

**ASSESSMENT CATEGORY: Bridging Divides - Positive Transitions****Human Trafficking Foundation****Adv: Kate Moralee****Base: Southwark****Amount requested: £341,406****Benefit: London-wide****(Revised request: £122,931)****Amount recommended: £123,000****The Applicant**

The Human Trafficking Foundation (HTF), a registered charity, established in 2010 which grew out of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. Its work has focussed on shaping policy and legislation with its main activities being monitoring practice, running London's Working Groups to share best practice and support, coordinating a national Advisory Forum and supporting a National Network Coordinators Forum. It has been influential in bringing about the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and launched the Slavery and Trafficking Survivor Care Standards 2018, with the then Home Secretary committing to adopt them in the next Victim Care Contract.

**The Application**

HTF is requesting funding for a further two years to support the ongoing development of its work in London, where over 50% of victims of trafficking are found and where the major human trafficking activity is concentrated. The project will lead to increased identification levels and improve outcomes for survivors. It will look to strengthen structured victim pathways, increase multi-sector working to ensure victims receive appropriate rights based and victim centred support. The original request was for funding over four years which was revised to a two-year request following advice from your officer, taking into consideration your previous level of support.

**The Recommendation**

HTF has been extremely successful in raising awareness around human trafficking and moving the issue up the national agenda resulting in the Modern-Day Slavery Act 2015. Whilst this is a significant outcome there remains work to be done to ensure practice becomes embedded in services, particularly Local Authority services. This proposal will enable HTF to further strengthen its relationships with Local Authorities to ensure compliance with statutory duties to identify and support victims of slavery. This proposal meets your Survivors of domestic and sexual abuse; modern day slavery; trafficking; or hate crime priority area and funding is recommended:

**£123,000 over two further and final years (£60,500, £62,500) towards the posts of Project Coordinator and Head of Office and associated running costs, with year 2 award conditional on the provision of satisfactory management accounts.**

**Funding History**

Meeting Date	Decision
26/11/2015	£225,000 over three years (3 x £75,000) towards the core costs of the Human Trafficking Foundation
10/01/2013	£120,000 over 3 years (£40,000; £40,000; £40,000) towards HTF's

**Background and detail of proposal**

Over the last six years HTF have succeeded in raising the profile of human trafficking nationally and internationally. With your support HTF has continued to develop strong relationships with NGO's and Statutory providers through the London Working Group. It sits on the Modern Slavery Strategy and Implementation Group and chairs the Victim Support Task and Finnish Group. It uses direct experiences and issues to inform its policy work.

HTF has created a set of tools and best practice policies for staff working in Local Authorities and helped a number of LA's to set up slavery task and finish groups, Single Point of Contact, formal pathways and protocols, set up supply chain models and created support preparedness for victims. Although the number of victims identified doubled from 2016 to 2017, this was only 243/1608 victims identified across London, demonstrating that identification by LA's is still low.

HTF coordinates a London wide group for slavery leads in councils, has 31 members and is hosted at London Council's offices. Sharing the learning from the work with London Authorities has influenced the Home Office to create six local authority pilot projects for provision of year long support for victims.

It also brings together professionals from the voluntary, public and business sectors to share learnings and have a coordinated response, limiting siloed work. It provides a unique opportunity for front line workers to address key stakeholders eg, Home Office and MP's with a view to influence future policy.

**Financial Information**

HTF restated its 2017 accounts to accurately reflect income received from the Michael Bishop Foundation which it carries forward every year as free reserves, covering the reported deficit in 2018 and some of the predicted deficit of 2019. HTF has implemented an organisational restructure this year which will generate cost savings, to enable them to rebuild reserves. HTF has adopted a fundraising strategy of staggering its T&F applications and has been successful with several small application to date. It has also been approached by two further trusts interested in funding anti-slavery work.

<b>Year end as at 31st December</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Signed Accounts</b>	<b>Draft Accounts</b>	<b>Forecast</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income &amp; expenditure:</b>			
Income	201,943	24,436	106,103
- % of Income confirmed as at 27/8/19	N/A	N/A	46%
Expenditure	(220,956)	(204,784)	(239,892)
Total surplus/(deficit)	(19,013)	(180,348)	(133,789)
<b>Split between:</b>			
- Restricted surplus/(deficit)	(10,192)	(82,800)	29,437
- Unrestricted surplus/(deficit)	(8,821)	(97,548)	(163,226)
	(19,013)	(180,348)	(133,789)
<b>Cost of Raising Funds</b>	0	2,329	1,100
- % of income	0.0%	9.5%	1.0%
Operating expenditure (unrestricted funds)	107,648	112,984	232,892
<b>Free unrestricted reserves:</b>			
Free unrestricted reserves held at year end	112,357	194,809	31,583
No of months of operating expenditure	12.5	20.7	1.6
Reserves policy target	45,000	45,000	45,000
No of months of operating expenditure	5.0	4.8	2.3
Free reserves over/(under) target	67,357	149,809	(13,417)