

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR APPLICANTS

2020 Call for Applications for the Anti-Human Trafficking Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund (ILIF)

Q1: What types of organizations can apply?

- Indigenous-led not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, registered charities, broader public sector organizations, as well as Indigenous-led organizations and communities, can apply for the Anti-Human Trafficking Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund (ILIF)
 - an Indigenous-led organization is an organization that serves an Indigenous community and whose governance reflects the composition of that community

Q2: Can organizations supporting sex workers apply?

- All organizations which meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the 2020 Anti-Human Trafficking Indigenous-Led Initiatives Fund Call for Applications Guidelines can apply.

Q3: Why is the ministry prioritizing applications from Indigenous survivor-led organizations and those that focus on services for Indigenous children and youth that have been sexually exploited?

- Announced in March 2020, Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy focuses on combatting the sexual exploitation of children and youth and recognizing the voices and experiences of survivors of human trafficking.
- The ministry's engagement with multiple sectors, Indigenous communities and organizations and survivors of human trafficking, along with recommendations from related reports, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services identified:
 - the need for culturally-appropriate, Indigenous-designed and specific services to support the healing and recovery of Indigenous survivors of human trafficking
 - the vital role played by Indigenous survivors of human trafficking in developing and delivering culturally-appropriate trauma-informed anti-human trafficking supports in communities

Q4: What is an Indigenous survivor-led organization?

- For the purposes of the ILIF, an Indigenous survivor-led organization is defined as an organization which:
 - has survivors of human trafficking in leadership positions at any levels (i.e. staff, executive and governance) **and**
 - uses survivor-informed program design (e.g., seeks, includes and recognizes the ideas and feedback of survivors) **and**
 - operates from a survivor-centered focus (e.g., prioritizes and respects the rights, needs, and wishes of survivors in their healing journey)
- Applicants will need to show how their organization aligns with the definition above.

Q5: Can organizations outside of the special priority categories still apply for the Fund?

- Yes, while projects that fall in these categories will have priority, applications may be submitted for projects not focused on Indigenous children and youth and from non-survivor led organizations.

Q6: Why is there targeted funding and a separate application form and guide for Indigenous organizations and Indigenous communities?

- The government has received valuable input from Indigenous organizations and communities, including at two Indigenous-specific human trafficking roundtables held in the summer of 2019 and at engagements with Ontario's Lived Experience Table in winter 2020.
- The feedback gathered from these sessions, along with findings from other engagements and related reports, helped us identify these priority areas to address service needs.
- There is a need for a fund that is responsive to the specific needs of Indigenous survivors, families and communities affected by human trafficking, as well as an application and review process that acknowledges Indigenous cultural practices and experience.
- The province is committed to working together with Indigenous communities and organizations to ensure the new Anti-Human Trafficking strategy is meaningful and effective for them.

Q7: Do I need to register with the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system to submit an application?

- Yes, applicants must sign up for a TPON account to submit their applications. TPON Registration User Guides are available on the [Transfer Payment Ontario Portal](#).
- ONE-key is used for secure access to the Government of Ontario system. **We strongly recommend that you create Account Recovery Info during this process in case you forget your log-in information. Administrators are unable to retrieve ONE-key IDs.**
- Note that the ONE-key account is registered at the individual level and not the organizational level. If someone else in your organization has an account that is used for another grant program, you will still need your own account to submit this application.
- If you have any questions or are experiencing technical difficulties, please contact TPON Client Care, available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:
 - **Telephone:** 416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090
 - **TTY/Teletypewriter (for the hearing impaired):** 416-325-3408/Toll free 1-800-268-7095
 - **Email:** TPONCC@ontario.ca

Q8: Can an applicant submit more than one proposal?

- Yes, an organization may submit more than one proposal. However, organizations should consider working together before submitting multiple proposals.
- Please note that eligible organizations may submit, participate or collaborate in more than one application but should demonstrate that they have sufficient capacity to manage and implement parallel projects:
 - Roles and responsibilities within the organization for each project that it is leading should be defined.
 - Applicants should describe how the applications are distinct from each other, as well as any links between them, where possible.

Q9: What is the expected size of the grants? How long can a project last?

- The budget for a project can be multi-year for up to five years. The budget will depend on the scope and size of the project, the number of service users anticipated and the duration of the project.
- Applicants will need to provide an estimate of necessary funding based on their proposed type of project.
- All applicants must provide a clear rationale to support the funding amount requested, including the populations served and regional coverage provided. The ministry does not guarantee that selected applicants will receive the amount of funding requested.
- Budget items should align with the project description, activities and deliverables.
- The proposed expenses should be reasonable.
- Organizations may be asked to adjust the scale of their budget, as a condition of funding.
- As of March 31, 2025, all project activities must be completed or have a plan in place to end services, or be sustained by other funding sources.

Q10: Can I apply to both the Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund and the Community Supports Fund?

- Yes, you can apply to both Funds if you are an Indigenous community or organization. Although Indigenous communities or organization applicants are permitted to apply to both Funds, a different proposal must be submitted for each Fund.
- Non-Indigenous organizations are only eligible to apply for the Community Supports Fund.

Q11: What is the deadline to apply?

- Both the Community Supports Fund and Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund applications are due on July 30, 2020.

Q12: What kind of support can I get to help me with my application?

- The Provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Coordination Office will be offering additional supports to help applicants in advance of the application deadline. This includes answering program-specific questions at

antitraffickingoffice@ontario.ca, offering webinars on data collection and reporting responsibilities and resources supporting the application process.

- For more information on how to register for webinars or to access supports, applicants are encouraged to check the TPON website.
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Q13: How will projects be selected?

- All proposals, including projects, will be assessed using the criteria described in the Assessment of Application Criteria section of the Indigenous-led Initiatives 2020 Call for Applications Guidelines. Please review your application to ensure you have addressed the required criteria before submitting your application to the ministry.

Q14: If I received funding under the 2017 Community Supports Fund and Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund Calls for Applications, am I eligible to apply for the 2020 funding?

- Yes, organizations that applied for funding under the 2017 Call for Applications are eligible to apply for the new Call for Applications, however they must outline how their proposals will meet the priorities in the 2020 Call for Applications.