

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR APPLICANTS

## 2020 Call for Applications for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund (CSF)

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### **Q1: What types of organizations can apply?**

- 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 Community Supports Fund (CSF)
  - 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 Community Supports Fund Call for Applications Guidelines can apply.

### **Q3: Why is the ministry prioritizing applications from survivor-led organizations and those that focus on services for 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 specialized, trauma-informed residential treatment programs for child and youth victims of human trafficking
  - the vital role played by survivors of human trafficking as leaders in program design, development and implementation

### **Q4: What is a survivor-led organization?**

- For the purposes of the CSF, the survivor-led organization is defined as an organization which:

- has survivors of human trafficking in leadership positions at any level (i.e. staff, executive and governance) **and**
- uses survivor-informed program design (e.g., seeks, incorporates 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 children and youth and from non-survivor led organizations.

**Q6: 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](mailto:TPONCC@ontario.ca)

**Q7: 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.
- 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 they lead should be clearly defined.
  - Applicants should describe how the applications are distinct from each other, as well as any links between them, where possible.

**Q8: 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 (until March 31, 2025). 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 project.
- All applicants are expected to 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.

**Q9: 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-led organization or community. However, 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 for the Community Supports Fund.

**Q10: What is the deadline to apply?**

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

**Q11: 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](mailto: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.
- If you have any questions or need help with the TPON system (e.g. creating a ONE-key account, registering your organization in TPON, accessing funding opportunities, or submitting the application, etc.) please contact TPON Client Care available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:
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**Q12: 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 Community Supports Fund 2020 Call for Applications Guidelines. Please review your application to ensure you have addressed the required criteria before submitting your application to the ministry.

**Q13: If I received funding under the 2017 Community Supports Fund Call 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.