevented before it starts, and swiftly addressed when it occurs.

PREVALENCE STUDY: CAST is requesting \$3 million to conduct a comprehensive, statewide research study of the prevalence of human trafficking in California. California leads the nation in human trafficking incidence, but lacks the comprehensive data needed to understand and prevent this pervasive problem. Currently, California has no definitive data on the scope and prevalence of sex and labor trafficking throughout the state, which is necessary in order to create impactful policy responses and allocate resources to target the greatest needs. A prevalence study will provide valuable demographic information on trafficking victims, in order to help both law enforcement and service providers in strategically targeting their efforts.

Need	Cost	Outcome
Comprehensive, statewide research study of the prevalence of human trafficking in California.	\$3 million	California will have a data-informed, evidence-based estimate of the prevalence of human trafficking within the entire state, which will lead to early identification and prevention of new trafficking cases.

EVALUATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS: CAST is requesting \$3 million to evaluate the organizations receiving California’s Office of Emergency Services (“Cal OES”) grant funding. While dozens of service providers offer assistance to trafficking victims in California, the effectiveness and quality of these services has not been rigorously studied. A comprehensive audit and evaluative study of service providers receiving Cal OES grant funding is necessary to determine best practices for serving trafficking victims statewide. The study’s findings regarding best practices would then be implemented through training and technical resources offered to Cal OES-funded service providers. Furthermore, the findings of such a study would provide valuable data to the California legislature for purposes of developing new and innovative solutions to assist trafficking survivors across the state.

Need	Cost	Outcome
Collection and evaluation of robust data on methods and outcomes of the organizations receiving Cal OES grant funding.	\$3 million	California can evaluate state funded trafficking programs and Cal OES can adjust its Request for Proposal process to ensure that state funded programs are using effective, evidence-based, trauma-informed practices.

Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)
 5042 Wilshire Blvd #586, L.A., CA 90036
 (213) 365-1906
info@castla.org www.castla.org
 Stephanie Richard, Policy & Legal Services Director, (213)-3655249, Stephanie@castla.org