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SFY26 FIFA World Cup  
Human Trafficking Supplemental Resources  
Availability of Grant Funds

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**Applications Due: May 15, 2026; 4:00 p.m.**

## Introduction/Overview

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is pleased to announce approximately **\$300,000** in state grant funding for **Massachusetts-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations** that specialize in providing emergency care and assistance for **survivors of human trafficking**.

Throughout the months of June and July, over 2 million visitors are expected to visit Massachusetts for the 2026 FIFA World Cup sporting event. There are a series of seven professional soccer matches taking place at Gillette Stadium (renamed Boston Stadium for the World Cup) in Foxborough, Mass. In addition to these matches, the city of Boston will be hosting a 16-day fan festival event on City Hall Plaza. These events, accompanied by an influx of tourists from around the world, are expected to heighten the risk of trafficking-related activity.

Funding provided through this Availability of Grant Funds (AGF) is intended as emergency supplemental support to help organizations secure the additional staff and resources needed to respond to increased referrals from first responders, hotel staff, ride-share drivers, and others assisting potential human trafficking victims, as well as individuals seeking services themselves.

This is a competitive grant opportunity – with maximum award amounts of **\$50,000**. Due to limited funding, OGR may award full, partial, or no funding.

## Key Dates

Task(s)	Date(s)
<b>AGF Posted:</b>	April 29, 2026
<b>Application Due:</b>	May 15, 2026
<b>Award Notification (Tentative):</b>	May / June 2026
<b>Performance Period (Tentative):</b>	June 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

**Note:** Funded programs must be operational **no later than June 1, 2026**.

## Applicant Eligibility

Only Massachusetts-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations with proven expertise in providing support services for human trafficking survivors are eligible to apply. Please note, applicants who have the capability to address needs around the clock, will be given preference for funding.

## **Funding**

Approximately **\$300,000** in state funding is being made available. Applicants may apply for up to **\$50,000**. Due to limited funding, OGR may award full, partial, or no funding. These funds are intended to be used during the 2026 FIFA World Cup sporting events and to continue providing services during the period immediately following – **June 2026 through December 31, 2026**.

## **Fund Disbursement**

This is a cost-reimbursement grant. Grant funds will be awarded via the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ~ Standard Contract Form with reimbursement issued monthly based on reported expenditures.

All services rendered and incurred costs must be completed on or before December 31, 2026. No extensions will be permitted with these funds.

## **Purpose**

This AGF is intended to provide additional financial support to enhance a nonprofit's existing capabilities and services and be able to service a greater number of individuals needing assistance during World Cup. Preference will be given to nonprofit organizations with the proven capacity to deliver trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, victim/survivor centered services to identified or at-risk trafficking victims – not general outreach or prevention programming.

Applicants must be able to provide the following items and/or comprehensive wraparound services that include but are not limited to:

- Emergency shelter, costs related to immediate basic needs (e.g., emergency food, clothing, and personal hygiene products), transportation, interpretation services, and medical, mental, or other behavioral health care services
- Personnel/staffing costs related to immediate crisis intervention, including 24-hour hotline service, providing immediate, specialized support by a trained caseworker
- Survivor mentor/advocate deployment in coordination with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies

## **Examples of Allowable Use of Funds**

- Personnel costs
- Subawards to partnering organizations for support services and referrals
- Medical services, counseling, and the like
- Hotel accommodation and transportation for survivors (ride share, airfare, train, etc.)
- Meal(s) for survivors
- Personal hygiene products and kits
- Clothing
- Gift cards (must be reasonable and address survivor needs)

## Budget Cost Categories

Allowable Cost Categories	Definitions and Documentation Requirements
Personnel	Costs associated with agency personnel. List position, percentage of time charged to grant, and annual salary. Include a brief description of each staff member's duties/activities to be supported by grant funding.
Fringe Benefit Costs	<p>Fringe benefits are allowances and services provided by the organization to its employees as compensation in addition to regular salary and typical include the following: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Social Security, Pension, Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Payroll Taxes.</p> <p>Fringe benefit costs should be based on actual-known costs or an established formula calculated by the fiscal or human resource unit in your organization. In order for costs to be allowable, a copy of the written organizational policy regarding rate computations and/or the federally approved rate agreement must be included in the application response.</p>
Consultants/Contractors	<p>Contractors: Provide a description of the product/services to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Applicants must follow their organization's own procurement policy.</p> <p>Consultants: The consultant rate maximum limit is \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour. This does not mean the rate can or should be the maximum limit for all consultants. Consultant rates should be consistent with current market value for the service and must be reasonable and allowable. Any compensation exceeding this amount requires prior written approval from OGR.</p>
Travel	<p>In-state travel/mileage costs directly associated with the grant, not to exceed \$0.62 per mile, as well as the actual costs of tolls and parking.</p> <p>No grant funds may be spent on out-of-state travel fees, or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval from OGR.</p>
Equipment/Software	Tangible, non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year; cost based on classification of equipment.
Supplies	Supplies directly related to the program.
Other	Please list items that don't fit within the above cost categories and the basis of the computation. No grant funds may be used for incentives without prior written approval from OGR.

## Examples of Unallowable Use of Funds

Please contact OGR if you have any questions regarding the allowability of your grant proposal, as other funding limitations may apply, including but not limited to the following:

- Purchasing vehicles
- Construction, office furniture, and/or like purchases
- Food and beverage unless to provide nourishment to a survivor
- Law enforcement related equipment (weapons, ammunition, stun guns, taser)
- Cash, such as direct payments or petty cash
- Land acquisition, housing, or real estate
- Luxury items
- Public awareness campaigns or other advocacy efforts
- Outreach
- Personnel and/or staffing costs unrelated to direct services

## Reporting Alleged Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Reporting alleged fraud, waste, or abuse to the Office of the State Auditor and/or Inspector General is the responsibility of the subrecipient. This includes any alleged violations, serious irregularities, sensitive issues, or overt or covert acts involving the use of public funds in a manner not consistent with applicable state and/or state statutes, related laws, regulations, appropriate guidelines, or purposes of the grant. Reports may be made to:

Office of the Inspector General  
John W. McCormack State Bldg.  
One Ashburton Place, Room 131  
Boston, MA 02108  
800-322-1323  
[IGO-FightFraud@mass.gov](mailto:IGO-FightFraud@mass.gov)

Office of the State Auditor  
Massachusetts State House  
Room 230  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-727-2075  
[Auditor@MassAuditor.gov](mailto:Auditor@MassAuditor.gov)

## Application Requirements & Review Criteria

Applications must be completed and submitted via an [Online Application Form](#) no later than **4:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2026**.

Online Application Link: [SFY26 FIFA World Cup Human Trafficking Supplemental Resources](#)

Applications will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with the requirements outlined in this section which shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

## Section I. Applicant Information – 25 Points

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- Contact and Fiscal Information
  - Agency Name, Legal Address, and Contact Information for Authorized Signatory / Senior Agency Official, Grant Point of Contact, and Financial Officer Contact
- Organizational Capacity / Mission Statement
  - Describe your organization's background, current services, staffing level/capacity, hours of operation, and geographic coverage
- IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter

## Section II. Program Narrative – 50 Points

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In narrative form, address the following:

- List the specific services your proposal plans to provide, which may include access to emergency shelter, transportation, interpretation services, and medical assistance
- Describe the plan or steps your organization will take to deploy or expand these services during the performance period and address how you will ensure victims/survivors can access them
  - If applicable, include the names of any collaborating agencies and/or partners that may support service delivery and ensure victims can access the proposed services
- If requesting personnel costs, clearly outline deliverables, timeframes, hours, and rates of compensation

## Section III. Budget – 25 Points

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- Includes a **Budget Narrative** which should outline all requested funds and itemize costs within the allowable cost categories. For each cost, your budget narrative should describe the following:
  - How the proposed costs support the planned services and activities
  - How funds are allocated to minimize administrative costs and support direct services
  - How grant-funded personnel/staffing duties and time commitments support the proposed services and activities
- Complete and submit **Attachment A: Budget Excel Workbook (in Excel format, not PDF)** uploaded to online application form.

## Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed and scored in accordance with the criteria listed in this section. All final award determinations are subject to the review and approval of the Executive Director of OGR, Secretary of EOPSS, and Governor.

OGR reserves the right to modify or further clarify the rules, guidelines, and requirements within this AGF at any time to ensure compliance with respect to administrative rules and regulations of the grant funding.

## I. Applicant Information

- All required contact fields are complete and accurate: agency name, legal address, authorized signatory/senior official, grant point of contact, and financial officer.
- Provides a clear mission statement directly relevant to the proposed services. Demonstrates a track record of serving target population(s), current services, number and qualifications of staff, hours of operation, and specific geographic coverage area.
- Eligible organization in accordance with IRS 501(c)(3) status.

## II. Program Narrative

- Services are clearly and specifically listed. The applicant has completed the service delivery checklist, confirming which services they are capable of delivering. Each service is described with enough detail to assess feasibility. Proposed services are directly tied to victim/survivor needs.
- Describes a plan for deploying or expanding services within the performance period. Specifically, applicant addresses how victims/survivors will be able to access services (e.g., intake process, referral pathways, language access, transportation barriers). Plan is realistic given stated capacity and performance period.
  - If applicable, describes specific partner agencies and their defined role in service delivery. Explains how partnerships strengthen survivor access (e.g., referrals, co-location, shared staffing).
- If applicable, requested personnel costs are clearly outlined with specific deliverables, performance timeframe, estimated hours, and compensation rate. Roles are directly tied to proposed services.

## III. Budget

- All requested line items are clearly described and justified. The narrative explains how each cost supports proposed services. Costs are categorized correctly within allowable categories and clearly and grant-funded staff, time commitments, and costs are directly aligned and proportionate to proposed service activities. FTE allocations and compensation rates are clearly stated.
- **Attachment A** is submitted in Excel format (.xlsx or .xls), is fully completed, and figures are consistent with the budget narrative. All required cost categories are addressed.

## Post-Award Requirements

- Subrecipients must accept their award and be operational **no later than June 1, 2026**. Applicants must notify OGR of any possible delays with respect to accepting their award as soon as they are notified of selection.

- No grant costs or activity may begin until a subrecipient receives official written notification with the fully executed contract signed and dated by OGR's Executive Director.
- All activities must be completed, goods received and paid for, and services provided and paid for no later than the termination date of the contract or date(s) as otherwise specified within this AGF.
- At the discretion of OGR, reimbursement will be withheld if any reporting or program requirements are not met or completed as specified.

## Reporting and Recordkeeping

- All subrecipients must submit both programmatic activity reports and financial expenditure reports by the 15th of the month following each month of performance. Additional reporting instructions will be provided during the contracting process.
  - If no grant activity is conducted, departments must still submit the monthly expenditure report indicating \$0 expenses for that month.
  - Individuals working on grant-funded activities may not sign off on the expenditure reports.
  - A signatory may not sign off on the expenditure report if reimbursement is requested for their spouse, child, sibling, or another person that may present a conflict of interest.
- Itemized invoices and/or receipts are required for all tangible and intangible expenditures (e.g., cost of services, Consultant/Contractor invoices, etc.).
  - Equipment and safety item purchases must include an itemized invoice that is submitted with the expenditure report. Purchase orders will not be accepted.
- Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in delayed or non-reimbursement of funds, contract termination, and may negatively affect eligibility for future OGR funding. Additionally, repayment of funds to OGR for any grant activity may be mandated.
- In addition to the requirements set forth above, subrecipients will be required to agree to and abide by all state rules, regulations, and conditions pertaining to the receipt, administration, and management of state funding.

## Submission of Application

All applicants are required to submit the online application no later than **4:00 PM on Friday, May 15, 2026** via the [Online Application](#) form. All submissions will be considered final; applications should be reviewed for accuracy and completeness.

Upon submission, you will receive email confirmation with a PDF attachment of your application and supporting documents for your records.

## Questions

For assistance with the requirements of this AGF, please email: [Robert.J.Smith1@mass.gov](mailto:Robert.J.Smith1@mass.gov) and [Amy.Saniuk@mass.gov](mailto:Amy.Saniuk@mass.gov).