

How do I apply?

To learn more about the funding opportunities and the application process, please contact:

U.S. Conference of Catholic
Bishops/Migration
& Refugee Services
Anti-Trafficking
202-541-3357
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For additional information on human trafficking:
www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/
www.usccb.org/mrs/traffickingweb.shtml

If you think you have identified a victim of trafficking, please contact:

- 1) The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at **1-888-3737-888** to locate services in your area for a victim.
- 2) 911 for all emergency situations.

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Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking

Information for Service Providers on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Per Capita Contract Program

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery and the third largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, according to the U.S. government. In 2000, Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), that provides immigration relief and social services to eligible victims of trafficking. Congress defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as:

- Sex trafficking: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person who is forced to perform such an act is under 18 years of age.
- Labor trafficking: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

How is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services addressing trafficking?

Various federal agencies are involved in the effort to deal with human trafficking. Under the TVPA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is responsible for helping victims of human trafficking become eligible to receive benefits and services so they may rebuild their lives safely in the United States. As part of this effort, HHS funds:

- *Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking* public awareness campaign to identify and help victims.
- A 24/7 National Human Trafficking Resource Center – 1-888.3737.888.

- Street outreach grants to organizations in contact with vulnerable populations.
- Intermediary contracts to oversee anti-trafficking activities in regions throughout the United States.
- Comprehensive services and case management to victims through the Per Capita Contract.

What is the Per Capita Contract?

In order to more efficiently and effectively provide services to international victims of human trafficking in any location within the United States, HHS has awarded a single national “Per Capita Victim Services” contract to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Funding for comprehensive case management services is provided on a per capita basis through subcontract arrangements between USCCB and local service providers.

Improved access to comprehensive case management and services will better enable these individuals to establish lives free of violence and exploitation. Some of the services coordinated through this comprehensive case management approach may include:

- Food, clothing, and safe housing
 - Medical and dental care
- Job placement and job training
 - Public benefits enrollment
- Law enforcement coordination

The service needs of trafficking survivors and their families tend to be complex: they often involve multi-jurisdictional law enforcement personnel and an array of social services. The Per Capita Contract requires that service providers have the capacity to provide and coordinate client services through a single case manager to meet the needs of the client.

What does case management mean?

According to the definition set by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), case management is **a method of providing services whereby a professional social worker assesses the needs of the client and the client’s family, when appropriate, and arranges, coordinates, monitors, evaluates, and advocates for a package of multiple services to meet the specific client’s complex needs.**

What are the expected subcontractor capabilities?

Subcontracting agencies have the primary role to provide comprehensive case management, ensuring careful and effective attention to victims. Specific capacities of subcontracting agencies may include:

- A history of working with survivors of trafficking or populations with similar needs, such as refugees, undocumented individuals, and survivors of domestic violence.
- On-site capability for comprehensive case management, benefits coordination, counseling and other services.
- Ability to handle emergency situations, including an after hours contact person who has the authority to make decisions.
- Knowledge of and relationships with relevant service providers in the community (e.g. interpretation, legal immigration services, mental and medical services).
- Ability to provide a safe environment for the survivors.
- Willingness to comply with the financial and reporting terms of the subcontract and to maintain timely communication with prime contractor throughout the entire process of program.