

Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI): Anti-Human Trafficking Projects in Canada

Announcement:	Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) for Anti-Human Trafficking Projects in Canada
Program Office:	Public Affairs (PAS), U.S.-Embassy-Ottawa
Grant Program:	Community Partnership Grants - Trafficking in Persons (TIP)
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Due Date:	04/19/2012 05:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (U.S. & Canada)

U.S. Embassy-Ottawa-Public Affairs

Deadline for Applications: Thursday, April 19, 2012 5:00p.m. EDT.

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy-Ottawa is announcing a special limited solicitation for applications for funding of projects to combat trafficking in persons in Canada that would be completed by December 2013. All Statements of Interest (SOIs) must be submitted via email to cultural@state.gov by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (EDT) on April 19, 2012. Please include "RSOI-Anti-Trafficking" on the subject line.

Eligible Candidates:

- Canadian institutions of higher education.
- First Nations nonprofit organizations (other than federally recognized aboriginal governments).
- Canadian nonprofits having a charitable status recognized in Canada.
- Canadian nonprofits without a charitable status other than institutions of higher education.

Grant Amounts: Floor U.S. \$3,000, up to \$25,000 based upon available resources.

Grant Focus:

The U.S. Department of State's [2011 TIP Report](#) () noted that throughout the decade since the U.N. adopted the Palermo Protocol and the U.S. enacted the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 142 countries have become parties to the Protocol, and most have passed laws criminalizing all forms of human trafficking and have begun to develop victim assistance mechanisms. However, the numbers of victims identified and assisted and traffickers convicted remains alarmingly low. Through this solicitation and in keeping with the priorities identified in the *TIP Report*, the U.S. Embassy seeks to fund programs that combat human trafficking, expand victim assistance services, demonstrate model approaches to combating human trafficking, and add to our knowledge and understanding of how best to eradicate modern slavery through research and evaluation.

Grants will be awarded to eligible candidates working in partnership with civil society that create anti-trafficking programs to address *human trafficking*---the act of obtaining or maintaining another person in compelled service, which includes forced labor, sex trafficking, bonded labor, debt bondage, involuntary domestic servitude, forced child labor and child soldiers. *Partnerships* will involve and leverage public and private sector resources. Potential partners may include a wide variety of entities such as foundations, arts organizations, business owners, community organizations, as well as public entities. Areas of project focus include but are not limited to activities that:

- Enhance specialized support services available to trafficking victims.
- Increase efforts to raise awareness and/or provide training to non-governmental organizations, police, prosecutors, and judges about human trafficking.
- Educate the general public in efforts to combat trafficking in persons.
- Develop mechanisms or protocols to identify trafficking victims and refer them to protection services.
- Improve trafficking data collection.
- Strengthen coordination between law enforcement and NGO partners on human trafficking.

2012 Competition for Funding:

The U.S.-Embassy-Ottawa Public Affairs uses a two-stage competitive process:

1. Applicants are invited to submit a two-page Statement of Interest (SOI), which summarizes a proposed anti-trafficking project and includes the proposed budget and partnership information. Following a technical review of each SOI, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal and expand on their SOI.
2. Full proposals will be evaluated through a competitive review and considered for funding.

Contact Information: Please direct questions about the requirements of this Request for Statements of Interest to cultural@state.gov .