



SAFE HOUSE PROJECT

2023 GRANT & PLACEMENT ANALYSIS 2024 SAFE HOUSE PROJECT GRANT DETAILS

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE TRAFFICKED FOR SEX IN THE U.S. EVERY YEAR. ONLY 1% WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN THEIR LIFETIME.

The primary goal of SHP's Emergency Survivor Support Program is to serve every survivor of sex trafficking with excellence and urgency, understanding that opportunities to find help in exiting can be few and far between.

TOP REFERRAL SOURCES



31% of calls directly from survivors



27% of calls from another hotline



21% of calls from a case manager



16% of cases involved a minor victim of trafficking, many who had to be placed out of state due to a lack of available resources.

LEAVING EXPLOITATION BEHIND

OUR EMERGENCY SURVIVOR SUPPORT TEAM SERVES AS A WARM LINE FOR TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS, EMPOWERING THEM TO RECLAIM CONTROL, REBUILD THEIR LIVES, AND FIND LASTING FREEDOM AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

534 SURVIVORS helped to exit exploitation and access restorative care in 2023



45 STATES and the District of Columbia represented by survivors provided with emergency services in 2023



4056 HOURS of case management dedicated to advocacy for placement and care



SURVIVOR SUPPORT TRENDS

INCREASING OUR UNDERSTANDING TO DECREASE BARRIERS TO CARE



92% faced mental health challenges, 33% being severe



63% are willing to be placed out of state



58% are willing to go to a faith-based program



31.2% of survivors have children at the time of request



58% of placed survivors were still in care at 90 days



9.5% needed emergency mental health stabilization, 54% of whom referred themselves



14.7% had pending legal charges preventing placement out-of-state



26.5% reported illicit drug use within a few weeks of needing support



16.8% do not have valid ID when seeking support, posing challenges for traveling



53% vape or smoke cigarettes, 85% of whom are willing to quit to enter a program



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JOIN OUR LUEP COMMUNITY FOR UPDATES ON OUR IMPACT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS EMERGENCY SERVICES, CONTACT OUR SURVIVOR SUPPORT TEAM AT 507-769-0819 OR FILL OUT THE FORM AT WWW.SAFEHOUSEPROJECT.ORG/REFER. FOR TIPS ABOUT POTENTIAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS, CONTACT THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE AT 1-888-373-7888. FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, CALL 911.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SAFE HOUSE PROJECT, CONTACT REBECCA@SAFEHOUSEPROJECT.ORG

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INCREASING ACCESS TO SAFE HOUSING & HOLISTIC CARE FOR SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING

In 2023, Safe House Project received applications from organizations across the United States to increase the capacity of and remove barriers to residential restorative care programs serving trafficking survivors. The following report outlines how these programs seek to serve trafficking survivors in their communities.

Thank you to each of these programs for helping to bring hope, freedom, and a future to trafficking survivors. Your work changes lives.

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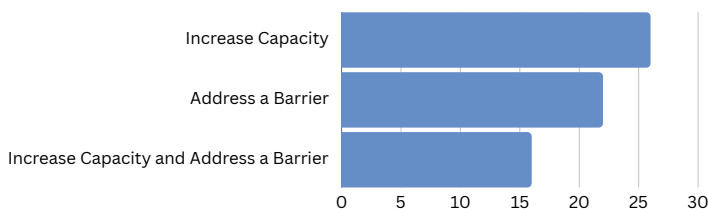
Program Applications Received

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States Represented

64 programs applied for Safe House Project funding, 18% of which were brand new organizations. Long-term restorative care programs serving adult women accounted for the largest number of applications among all program types.

Breakdown of Applications



BARRIERS TO IDENTIFICATION

A study published in the National Library of Medicine defines the continuum of care as "an integrated system that guides and tracks trafficking survivors over time through comprehensive services spanning all levels of intensity of care." For survivors of trafficking, this includes programs categorized as emergency and stabilization services, long-term residential programming,

transitional programming, and continued community-based services.

Emergency Safe Housing helps stabilize survivors in crisis. Focus in on assisting survivors with immediate services to meet their basic needs of safety, food, shelter, and emergency medical care.

Long-term Restorative Care Programs provide psychiatric, therapeutic, and medical care that is necessary for a survivor's well-being following the crisis stabilization phase. These programs also offer practical tools to help a survivor to reintegrate into society, find financial independence, and avoid re-victimization through healing the effects of complex trauma.

Transitional Living Opportunities provide survivors the ability to continue their healing through ongoing social, emotional, and therapeutic support with more freedom and autonomy than in previous stages of the continuum of care while pursuing their educational and/or vocational goals.

OPPORTUNITIES TO DECREASE BARRIERS

Accessibility of services is an integral part of restorative care for trafficking survivors. Particularly vulnerable demographics such as transgender adults, parents with dependents, and those with severe mental health challenges, active addictions, or physical disabilities continue to find entrance into restorative care challenging. The following are examples of opportunities for programs to apply under the "Address a Barrier" qualification of the SHP Grant.

Mental Health - Survivors with severe mental health disorders, including schizophrenia, dissociative identity disorder, and paranoia, have limited access to programs due to the additional staff and resources required to serve them.

Addiction Level - Few emergency programs offer medical detoxification or have an established relationship with a hospital or rehab facility to help a survivor with an active addiction.

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Gender - The majority of beds available in restorative care are available to cisgender females, which leaves cisgender males and transgender adults without access to care.

Minors - Most states do not have residential programs for minor victims of trafficking. Programs serving minors require extensive licensing and are costly to operate. Many programs that serve minors from the child welfare system do not receive adequate compensation from the state's Child Protective Services agency to provide effective therapeutic care. Furthermore, finding placement for a youth who is not in child welfare custody or who needs to leave the state becomes even more difficult with the involvement of slow-moving systems.

Mother/Child - There are currently only a handful of restorative care programs licensed and able to accommodate parenting survivors and even fewer than can accommodate survivors parenting multiple children or children over 10 years of age.

Physical Disabilities - For survivors with physical disabilities, there are few programs across the country that are ADA-compliant and have the additional staff necessary to provide quality care to all participants. If those programs do not have availability, survivors receive inadequate services or no services at all.

Physical Health - Survivors who are experiencing complex health challenges and require more doctor's appointments or ongoing medical support are often disqualified from programs due to the need for additional staff to adequately serve all participants or the lack of partnership with healthcare providers.

Language - A number of trafficking survivors, particularly within the Spanish-speaking community, face difficulties accessing restorative care services due to language barriers. The lack of interpreters or bilingual staff members can result in miscommunication, hindering survivors' ability to express their needs and receive appropriate care

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Overview

Safe House Project partners with local organizations across the United States, serving trafficking survivors through therapeutic housing solutions by providing funding, training, certification, and development. To date, Safe House Project has helped fund 478 new beds in the national landscape. We believe that through collaboration and partnership, the anti-trafficking industry can eradicate trafficking. We look forward to hearing about the incredible work your organization does to serve people impacted by trafficking.

Eligibility

501c(3) organizations located in the United States providing or seeking to provide therapeutic residential care/housing solutions for sex trafficking survivors. Programs serving any gender and any age range may apply. Unopened programs with a projected launch date prior to April 2025 are also eligible.

Funding Priorities

People and Programs: Safe House Project does not fund existing daily operating costs or capital campaigns.

Capacity Building: New or expanding programs providing residential services to sex trafficking survivors may apply. Programs must show how they are increasing the national capacity of care for trafficking victims.

Decreasing Barriers to Care: Existing programs may show how they are decreasing an existing barrier to care by creating infrastructure to reduce their current disqualifiers for acceptance. For example, a program that has historically been unable to serve those with extreme mental health challenges is seeking funds to provide psychiatric care to provide more victims with opportunities for placement.

Grant Deadlines

LOI Opens: April 1, 2024

Grant Cycle Opens: May 1, 2024

Grant Cycle Closes: June 30, 2024

Organization interviews will be conducted in August.

Grant Decisions Announced: November 2024

Grant Funds Dispersed: December 2024

Questions? Please email our Director of Aftercare Alia Azariah at alia@safehouseproject.org