

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of Grants & Research**



**Notice of Availability of Grant Funds (AGF)
FFY 2027 Human Trafficking Enforcement Training
Grant Program**

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I. Introduction

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) is responsible for managing state appropriated, criminal justice funding allocated to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) by the Massachusetts State Legislature. OGR also serves as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for grant funds received from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The **SFY2027 Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program** is supported with state funds, authorized in the Fiscal Year 2027 General Appropriation Act, Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2026, and federal funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

II. Applicant Eligibility

Only a Massachusetts District Attorney's Office is eligible to apply. Preference will be given to previously funded District Attorney Offices who provide data showing evidence of prior success with the Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program.

III. Available Funding

\$95,000.00 in state funds will be combined with \$110,240.00 in federal funds to make the total available for this funding opportunity **\$205,240.00**.

IV. Key Dates

Key Dates	Activities
AGF Posted:	October 21, 2026
Application Due:	November 13, 2026 by 4PM
Award Notification (Tentative):	December 2026
Performance Period (Tentative):	December 2026 – June 30, 2027

V. Purpose

The Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program aims to support and/or expand a District Attorney's human trafficking programming and initiatives that utilize best practices as recommended through the MA Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Guidelines. This grant will support efforts to strengthen collaboration among the Massachusetts State Police High-Risk Victims Unit, Department of Children and Families, specialized ADAs within DA's offices, and local partners.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to funding the following:

- Human Trafficking Special Prosecutor.
- Enforcement / Investigative Efforts.
- Prevention / Intervention Services.
- Awareness and Prevention Education Training.

Funds can be used to strengthen investigations and prosecutions of human trafficking as well as efforts to enhance community relationships and municipal law enforcement's capacity to work on anti-trafficking cases. Additionally, these funds can support the expansion of victim-centered, multi-disciplinary approaches to working with survivors through trauma-informed programming and support services that promote justice, access, and empowerment.

Preference will be given to proposals that:

- Provide data showing evidence of success with prior Human Trafficking state funding.
- Demonstrate greatest need.
- Outline a comprehensive plan that proposes programs and activities that directly correlate to addressing such need.
- Propose activities that target geographical locations that demonstrate high-risk or high levels of human trafficking.

An applicant may sub-award funds to outside entities to assist with enforcement and suppression efforts, such as a local police department. An applicant may also sub-award funds to outside entities to assist with prevention and intervention services, such as a nonprofit that provides survivor support programs within the county. OGR strongly recommends applications demonstrate a collaborative, community-wide stakeholder effort as part of the proposal being submitted. All proposed services must have an anti-trafficking nexus.

VI. Funding Overview

Approximately **\$205,240** in combined state and federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funding (FY23 JAG award # 15PBJA-23-GG-02983JAGX and FY24 JAG award # 15PBJA-24-GG-04239JAGX) is available to support Massachusetts District Attorney Offices in efforts to combat human trafficking and enhance their capacity to identify, assist, and provide appropriate referral services to individuals impacted by human trafficking.

Funding is limited, and available funds may be awarded through either state or federal funding sources. Applicants receiving a federal funded award will need to follow all federal guidelines per the federal 2 CFR Part 200, the Uniform Guidance (some of which are highlighted in Appendix A).

Applicants should consider the limited availability of funding when developing their proposed budgets and project activities. Awards will be made based on the availability of funds and in accordance with applicable state and federal funding requirements.

This is a competitive grant program. Due to limited funds, OGR may award full funding, partial funding, or no funding

VII. Fund Disbursement

Funding will be disbursed via an Interdepartmental Service Agreement. All services must be rendered on or before June 30, 2027. Additional details about financial reporting requirements will be provided at the time awards are made.

A. Project Duration

Applicants may apply for up to seven (7) months of funding. The anticipated funding cycle for projects will begin December 2026 and end June 30, 2027.

VIII. Application Instructions

The online application form must be completed and submitted as outlined below.

[SFY2027 Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program Application](#)

Please note: The online application requires the signature of the District Attorney.

A. Application Narrative

1. Applicant Information

Contact and Fiscal Information

Provide Agency name, address, and the names and contact information for District Attorney, grant point of contact, and finance officer contact information.

Provide the exact amount of funds being requested.

Program Summary

- Provide a summary of the proposal to be funded. (250-character limit). Applicants should be clear and concise in their summary.

2. Needs Assessment (about 6000 characters, approximately 3 double-spaced pages/size 12 font)

At a minimum, the needs assessment should address the following:

- Provide a description of the District and communities to benefit from this award.
- Describe in detail the current unmet criminal justice or public safety need as it relates to human trafficking. Include relevant statistical and/or anecdotal evidence whenever possible as it relates to community-based criminal activity related to human trafficking.
- Include details on the geographical locations that demonstrate high-risk or high levels of human trafficking, if applicable.
- The sources or methods used for assessing the problem of community-based activity related to human trafficking should also be described.
- Describe any negative effect, potential consequences, or impact against the department and/or community if not having the submitted proposal/funding be supported.

- This section should clearly identify the problem and support the stated issues with relevant data to justify the request for funding.

Applicants will also be assessed on their overall need, which reflects a holistic evaluation of the criteria described above.

3. Project Description (about 6,000 characters, approximately 3 double-spaced pages/size 12 font)

- Clearly describe the programs, services, and/or activities being proposed.
- Discuss how the proposed programming directly correlates to the Needs Assessment and how will it address community-based criminal activity related to human trafficking. Be specific.
- Describe any risk factors to be addressed and protective factors.
- Describe the link between evidence-based research and the proposed program and, if possible, any previous evaluation results of the model program or strategy to be replicated or expanded. In a difficult budget climate, it is critical that grant dollars are spent on programs and activities proven to have a strong likelihood of success. Do not assume that the reviewer is familiar with the program, concepts, or services being proposed. Reviewers can only review the information provided, and a lack of detail could result in an unfavorable rating.
- Please include the names of any collaborating agencies and/or partners, such as community and business groups, government officials, and nonprofits. Include a detailed description of each partner's participation in addressing the problem as outlined in the application. If there are no collaborating agencies and/or partners for this project, please state "N/A – no collaborating agencies and/or partners."
- If you intend to sub-contract funds to one or more collaborative partners (outside organizations) to implement all or some of the proposed activities, a Memorandum of Agreement should be included as an attachment and contain the following information:
 - Summary of each agency's role and responsibilities specific to the proposed project;
 - Clear outline of deliverables, timeframes, hours, and rates of compensation; and
 - Signed by an official of the third-party organization(s).
- For prior award recipients: Provide data showing evidence of success of programs funded with a prior state-funded Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant.

4. Implementation Plan

Please discuss your management and implementation plan for this award. This should include how you will ensure the effective implementation and oversight of the project, key activities and milestones, and identification of key partnerships or stakeholders who will play a role in the implementation of this award.

5. Objectives, Activities and Timeline

Complete the table by identifying at least one measurable objective and the corresponding activities, timeline, and responsible persons necessary to meet these objectives, with a tentative start date of December 1, 2026. Please include the following:

- List of major tasks/activities to be conducted, including a bidding process for contracts;
- Anticipated beginning/end date for major activities;
- Individual responsible for conducting/overseeing the stated task/activity.

Applicant timelines will also be evaluated on whether the proposed timeline is reasonable and feasible, including whether it can be implemented within the 7-month project period.

B. Budget Narrative

The **Budget Narrative** should outline the budget requested and itemize the expenses by cost category as described in this application. For each cost category that has an associated funding request in the Budget Excel Worksheet (Attachment A), please provide an overall description and justification of that cost category. The budget category narratives should describe what the budget entails, why the items in that category are needed, and how the budgeted amount was determined. Please include any hires under personnel, a particular training, supplies needed, vendor information, or process for selecting a vendor where applicable. Applicants may submit a seven (7) month budget that covers expenses up to June 30, 2027.

Applicants must also complete a **Budget Excel Worksheet (Attachment A)** to be uploaded to the online application. Please note that the Budget Summary tab will populate with the information entered in the Budget Detail tab.

Please note: Applicants will be asked to select “Object Class” for each line item. Please refer to the “Object Class” tab in the Excel Budget Worksheet for definitions and guidance.

1. Allowable Costs

The following are **examples** of the types of allowable uses of funds under this application process:

- Personnel costs;
- Overtime for suppression/investigation/enforcement efforts;
- Subawards to local police departments and/or partnering organizations for support services and referrals
- Consultants to provide services or training to address key priority areas; and
- Small equipment items such as surveillance cameras, etc.
- 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 for survivors

- Clothing for survivors

2. Allowable Budget Cost Categories

Allowable Budget 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.
Overtime	Overtime is limited to sworn law enforcement personnel only. Indicate overtime rate for each officer charged to the grant and the number of overtime hours. Refer to OGR Overtime Policy: Appendix B.
Payroll Tax	<p>Eligible costs include the employer share of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life insurance • Health insurance • Social security costs • Pension costs • Unemployment insurance costs • Workers compensation insurance <p>Applicants should only use the FY#2027-01 Proposed Payroll Tax of 2.12% and include any additional employer share of PFML when applicable.</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 maximum rate for consultants is \$650 for an eight-hour day or \$81.25 per hour. Any request for compensation of over \$650 per day requires prior written approval by OGR. Waiver of this maximum rate is at the discretion of OGR.</p>
Subawards	Subawards are awards provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of an award received by the pass-through entity.
Travel	Travel directly related to the purpose of the grant. In-state travel costs associated with the grant shall include mileage rates not to exceed \$.70 per mile, as well as the actual

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	costs of tolls and parking. Note that no grant funds may be spent on out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel, or out-of-state lodging.
Equipment/Technology	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	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.

3. Unallowable Costs

For this AGF, funds may **NOT** be used for the purchase of any of the following:

- Standard firearms or ammunition;
- Construction, office furniture, or other like purchases;
- Purchasing of vehicles, vessels, or aircraft including drones, unmanned aerial vehicle/unmanned aircraft, aircraft system, or aerial vehicles (UA/UAS/UAV);
- Gift cards;
- Out of state travel;
- Food and beverages; unless to provide nourishment to a survivor
- Extended warranty above and beyond the cost of the item and extending after the contract end date.

IX. Application Submission

Submit [online application](#) including all required Attachments by 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2026.

Please Note: The application and attachments are to be submitted electronically via the [online application form](#). Please let OGR know if you have any questions regarding the online application. All questions can be directed to emily.haines@mass.gov

The online application must be completed and submitted with the following required attachments uploaded to the online application form:

- Attachment A: Budget Excel Workbook (in Excel format, not PDF) uploaded to online application form
- Attachment B: MOU, if applicable
- Additional Materials, if applicable, such as data proving success of prior funding, conference materials, training materials etc.

X. Application Review Process

This is a competitive grant and will be subject to a peer review process. **Due to limited funding, previously funded District Attorneys that can provide evidence of programmatic success will be given preference for an award over new applicants.** Applications will be reviewed and scored by three peer reviewers based on the following criteria:

- Clear and adequate responses for Applicant Information and Project Summary (5 points)
- A needs assessment, including the use of data to demonstrate need and a description of how requested programming addresses the stated need (25 Points)
- A narrative that clearly describes the programming to be implemented and the expected outcome and benefits to the department and/or community. Preference will be given to previously funded District Attorneys who provide data showing evidence of success with prior Human Trafficking award. (30 Points)
- Implementation plan and timeline that are feasible and ensure the initiative will be implemented and completed within the anticipated grant period (15 Points)
- A detailed, reasonable, and cost-effective budget. (25 Points)

XI. Award Information

A. Subrecipient Requirements

Award recipients must abide by the grant requirements below as well as all OGR Grant Conditions to be provided at the time of contracting. Please see **Appendix A** to view detailed federal grant requirements.

1. Grant Management

- Submission of satisfactory and timely progress reports and quarterly financial reports with all required back-up documentation.
- The identification of a project director, their contact information, roles, and responsibilities as they relate to the project.
- Cooperation during OGR monitoring endeavors, including but not limited to site visits and desk reviews.
- All costs paid with grant funds are direct and specific to the implementation of the funded project.

2. Procurement

- Award recipients choosing to further subgrant all or any part of the award to an implementing agency or an independent contractor shall enter into a written contract or memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the implementing agency or independent contractor. At a minimum, the contract or MOU shall include the provisions of the OGR standard grant conditions and must explicitly outline the expected deliverables, timeframes/hours, and rates. A copy of the contract or MOU must be uploaded to the online application.
- Procurement of services, equipment, and supplies must follow M.G.L. Ch. 30B for local units of government and nonprofit entities and Operational

Services Division (OSD) Purchasing Guide for state agencies. Local units of government must ensure that subcontracts with private organizations have provisions ensuring any goods and services provided by the subcontractor are consistent with M.G.L. Ch. 30B procedures.

3. Reporting Alleged Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

- It is the responsibility of the subrecipient to report alleged fraud, waste, or abuse, including any alleged violations, serious irregularities, sensitive issues, or overt or covert acts involving the use of public funds in a manner not consistent with statutes, related laws and regulations, appropriate guidelines, or purposes of the grant. Reports may be made to the Massachusetts Inspector General or State Auditor.

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4. Equipment and Technology

- Procurement of services, equipment, and supplies must follow their agency's procurement policies.
- When equipment is no longer needed for criminal justice purposes, the award recipient must dispose of equipment in accordance with State procedures.

In addition to the requirements set forth above, recipients will be required to agree to and abide by all state and federal rules, regulations, and conditions pertaining to the receipt, administration, and management of funding.

C. Award Notification

Funding decisions are at the discretion of the OGR Executive Director. It is anticipated that the grant awards will be announced December 2026.

OGR reserves the right to adjust maximum award obligations and/or award additional proposals recommended for funding by the peer reviewers if additional funds become available at the time the initial awards are made.

XII. Application Checklist

Please Note: The application and attachments are to be submitted electronically via the [online application form](#).

This AGF and all other required documents can also be found on our website:

[Human Trafficking Enforcement and Training Grant Program | Mass.gov](#)

- Submitted [Online Application](#) – Please notify OGR immediately if applicant is unable to utilize the online application.
- Budget Excel Worksheet (Attachment A) both the Summary and Detail sheets completed and uploaded to the online application.
- MOU (if applicable) uploaded to the online application.
- Additional Materials (if applicable) uploaded to the online application.

XIII. Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this AGF, contact Emily Haines at Emily.Haines@mass.gov.