

Grant Award Summary

Wisconsin Human Trafficking Task Force Grant 2018-2019

Grant Type: Grant continuation

Grantor: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Grant Period: October 1, 2018—September 30, 2019

Award Amount: \$36,687.50

Match Required: N/A

Fiscal Agent: Milwaukee Police Department (MPD)

MPD Sub-Awardee: N/A

Allocation Purpose: To fund overtime expenses for two (2) officers whose purpose is to address cases involving sex trafficking and forced labor trafficking, as needed.

Partners: N/A

Research & Evaluation: Progress reports will be submitted every three months to the Egrants system.

Program Goals

The overall goal is to reduce the prevalence of human trafficking in Milwaukee and surrounding jurisdictions and to provide victims with quality services and treatment they deserve. This in collaboration with participating agencies in order to foster an efficient and cohesive unit capable of addressing sex trafficking and forced labor trafficking of victims within the state of Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Human Trafficking Task Force is designed not only to identify victims and traffickers for prosecution, but funding enables greater tracking of cases and the capturing of relevant data, which is a lengthy process due to the amount of time it takes to prosecute cases.

Programmatic Summary

Because victims of human trafficking are often secluded from society, it is essential to establish strong partnerships with various community stakeholders. Community organization will often recognize and identify human trafficking victims and therefore play a crucial role in reporting these offenses to law enforcement. Reporting traffickers and self-identifying as human trafficking victims can be an intimidating and traumatic experience with detrimental psychological impacts.

Data Summary

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2016, 340 people ages 25 and younger were confirmed or believed to have been victims of sex trafficking in Milwaukee. Of this total, 97 percent were estimated to be female, and 55 percent were estimated to be juveniles at the first incident of suspected or reported sex trafficking. *

*Source: Report by Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, Rethink Resources, Medical College of Wisconsin Institute for Health & Equity, Milwaukee Sexual Assault Review, and Milwaukee Police Department—Sensitive Crimes Division. Published March 1, 2018.