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MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration draft an ordinance to provide \$60,000 to The Salvation Army of Southwest Ohio and Northeast Kentucky's Anti-Human Trafficking Program and End Slavery Cincinnati to support their work conducting outreach to identify and serve human trafficking victims within the City of Cincinnati. The source of these funds should be the anticipated relief funds from the American Rescue Plan.


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STATEMENT

These programs serve an average of 200 individuals a year through case management, and annually field over 4,000 hotline calls. These funds will be used to support outreach efforts to increase identification of victims, reduce victimization, and support survivors in recovery. It will support the administration of psychoeducational groups in detention centers and shelters in Cincinnati to increase self-identification and reduce recidivism among at-risk and victimized residents of these facilities in the community. It will also support outreach programming in parks, streets, online, and in any other relevant venues in an effort to inform those being victimized of the hotline number, and it will support the delivery of resources to those identified to help them exit their trafficking situation. Finally, it will support the training of relevant city employees in parks and other representatives throughout the city to help them be informed of how to identify victims they see in the scope of their work and how to help them access resources. It will help in engaging over 200 individuals at risk of exploitation or being exploited in the City and get them access to services, thereby reducing the overall impact of human trafficking in Cincinnati.

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RE: Proposal for Funding to Support Human Trafficking Outreach

Request

The Salvation Army of Southwest Ohio and Northeast Kentucky's Anti-Human Trafficking Program and End Slavery Cincinnati are requesting \$60,000 to support their work conducting outreach to identify and serve human trafficking victims within the City of Cincinnati.

Human Trafficking in Cincinnati

Human trafficking, the exploitation of men, women, and children through force, fraud, and coercion for the purposes of commercial sex or labor, is present here in Cincinnati. Since 2012, The Salvation Army's Anti-Human Trafficking Program has responded to this issue by managing the coalition, End Slavery Cincinnati, and serving victims. On average, the program serves 200 individuals through case management a year, with approximately 120 engaging individuals for the first time that year. The program annually fields an average of 4,000 hotline calls. In 2020, despite a reduction in access due to the pandemic, over 35 at-risk youth were engaged in prevention programming through participation in psychoeducational groups focused on prevention and helping those victimized to acknowledge their victimization and self-identify. Additionally, over 240 individuals were reached through online outreach, connecting with victims through their advertisements online. To further increase identification, staff trained over 900 individuals on methods of identification and how to enhance supporting recovery. These efforts are making impact on the prevalence of human trafficking in the City of Cincinnati, but the exploitation continues and there are additional venues and networks that have not been reached.



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Proposed Plan

This funding would support outreach efforts to increase the identification of victims in need, reduce victimization, and support survivors in recovery; overall reducing the impact of human trafficking victimization in the City of Cincinnati. It will support the administration of psychoeducational groups in detention centers and shelters in the City of Cincinnati to increase self-identification and reduce recidivism among at-risk and victimized residents of these facilities in the community. It will also support outreach programming in parks, streets, online, and in any other relevant venues in an effort to inform those being victimized of the hotline number, and it will support the delivery of resources to those identified to help them exit their trafficking situation. Finally, it will support the training of relevant City employees in Parks and other representatives throughout the City to help them to be informed of how to identify victims they see in the scope of their work and how to help them access resources. It is expected that this funding will support engaging over 200 additional individuals at-risk of exploitation or being exploited in the City of Cincinnati and get them access to services, thereby reducing the overall impact of human trafficking in Cincinnati.