



Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade

APPLICATION FORM

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A. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

PROJECT TITLE: New Hope Outreach Services for Trafficked, Exploited, and/or Sex Trade Involved Women & Girls

LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT AGENCY: The Salvation Army

MAILING ADDRESS: (Street and Number) Box 2316 Station Terminal

SUITE NUMBER: _____ CITY/TOWN: Vancouver

PROVINCE: British Columbia POSTAL CODE: V6B3W5

PHYSICAL LOCATION: (if different from mailing address) Undisclosed location- high security safe house & outreach programs located in Vancouver

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (Identify one type only with an 'x'):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	X	COMMUNITY-BASED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATION/ FIRST NATIONS BAND	<input type="checkbox"/>	SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAW ENFORCEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER:

B. FUNDING CRITERIA:

PLEASE INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSED PROJECT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA.

1. FOCUS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OR VULNERABLE WOMEN IN THE SEX TRADE

• Mandatory Criteria:

Projects must clearly focus on at least one of the following priorities:

- **Human Trafficking;**
- **Sexual Exploitation; and/or**
- **Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade.**

• Preferred Criteria (Please note: this is a preferred criterion only and does not need to be addressed to apply)

- Preference will be given to projects that address Indigenous women and/or Indigenous youth.

• Provide a short summary outline of the project;

We are asking for \$25, 000, or 17% of the overall budget to implement and evaluate a 52 week project titled *New Hope: Outreach Services for Trafficked, Exploited, and/or Sex Trade Involved Women and Girls* through The BC Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs. We are pleased that the Federal Department of Justice, as well as our own fundraising efforts, have already raised a large portion of the amount needed, and this request is to supplement the remaining funds to focus support on BC based survivors. New Hope will focus on providing psycho-social, culturally sensitive outreach services for up to 150 high risk female youth and women (including transgender/non-binary and gender fluid folks) throughout BC who are engaged in the sex trade, at risk of entering, or who have experienced exploitation/human trafficking/violence. Although not the primary focus, where applicable, exploited males and labour exploited individuals will be provided support where resources allow. Through New Hope, we will provide trauma informed, culturally sensitive, emergent coordination and outreach support for survivors to access help, remove barriers to services, and exit exploitive circumstances. We are proposing to deliver this project in two stages: implementation and observation (48 weeks), and outcome evaluation (4 weeks).

New Hope: Outreach Services will aim to build upon the foundation of our 2014 pilot project funded by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, to continue providing an essential service to bridge the gaps between identification and accessing support. New Hope Outreach Services was founded due to the high level of calls to our residential program, Deborah's Gate, of individuals who didn't necessarily want to come to the program, but needed help. The calls came from across the province, and our provincial and national agency presence provides the platform to support survivors anywhere they are through in person, phone, skype, email, and text services. Some calling were incarcerated, others had housing but needed other supports (be that our in house services or our partnerships and opportunities in the community). Some were Indigenous and living on reserve, while others were youth in need of immediate intervention and protection. Some came from colonial based abuse, including those whose mothers, sisters, and aunties were counted among the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women. Some had not exited exploitation yet, and were looking for a harm reduction, gradual exit approach. We now operate these growing programs under the banner of The BC Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs, and the demand for our services increases each year. Our programs have no religious requirements and support diversity in faith expression, gender diversity, sexuality, and culture in both our staffing and our program participants.

When Outreach Services are requested, an initial assessment will be conducted based on a

psychosocial model of care (emotional, social, physical, psychological, and spiritual) to assess services needed. Emergent needs (housing, medical, addiction, mental health, legal, and immigration) will be addressed first, with secondary needs (education, counseling, cultural & spiritual reconnection, employment training, pro-social activities) addressed when the individual is stable enough to do so. Plans of care will be survivor centered using a human rights approach developed with each referred individual based on the level of need and support they are willing to access. Plans of care will assist individuals to access supports including; harm reduction and abstinence based housing options (both long term and emergent), law enforcement and access to criminal justice system & victim services, detox and addiction treatment programs, community counseling and support groups, pro-bono legal services, ESL support and translation, immigration/refugee services, medical services documentation and mental/physical/optical/and dental health care, social therapies and fine arts engagement, employment development programs, and self-identified cultural & faith activity engagement. Outreach workers will also assist in providing the case management coordination where multiple agencies and supports are involved to ensure continuity of care.

Of emphasis this year, will be to continue to build upon existing partnerships to assist Indigenous women and girls (Indigenous, Metis, and Inuit), and utilize our additional model of case management incorporating key principles of cultural competency and community involvement for working with Indigenous clients. This will include active outreach & collaboration with the Friendship Centers, Native Court Workers & Counseling Association of BC, and RCMP Indigenous Policing. For survivors in BC whom originate from another province, we will coordinate with Bands, Elders, and Provincial Organizations to ensure access to status cards/registration, scholarships, festivals/feasts/ceremony, and even mentorship by Skype due to safety concerns. Ongoing case management will be provided until wrap around supports are in place, and or the individual is in need of episodic care (such as testifying in court three years later). Individuals who meet the criteria of our other in house programs will be supported through fast tracked program intake and provided supportive transition from the program when appropriate, including our safe house, registered clinical counseling, survivor summit, life & living skills programming, and our Refresh Barista Employment Training Program.

- Describe the issues the project will address

Exploited and vulnerable girls and women are identified all across the province, but few agencies provide provincial outreach support on a community level to assist these individuals where they are at once they are identified. Often, we see agencies at first be willing to walk with someone, but due to the difficult behaviors that present as a result of trauma (manipulation, aggression, physical outbursts, intrusive memories & flashbacks, activators & triggers, deep distrust, poor sleep hygiene), survivors are quickly offloaded to other case loads, discharged, or asked to leave programming. This can lead to the most vulnerable of our society slipping through systemic gaps, and has played a significant role in the prevalence of missing and murdered women, human trafficking, exploitation. Additionally, for survivors, in their worst moments of suffering and seeking hope, are often plunged into a cycle of failure propelled by service rejection. Often, survivors share that they will speak of their experience, and it is re-interpreted with labels they do not appreciate, or they are expected to meet the requirements of other clients such as a 7 am program start time, yet their needs are unique and they may not have slept through the night due to fear & PTSD. Lastly, often their needs do not come up in a Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm timeframe, and there is few services willing to work on weekends or provide emergent support on statutory holidays and/or evenings and overnights. Last year, our busiest days were late evenings Friday-Monday, when the majority of other programming was closed.

We see the out of hours, late night, and inconvenient timeframes as key opportunities to reach this population. This project seeks to close that gap by providing 24/7 emergent and on call support for identified individuals to act as a bridge between the referral source and an appropriate supportive option, and support for other agencies to work effectively with this population. This project will work with technology to text/email/skype clients, as well as provide crucial in person connection. It will seek to address root causes through the development of supportive community and wrap around services and partnerships (along with building upon existing ones) to build back core unmet needs, one on one coordination and accompaniment, and

assistance for finding and /connecting to pro-social, safe, trauma informed supports to rehabilitate and heal from their experience of sexual violence and exploitation. We have also received frantic calls from parents, agencies, government services, and law enforcement who are coming across trafficking for the first time, and trying to identify next steps. This project will seek to provide assistance, time allowing, to build the greater community of networks, supports, and equipped practitioners to walk alongside survivors of exploitation, trafficking, and those engaging in the sex trade.

- Describe who the project will serve:

This project aims to provide 24/7 outreach services for up to 150 women and girls/trans/non binary folks (and males where resources allow) age 16 and up throughout BC on a one-on-one basis in partnership with referring agencies and developed community partnerships. Although we will focus on sexual exploitation as we see the highest rate of referrals in that area, we will also (where resources allow) support those exploited for labour, and those exploited both for sex and labour. Although direct services will be the focus, we will also ensure our availability to consult with agencies and support them as they walk alongside survivors, building the capacity of individual communities to respond effectively. Thanks to other projects, we are often able to provide training in those communities, which further builds the partnerships & accommodations available for this population.

As identified in multiple studies including the Violence Free BC Report, victims of trafficking and exploitation often represent the key vulnerabilities that cause individuals to be more susceptible to violence, including poverty, extreme and severe violence with repeated exposure to injury or harm (Type II trauma), identify as LGBTQ2S+, developmental and cognitive disabilities, speak English as a second language or not at all, new immigrants or refugees, those struggling with addiction and untreated mental wellness concerns, Indigenous women and girls, and young women. International research has indicated that exiting a life of exploitation can take anywhere between 8-10 attempts. We often find survivors are drawn back due to the exploitation of their core unmet needs, which can range from housing& food to love and belonging. It will take time to build back a network of core needs, and we find this group is often discharged from programming due to the cycles of re-engagement. New Hope Outreach will seek to meet that need by working with the entire spectrum, including those in pre and contemplative stages, offering support in each step, and encouragement if there has been a relapse into exploitation and/or unsafe substance use. Additionally, we will continue to provide our support & collaboration to sex work advocacy groups for those over the age of 18 without a controller to access safe & harm reductive plans of care who do not wish to exit.

In this project, specific emphasis will be given to developing and maintaining relationships with remote communities, victim services, law enforcement, domestic violence units and agencies, The Sea to Sky Corridor, Vancouver Island & The Sunshine Coast, Interior BC, Northern BC, and Indigenous specific services and groups. This project will seek to fill the gap between exploited persons and connection to supports and key services in their community to access gradual exit and rehabilitation.

- What are the project's objectives/goals? (list below)

New Hope Outreach Services seeks to meet the following objectives and goals;

- 1) Provide emergent, 24/7 on call support anywhere in BC, with a focus on smaller & less reached communities
- 2) Foster community partnership development with new partners to encourage access to services & collaboration
- 3) Provide provincial & national (where appropriate) community consultation and informed referrals
- 4) Individualized one-to-one case management and case coordination for survivors seeking support
- 5) Provide practical assistance, accompaniment, and transportation to support services
- 6) Continue to develop resources & innovative tools to support this population, including practical case management worksheets to track goals, to evaluate a life outside of exploitation, and to set up relapse prevention plans.

- What key activities will the project implement to meet its goals? Include project start date and end date.

Project Start Date: April 1, 2019	Project End Date: March 31, 2020
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Activities (list below)

As we have received partial funding from The Department of Justice for this project, we have completed development and are seeking funding for two stages: Implementation, and Evaluation.

1) Implementation (44 weeks): Provide one on one support for referred individuals throughout the province through phone, online, and in person support, provide accompaniment and transportation for identified victims to access key services, attend community based committees and promotional events, develop partnerships for exploited and at risk women to access vital supports. Develop additional tools and worksheets for clients to work towards self-identified goals, with a focus on ritual, ceremony, and non-western approaches with Indigenous clients. Survey main human trafficking and exploitation partners and community agencies to assess current needs and trends, participate in community based committees (Sexually Exploited Youth Committee, Vancouver Community Action Team, Victim Services Network Committee, Sea to Sky Sexual Assault Response Committee, Provincial HT Partners Coffee Collaboration). Provide training, education, and support to other agencies to build community capacity and develop further equitable partnerships. Collect ongoing evaluations of service through surveys of Outreach Clients, which will be tracked statistically and utilized to best tailor and specialize services to our varying populations we serve. Host survivor consultations where their input and voice is integrated into program delivery and community based training (where appropriate), and provide access to potential survivor led research project.

2) Evaluation (4 weeks): Conduct a research survey post project with participating community partners, clients and staff, produce a final report with updated standard operating procedure manual.

- Describe how your organization is well positioned to address this issue, has the necessary resources (experience, staff, etc.) to carry out the project, and has the capacity to meet the desired results.

The Salvation Army is one of the largest non-profit organizations in the world, and the largest direct service provider in Canada. Our services range from corrections to emergency shelter, transitional programming & emergency disaster relief to addictions/detoxes and human trafficking specific services. In 2017, we won the Department of Justice Excellence in Victim Services Award for our work with trafficked persons.

Our innovative residential program, Deborah's Gate, was initially launched in 2009 as an immediate, short-term shelter for female & trans identifying victims of human trafficking and exploitation, but after working with our first residents, it was evident much more needed to be done to stop the cycles of crime and exploitation than just housing and immediate needs. We continued to launch programs based out of need, and New Hope Outreach has continued to exceed expectations repeatedly. We are still the only programs of our kind in BC and Canada. Although we seek to work in collaboration in the community, often the services of the survivors we support require a level of speciality and accommodations, so for the gap areas we have expanded in the last four years to add additional in house & community programs. Since 2009 through our 6 programs & initiatives, we have been willing to support exploited persons with complex needs. We have developed over 650 national partnerships, manage some of the most high profile and high-risk cases, and have specific experience with challenging behaviors and individuals most other programs will not or do not have the capacity to support. We have become known for our courage and innovation to tackle areas of recovery & healing that has not yet been done in Canada, while supporting others in BC and Canada in their own projects and ventures. We are consulted and teach regularly on a national and international scale related to human trafficking, crime prevention through effective intervention, victims who victimize, and best practice in recovery for survivors. We also host regular survivor consultations to give direct input and insight into our programming, and empower their voice to be part of changing the script of the story in a protected and empowered way. Additionally, we have worked hard to develop appropriate, de-colonizing relationships with Indigenous led agencies, with the posture and attitude that we have an opportunity to support their initiatives and voice, ensuring goals are aligned, and our role is secondary and invited.

Locally, we sit on multiple committees included the Greater Vancouver Sexually Exploited Youth Committee, The Sea to Sky Sexual Assault Response Committee, the Vancouver Community Action Team for Preventing Youth Exploitation, and founded Coffee Collaboration, bringing together key upper level influential leaders to inspire systemic change. We believe we are in a position to continue this project and maintain the level of excellence we have become nationally recognized for. This past year we conducted a thorough Violence and Risk Assessment Framework for outreach services to this population, ensuring our practices are effective, however do not put staff at risk, avoid kamikaze outreach tactics, and have appropriate clinical supervision, ensuring survivors receive the very best care possible. We have built the trust of survivors by showing that we are willing to walk with them long term, where they are at, and will support them, even if that means reporting additional abuse they have experienced at the hands of other service providers, as in the circumstance of former Detective James Fisher. We are committed to this issue, committed to growing our excellency of practice, and to changing the script of the story of human trafficking in Canada.

2. LEVEL OF NEED

Proposals must **demonstrate a clear need for the project in their community.**

Why is your project needed? Provide qualitative/quantitative evidence of the need relevant to your proposal, if available.

In 2013, The Salvation Army Deborah's Gate founded Coffee Collaboration, a quarterly front line service provider meeting comprising of 5 key Vancouver community partners: The RCMP Human Trafficking Coordinator, The Vancouver Police Department Counter Exploitation Unit and Sex Worker Liaison, The BC Ministry of Justice Office To Combat Trafficking in Persons, West Coast Domestic Workers, and The Salvation

Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs. From these meetings, it was identified that Outreach Services was needed to provide the in-between support for someone who is wanting to exit to bridge the gaps between all of our services, but needs gradual support services to do so. We recognized as a group that without this service, women and girls were slipping through the cracks and unable to truly exit, and youth programs were not sufficient due to the age out gap. We needed a service that would support from youth to adulthood.

Since implementing the pilot project of Outreach Services in August 2014 we have seen an unprecedented demand for this service which continues to increase. For many we have provided outreach services for, they needed access to a detox, harm reduction shelter, or a transition house to flee an exploiter in a northern community. For some they were required to attend court in another province to testify against their perpetrator, and we accompanied them. Some attended our in house programs, and their certificates of completion were not only celebrated, but created a platform for them to obtain partial or full custody of their children again. Others asked for help in applying for Crime Victim Assistance compensation or to access a Court Support Worker or Victim Services to tour a court room, a referral to law enforcement they could trust, connection to an Elder, accompaniment to a legal proceeding, or to find pro-bono legal services.

Not only was a referral made, but for many transportation, accompaniment, and material items were provided, as well as ongoing follow up support. As noted in the Violence Free BC Ecological Model For Understanding Violence, often there are root causes that relate not just to the individual, but also to society, community, and relationship. This is why our goal is not necessarily to transport someone to the lower mainland if we are able to help their community of origin and existing relationships develop an appropriate response in that community, but in some circumstances for safety they must leave community. In New Hope Outreach Services, as long as someone needs support, they can access and will not be given a cut off date for engagement. After initial supports were accessed, some were referred and entered our Deborah's Gate rehabilitative live in program as a resident when they were ready. Our outreach services are provided provincially.

This last year, we supported survivors and collaborated with agencies in the GVRD, Victoria, Sooke, NanOOSE Bay, Nanaimo, Sunshine Coast, Prince Rupert, Williams Lake, Seymour Arm/Shuswap, Cranbrook, Quesnel, Prince George, Osoyoos, Oliver, Kelowna, Mission, Hope, Abbotsford, and many more communities. We have also supported BC residents who were trafficked to other provinces including Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Nunavut. This past year we spent intentional time building partnership with Indigenous Friendship Centres and have seen an increase of referrals to our program from those communities. So far in 2018 up to the end of September, we have worked with 131 survivors and provided 1,604 client supports (in person, accompaniment, text, call, or email), and 1,845 supports to community partners working in collaboration to support survivors. 39% of the survivors we support identify as Indigenous. We have visited 14 communities outside of the GVRD including Victoria, Prince George, Quesnel, Prince Rupert, Maple Ridge, Pemberton/Whistler/Squamish, Sunshine Coast and William's Lake.

The spectrum of trafficking and exploitation is broad. On one side of the spectrum, we see forced marriages of children and youth, to young women lured into the sex trade through a drug dealer they met at an alternate school, to an Aboriginal woman fleeing violence on reserve to be exploited in a larger city, to a foreign national immigrating to Canada and forced into domestic servitude paired with sexual exploitation, to a temporary foreign worker providing care to a Canadian family and being confined/sexually assaulted, to the other side of the spectrum where a woman who has been self-engaged in the sex trade for years and feels she has no longer has options to leave. All have experienced varying levels of sexual violence and exploitation. As mentioned above, this year we have also worked with sexually exploited male youth and labour exploited men (where resources allow). We continue to see the sexual exploitation of youth via ads on social media and dating/accommodation sites (SnapChat, Yellow, Plenty of Fish, Tinder, Facebook, Instagram, AirBNB, etc). We see sexual exploitation occurring through sugar daddies (both youth and adult), and sex trafficking in hotels and private residences, including Air Bnb, which is easier to utilize due to anonymity of booking process. We have seen an increase in young sexually exploited clients who are involved in the sex industry via sugar daddies, stripping, or limited sex work, sexting, video, etc. but have not been trafficked yet due to the level of control they are able to maintain. These clients generally are not ready to exit, or move between wanting to exit and remaining in the industry. We also know from experience these individuals are highly vulnerable to being trafficked, and our service continues to offer viable options for support leading to gradual exiting, should they

want to engage. More and more, MCFD is relying on our services and consultation. Lastly, we see a growing trend of perpetrators coercing, forcing, and luring victims into learning the ropes of the criminal business and engaging in components from recruiting to enforcing violence to drug running.

Exploitation and violence often happens behind closed doors and out of plain sight. Trafficked and exploited persons, and/or women engaged in the sex trade present with complex needs upon identification that are unique and emergent, and often span over varying communities and sometimes varying provinces. Type II trauma, or repeated exposure to injury and harm, can result in very difficult behaviors that many programs do not want to accommodate. Exploiters prey on vulnerabilities they identify in their victims, including unmet core needs such as love and belonging, a lack of skills and opportunities, identifying as LGBTQ2S+, histories of self-harm, violence and abuse, impacts of colonization (residential schools and Indian hospitals), English as a second language, new immigrants, children & youth, absence of cultural and self-identified religious engagement, compounded trauma, learning and physical disabilities, visible minorities, addiction, poverty, and homelessness. Those who are in exploitive circumstances are often isolated from supports, familiarity, and family, which causes significant challenges for them when they are identified as a support network is not waiting for them. The majority of those we support are Canadians, exploited here in our own backyards by other Canadians. For some we support, their perpetrator is also their partner, either common law or legally married, and children may be involved. Without immediate and sensitive assistance, many individuals are not able to access supports (such as the criminal justice system) that are available, and lack the relationship with a supportive, trained worker to consider safe options and start to dream for a different tomorrow. Women and girls have been silently slipping through the cracks when connection is not made. We know that without an emergent, trauma sensitive, collaborative approach, many of these women and girls have experienced incarceration, severe violence & re-victimization, and in some cases, death or murder.

From this experience, we have learned that one of the number one needs identified is for detox and treatment substance use. In the spring of 2017, our Deborah's Gate residential program opened it's own mental health and addictions program, and we have had 41 participants and 34 graduates so far, most of whom came through our outreach program and presented "too difficult" to place in other treatment programs. In our program, they are welcome and have a tangible means to stabilize and exit exploitation. Additionally, we have received funding to expand from a 10 bed facility to a 30 bed facility, which will provide more tangible safe landing pads for our New Hope Outreach clients.

New Hope: Outreach Services aims to change the script of the story to one of hope, providing 24/7 Outreach Services for those in need to access the levels of support needed to exit prostitution, violence, human trafficking, and exploitation. The goal is to provide appropriate responses to human trafficking and exploitation, and assist in rebuilding lives afterwards, using trauma sensitive psycho-social rehabilitation principles. This project, launched on the platform of the services we currently offer within our safe house and other Anti-Human Trafficking Programs, goes hand in hand in filling the gaps and creating a bridge for a person to start the journey. This project seeks to meet that gap by providing emergent outreach services that are specifically geared to assisting women and girls to exit exploitive circumstances through tangible means that are sensitive to each individual's level of readiness. This support would be offered in BC (and across Canada for BC residents when appropriate), and existing and new partnerships will be utilized to refer appropriately. Outreach services will provide the tangible support needed, such as transportation, connection to out of province support or agencies, culturally sensitive services and assistance, practical assistance such as accompaniment to doctor's appointments, court appearances, housing tours, filling out paperwork, assistance finding and booking community based counseling and support, connection to pro-social activities that foster hope & joy, and the emotional support of a one-to-one worker who will advocate and be an ally for those starting the journey of exiting exploitation and/or human trafficking.

3. COLLABORATION

Provide **evidence of collaboration between partners** to develop a coordinated response (i.e., letter(s) of support from police, community-based victim service organization, health provider, or other relevant partners directly involved in the project).

Please describe how your project is supported by community partners. Who are your partners and what are their roles in the project? Please provide confirmation of support, if available (written letter/copies of emails will be accepted if they are submitted at the same time as this application form).

Project Partner	Role	Support Letter Included (Y/N)
VPD Counter Exploitation Unit	Consultation input invited, co-facilitators in educational settings, direct referrals to the program, assistance with safety planning & criminal interventions for protection when needed, direct collaboration when they are conducting pro-active investigations & need to prepare resources for victims who may come forward in partnership with their Community Support Worker, consultation for diversion options for victims who victimize, long term support outside of the scope of their Community Support Worker, fast tracked access to in house Salvation Army Programs, flight support for those needing to leave the province.	Y
Children of the Street Society	Partner agency, co-facilitators in educational settings, direct referrals to programming, consultation, community roundtable engagement	Y
PLEA Community Services ONYX Program, MCFD, Directions, Covenant House Vancouver, Aboriginal Friendship Centres, All Nations Youth Safe House, VACFSS, CFSEU, Victoria Sexually Exploited Youth Community Action Team, Alouette Correctional Centre For Women, RCMP Victoria/Quesnel, Burnaby, Surrey, Whistler/Pemberton, Squamish, Vancouver Coastal Health, Providence Health Care, Fraser Health Care, Williams Lake Salvation Army & Victim Services, Prince George Victim Services , Turning Point Treatment Centres, NOW Kelowna, Qmunity, Prince Rupert Victim Services, Whistler Community Services, Howe Sound Women's Centre, MPSSG Office to Combat	Partner agencies, direct referrals to programming, consultation, community roundtable engagement	

Trafficking in Persons, RCMP Indigenous Policing, RCMP Provincial Counter Exploitation Unit, BC Association of Native Court Workers, UNYA, Island Coastal Health, Indigenous Health Authority		
REED	Scholarship access & advocacy for Indigenous survivors	N

4. RESULTS

Proposals must outline the **intended results** of the project, and **how results will be measured**.

Please describe the anticipated results of the project.

How will these results be measured, how will you know that the results have been achieved?

The projected outcomes of this project include:

1. Provide tangible, in person and phone case coordination and case management for up to 150 women (LGBTQ2S+ inclusive) and girls (and men/boys where resources allow) who are exploited and or/trafficked in our province to access support and immediate resources for all stages of exiting exploitive circumstances. Work with previous clients to track longer term outcomes and measure appropriate time frames for recovery from exploitation and human trafficking.
2. Provide support and access to increased engagement in the Criminal Justice System, with the purpose of fostering a just society where individuals who are victims of crime receive support and tools to pursue complaints against abusers, access victim services and CVAP, and remove the fear of reporting to law enforcement. This also includes accompaniment to court appearances, and access to services such as court room tours & observing court in session to prepare for appearances.
3. Build capacity within our organization to offer a more complex level of support for current, past, and future survivors referred to our support that provides opportunities to build community, access key supports, enhance social engagement, develop key life and living skills to identify vulnerabilities and gaps, and tools for community re-integration. This is especially integral with our residential expansion occurring this year.
4. Increase community capacity and awareness in engaging partners from government, law enforcement, legal, non-profit agencies, Indigenous agencies, and businesses to involve multi-stakeholder involvement and inclusion in the rehabilitative efforts for victims of exploitation, with tangible support to provide a larger net of access. This project will also provide extensive consultation, training where appropriate, and capacity building for community partners whom are in need of a resource for someone they are assisting in their community, or assistance in developing a culturally sensitive trauma informed approach in the support they are offering with

the desire to share learned experience and be inclusive of partner's perspectives for our programming as well.

5. Continue utilizing and growing our de-colonizing praxis, resources within the Indigenous communities throughout BC, and ensuring survivors have access to non-Westernized approaches of care.

6. The development of additional handouts and quick reference guides for survivors, law enforcement, government, and community agencies to access outreach services when an individual is identified.

5. BUDGET

Proposals must contain a **reasonable and detailed budget**. Consideration will be given to the **scope and reach of the project in comparison to the amount of the budget** (i.e., value for money).

Note: The budget template is attached in Part C of this application form. It must be submitted as part of the application form and indicate whether other sources of funding are also supporting the proposed initiative.

C. PROJECT BUDGET:

* Funding request from Ministry cannot exceed one-time funding amount of up to \$25,000, however you can included funding from other sources.

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount from other Sources</u> Please include name of funding source and amount e.g. \$2,000 – Municipal Government	<u>TOTAL Project Expenditures</u> Sum of columns to the left
Staff Description: 1 FT Outreach Worker (40 Hours) 17 % Benefits Management Supervision (10 Hours) 17% Benefits Staff Training	\$23,800	Department of Justice Canada \$28,747 The Salvation Army \$17,640	\$70, 187
Transportation Description: Vehicle (Lease, Insurance, Gas) Flights & Baggage Fees Bus Tickets	\$0	Department of Justice Canada \$12,400	\$12,400
Materials Description: Emergency Support Fund: meals, clothing, books, entrance fees, medical fees, support for those without status Educational Assistance: books, entrance fees, entrance exams, upgraded training	\$0	Department of Justice Canada \$6,000 The Salvation Army \$2,000	\$8,000
Equipment Description: Laptop	\$0	Department of Justice Canada \$5,800	\$10,800

Cell Phone/Data Plan Network Systems/Database		The Salvation Army \$5,000	
Rent/Utilities Description: Office Space/Outreach Centre (heat, water, electricity, maintenance, housekeeping property taxes)	\$ 0	Department of Justice Canada \$15,000 The Salvation Army \$10,000	\$25,000
Other Description: Clinical Supervision (1 x a month \$100 a session) X 4 New Hope Outreach Staff Professional Registered Clinical Counseling For Clients (15 clients X \$100 a session)	\$1,200.00	Department of Justice Canada \$ 16,000	\$17,200.00
			TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (sum of rows above): \$143,587

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$25,000

6. ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING ON FUNDS

Please describe your agency's method of accounting for CFO grant funds.

PLEASE NOTE: AT THE END OF THE PROJECT, WE WILL REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLETE A FINAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT FOR HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT. A LINK TO THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU IF YOUR PROPOSAL IS SUCCESSFUL.

We are asking for \$25,000 or 17% of the overall project budget to *implement, and evaluate New Hope Outreach Services* through The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs. For the current project proposed, partial funding has been obtained through the Federal Department of Justice and internal fundraising, and this application is to supplement some of the remaining funds needed, alongside in kind donations to ensure stacking limits do not exceed the allowed percentages.

The Salvation Army's finances are overseen by our Western Regional Accounting Centre, which reports to their Territorial Headquarters in Toronto, and is audited yearly by KPMG. Monthly budgets are tracked and reviewed by Management, and this grant will be kept on a separate line item in the financial statements. Monthly, The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs reports our Divisional Executive Board and compiles statistical data and monthly reports of service access.

D. DECLARATION:

To be signed by an authorized signatory of the sponsoring organization.

- The information contained in this application is accurate and complete.
- The application is made on behalf of the organization named with its full knowledge and consent.
- The sponsoring organization is a registered legal entity in good standing.

I acknowledge that should a project be approved, I will be required to report on the activities described in this application, and report on how the grant funds were spent.

Name of authorized
representative:

Larissa Maxwell
(Authorized representative)

Title: Director, Anti-Human Trafficking Programs

Signature:



Date: December 10, 2018

File No: Human Trafficking/Sexual Exploitation/Sex Trade - FY18/19 _____

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If proposal is approved, cheque should be made payable to: The Salvation Army
(Legal name of organization)

F. FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Please keep me informed about future grant opportunities via e-mail:

Yes ☒ No ☐



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT | *Beyond the Call*

The Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General
Civil Forfeiture Office

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December 5, 2018

Re: New Hope Outreach Services for Trafficked & Exploited Women and Girls

To Whom This May Concern,

This letter is written in support of The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Program's grant application entitled New Hope Outreach Services for Trafficked and Exploited Women & Girls. This program is operated by Deborah's Gate which was founded by the Salvation Army in 2009 and provides emergent and long term rehabilitative care for identified victims of exploitation and human trafficking across Canada. We, in the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Counter Exploitation Unit (CEU), believe that this program will continue to have significant and far reaching rehabilitative impact for victims of human trafficking in British Columbia. We base this belief on years of working alongside Deborah's Gate to assist victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

One of the keys to success of our Counter Exploitation Unit is our strong partnership with community agencies such as Deborah's Gate. They are a first responder when police, government, or non-profit agencies identify a trafficked individual, and provide wrap around services to help survivors find long term independence and freedom from exploitation. Their staff are well informed on the issues and are compassionate in providing appropriate support for each complex case. Deborah's Gate is the only national service of its kind available for women wanting to leave prostitution and exploitation.

I understand New Hope Outreach Services for Trafficked and Exploited Women & Girls provides direct one to one support for any trafficked and exploited women and girls (as well as LGBTQ2SI identifying individuals) in British Columbia to exit exploitation using a harm reduction towards exiting approach. In addition this program works with high risk individuals age 18 and up (although partnerships are in place for bridging with youth serving agencies) who have experienced serious impacts of exploitation and trafficking through gang facilitated exploitation, pimps, online exploiters, predators, cults, forced marriage, and child brides. We are advised that the funding will go towards both staffing and direct tangible support for survivors (medical costs, material needs, program entry fees, etc.).

We, in the CEU, often come across the hurdle of trying to find appropriate community services for victims, and often spend many hours in this endeavor. Because Deborah's Gate has the staffing resources, extensive knowledge of the needs of exploited individuals, and the specific connections to resources in the community, we have been able to make one phone call to them and find the required services. As well, their ability to coordinate access to these services around the country has been invaluable to us when relocating a victim.



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This essential outreach service has bridged a service gap for many of the victims we come across in our investigations. For this reason, we support this program and this application for funding.

Sincerely

Inspector Dawn Richards
Special Investigation Section
Investigation Division
Vancouver Police Department

December 3, 2018

Dear Sarah Rehim and The Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor,

This letter is written in support of The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs' application for The Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation, and Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade stream of Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Mediation Grant Program. The program they are proposing is New Hope Outreach Services, a direct service provincial project specifically focused towards supporting victims of human trafficking, exploitation, and women engaged in the sex trade.

Children of the Street Society is a Provincial society and Federal charity focused on preventing sexual exploitation of children and youth while providing support to families affected by the issue. Our vision is a world where children and youth are safe and free from all forms of sexual exploitation. The intervention work that is being on behalf of trafficked women in Canada supports the preventative work we do at Children of the Street Society.

We have partnered with The Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking Programs in a variety of capacities, as they run award winning programs specifically geared towards this population throughout BC and Canada, including receiving the Excellence in Victim Service Award last year from The Department of Justice Canada for their work. They have subject matter expertise on exiting a life of exploitation, and their breadth of services offers tangible steps for leaving abuse and starting the road towards healing and recovery. They offer steps to safely & inclusively allow survivors to provide input and shape program delivery. We are also aware they take extra efforts to partner with youth serving agencies to ensure individuals who are aging out of care are supported into adult based services. This service is available to us as an agency should we have a client that meets their criteria, or for consultation purposes.

This project proposes to enhance their capacity to provided one to one, 24/7 on call service directly to impacted individuals, offering practical assistance, victims rights advocacy, access to criminal and civil justice, rehabilitative therapies & medical care, as well as life and living skills development. This will be done through in person accompaniment, phone & skype access for out of town clients, case management and case coordination for high risk cases, transportation, and service access. We are aware they have taken steps to work specifically with harder to reach communities on Vancouver Island, rural areas, Interior & Northern BC, and The Sea to Sky Corridor, and support clients across the province.

Sincerely,



Diane Sowden
Executive Director



Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade

APPLICATION FORM

*Please review the Application Guide before completing this form. The Application Guide can be found here:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/community-crime-prevention/grants>

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

PROJECT TITLE: Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade

LEGAL NAME OF
APPLICANT AGENCY: AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society

MAILING ADDRESS:
(Street and Number) 3790 Canada Way

SUITE NUMBER: 43051 CITY/TOWN: Burnaby

PROVINCE: British Columbia POSTAL CODE: V5G 4S2

PHYSICAL LOCATION:
(if different from mailing
address) N/A

CONTACT PERSON: Suzanne Jay, Cell: S.15,s.22

ALTERNATE CONTACT: Alice Lee, Cell: S.15,s.22

TELEPHONE: S.15 FAX NUMBER: None

E-MAIL: awcep.info@gmail.com

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (Identify one type only with an 'x'):

<input type="checkbox"/>	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNITY-BASED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATION/ FIRST NATIONS BAND	<input type="checkbox"/>	SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAW ENFORCEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER:

B. FUNDING CRITERIA:

PLEASE INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSED PROJECT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA.

1. FOCUS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OR VULNERABLE WOMEN IN THE SEX TRADE

- **Mandatory Criteria:**

Projects must clearly focus on at least one of the following priorities:

- **Human Trafficking;**
- **Sexual Exploitation; and/or**
- **Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade.**

- **Preferred Criteria** (Please note: this is a preferred criterion only and does not need to be addressed to apply)

- Preference will be given to projects that address Indigenous women and/or Indigenous youth.

- Provide a short summary outline of the project

Summary outline of the project:

This project will provide workshops for vulnerable women in the sex trade to increase their awareness and understanding of criminal records, and empower them to seek remedies regarding their criminal records, specifically through a record suspension application. Criminal records that are set aside will improve women's access to employment, education, participation in community activities and integration into society. Legal clinics will be conducted to assist the women in their applications for record suspensions. Workshops will be provided to service providers to increase their knowledge regarding criminal records and record suspensions resulting in improved coordinated response and supports to vulnerable women in the sex trade. Toolkits will be developed to guide women in the sex trade and service providers to understand criminal records and record suspensions.

Preferred Criteria:

This project will serve vulnerable women in the sex trade regardless of ethnicity and race but our project partners will reach out to Indigenous women in their networks to participate in the project. In addition, our project partner, the Aboriginal Women's Action Network (AWAN), will ensure the participation of Indigenous women in the project.

- Describe the issues the project will address

This project will address the issues regarding criminal records for:

Women in the sex trade:

- the severe and adverse impacts of criminal convictions, police arrests and incarcerations
- the challenges and barriers to apply for record suspension to remove their criminal record(s)
- need for information and support to apply for record suspension

Frontline workers and service providers

- the need for training on record suspensions to respond and support women in the sex trade

On December 6, 2014, Bill C-36: *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* came in force. *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* treats prostitution as a form of sexual exploitation that disproportionately and negatively impacts women and girls. This criminal law seeks to protect the dignity and equality of all Canadians by denouncing and prohibiting the purchase of sexual services, the exploitation of the prostitution of others, the development of economic interests in the sexual exploitation of others and the institutionalization of prostitution through commercial enterprises that offer sexual services for sale. https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/other-autre/c36fs_fi/

Recognizing the exploitation that is inherent in prostitution and the risks of violence posed to those who engage in it, *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons* encourages those who engage in prostitution to report incidents of violence and to leave prostitution. *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons* changed the focus of the law from targeting both sex workers and their clients to penalizing primarily those who purchase sexual services from others with the exception of Section 213 (1.1) wherein women in the sex trade can be criminalized if found to violate this particular section. As a result of this legislation, prostituted women should no longer be subject to blanket criminalization for what is most often an activity promoted by sexism, racism, and poverty.

However, despite the change in Canadian federal law, women continue to bear the unreasonable burden of criminal records, until now, for convictions under the:

- vagrancy laws
- prostitution-related violations of 1972 primarily: communicating to provide sexual services for consideration; stopping or impeding traffic; being an inmate of a bawdy house; or being found in a bawdy house

As well, women are often criminally charged with property offences for activities they regard as necessary for their economic survival, such as fraud or theft under \$5,000 (for example, from a pimp), including:

- uttering threats - This is most likely to occur in a situation where a woman is defending herself. For example, against a threatening or violent pimp or client; an abusive or controlling ex-partner particularly in cases about custody and access where exposure of her activity would undermine her credibility as a mother.
- assault - In many cases, as an act of self-defense against a threatening or violent client or pimp. The Canadian Human Rights Commission review of human rights of women in prison found that "prostitutes protecting themselves against assault or unwanted sexual advances by a customer are among the 9% of federally sentenced women who commit homicide as an act of self-defense". <http://www.caefs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/fswen.pdf>
- possession, purchase or theft of illegal substances. Women in the sex trade report a high incidence of drug use and addiction, often as a coping mechanism to deal with the violence and trauma of the sex trade or the experiences that pushed them into prostitution, including past sexual assault and other violence.

Women in the sex trade experience trauma as a result of the violence, exploitation, and abuse that they experience in the sex trade. The additional burden of criminal convictions create long-term effects on vulnerable women in the sex trade even after they exit prostitution – it closes many doors, especially for employment and education, restricts their mobility particularly to travel, endangers their ability to maintain custody of children and impedes exiting for those who are still engaged in the sex trade. A criminal record for one's own exploitation puts a heavy toll on women's mental health, financial

stability, social connections, personal and familial relationships and community engagement.

Having criminal conviction was identified as a major barrier to exiting prostitution. Involvement in the criminal justice system is a significant barrier for women in prostitution in terms of both seeking help and exiting – criminalization stigmatizes women, it acts as a barrier to finding employment, disrupts their lives and families, and creates debt. (Julie Bindel, Laura Brown, Helen Easton, Roger Matthews and Lisa Reynolds, *Breaking down the barriers: A study of how women exit prostitution, United Kingdom*. <http://www.catwinternational.org/Content/Images/Article/490/attachment.pdf>). The Nia Project, *"I'm No Criminal" Examining the impacts of prostitution-specific criminal records on women seeking to exit prostitution*, produced similar conclusions. As a result of the *Nia Project* findings, the organization is helping bring a landmark legal case, for the expungement of a lifetime of criminal records relating to the solicitation of sex, on behalf of three women who were coerced into the sex trade as children. <http://www.niaendingviolence.org.uk/perch/resources/im-no-criminal-final-report.pdf>.

Gwendoline Allison a labour and human rights lawyer provided expert advice to the Parliamentary and Senate hearings regarding The *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*. Ms. Allison stated that, "A criminal record is a further and in some cases an absolutely prohibitive barrier to achieving employment. Those who exit prostitution have many great insights that would make them valuable employees, particularly in social services and in other forms of public service, and in many positions criminal records checks are required... In B.C. the Criminal Records Review Act requires criminal records checks for anyone who works with children or who has unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults. Likewise, volunteering is a very valuable and successful method of gaining skills to enter the workforce, which often, again, requires a criminal records check. Continued criminalization of those engaged in prostitution will punish them for the inequalities they've suffered, which led them into prostitution in the first place, and keep them thereby impeding the chance of a successful exit." <http://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/41-2/JUST/meeting-43/evidence>

Criminal records are not made public but police, prosecutors, customs and border officers and other officials can access them and as such these records can be used to further exploit, threaten, harass, coerce and compel women to comply with sexual activities. An extreme example involved David William Ramsay, a B.C. court judge who used his knowledge of their history and records to sexually assault young Indigenous women and girls. Many of the women he compelled to have sex with him had appeared before him in his court in Prince George. In 2013, the British Columbia Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner investigated 1,091 complaints. Among the substantiated complaints was a Vancouver police officer who used the police database to conduct unauthorized searches while maintaining a personal relationship with someone whom he knew associated with criminals. The same officer was also found to have "used the services of a prostitute." Several other cases in which police officers were found with sex trade workers were investigated by the Office of the Police Complaint Commission. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/police-officers-busted-for-cocaine-hiring-prostitute-drunk-driving-1.2598625>
https://opcc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2011_Annual_Report.pdf

More recently, Vancouver Police Detective James Fisher, a member of the prostitution unit for most of his career, pleaded guilty to breach of trust and sexual exploitation of two of several young women he was entrusted to protect due to their involvement in the sex trade. He knew the histories of these young women and had access to their records.

Before the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act came in force, police were much more likely to enforce the law against prostitutes than against the male clients and courts are much more likely to offer male clients diversion programs while actively prosecuting and criminalizing women in the

sex trade. For many years, in different towns, men have had the option to attend “john school” while no such diversion or compassionate alternative was available to women in the sex trade. After decades of feminist advocacy, law enforcement agencies are acknowledging an historic and embedded institutional culture of sexism and racism that they agree must change. However, change is slow and women continue to suffer from decisions based on sexism that devalues prostituted women and that assumes that women are entrenched in a “lifestyle” while their clients are given the benefit of doubt. Moreover, there have been reports of police coercing prostituted women for sex, sometimes it is described as an “exchange”, so that police will not arrest the women or otherwise interfere in their prostitution. As a result, women in the sex trade may be re-traumatized in the process of securing the required documentation from the authorities, particularly if they had past negative encounters with police and the justice system. As a consequence, women may remain criminalized for their own exploitation.

Persons convicted of a criminal offense may be eligible to submit an application for record suspension with the Parole Board of Canada (PAROLE BOARD OF CANADA) that has the exclusive jurisdiction and absolute discretion to order, refuse to order or revoke a record suspension. A record suspension (formerly a pardon) allows people with a criminal record to have it set aside. This helps them access employment and educational opportunities and to reintegrate into society. A record suspension removes a person’s criminal record from the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) database which means that when a person applies for a criminal record check (which is required by many employers) it will not show a criminal record or a record suspension.

<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/canada/paroleboard/migration/003/093/003-5000-en.pdf>

In addition to the \$631 application processing fee, there are fees related to getting fingerprints, copy of criminal record, court documents which can cost from \$100 to \$1,000. The process of completing the application is a substantial financial undertaking, requiring time and resources to follow through with the application process along with hidden costs such as childcare, travel, internet/data fees, and perhaps accommodation to secure documentations in different jurisdictions and loss of income while pursuing the application to completion.

Although the Parole Board of Canada provides information on record suspensions online, including a video tutorial about how to apply, navigating its system to submit a completed application can be complicated. Legal language can be a challenge for women who may have low education level or have only a basic understanding of Canada’s two official languages. As well, it can be difficult for women to have consistent access to information which is available only online, computers and internet are expensive and women may only have reliable access in public areas where their confidentiality is not protected (for example in a public library or community centre). It is not reasonable to expect women to complete complicated forms or prepare important letters/emails using their cell phones. For women dealing with multiple barriers and trauma from the exploitation and violence inherent in the sex trade, these additional burdens in gathering information and resources are significant barriers to successfully initiate much less complete the processes necessary to suspend their criminal records.

Moreover, predatory companies exploit those who are criminalized with fraudulent and misleading claims and guarantees that cause confusion and potential financial losses for vulnerable applicants. The Parole Board of Canada warns about these companies on its website, but it is not easy to discern a reputable company from a predatory company. Women in the sex trade may be particularly vulnerable to this type of false promise which could mean their records are never suspended or their chances of suspension are undermined by sloppy or wrong initial application by a predatory company.

Women in the sex trade will continue to suffer discrimination, gender inequality, social inequality, social

exclusion and isolation for as long as women's prostitution-related convictions bar them from engaging fully in Canadian society. Moreover, discriminatory societal attitudes continue to oppress women in the sex trade further isolating and stigmatizing women even after they have exited the sex trade. Given the challenges and barriers in seeking information and applying for suspensions of criminal records that may be a result of, but not limited, to prostitution-related activities, it is unlikely that vulnerable women in the sex trade would be able to initiate and complete an application on their own. And they should not have to face such a daunting process alone.

Securing relief and resolution to mitigate the impacts of a criminal conviction is predictably more successful if a woman has the support and advocacy of service providers to assist them. We know that with connections to service providers in frontline organizations, the women are linked to services that provide emergency shelters and transition houses, counselling, mental health, addictions, financial support, affordable housing, and assistance in navigating the justice system. Links to support systems increases the likelihood that women will follow through with choices and decisions they make that best fit their needs, including exit, transition, and reintegration.

- Describe who the project will serve

This project seeks to provide alternatives for women to exit the sex trade and improve the condition of women's lives for those who have exited the sex trade by addressing the barriers posed by criminal records. As well, the women will receive enhanced supports from well-informed service providers so that the women would not be left alone to resolve unjust criminal convictions as a result of involvement in the sex trade.

This project will engage 80 - 100 vulnerable women in the sex trade, including those who have exited prostitution, particularly Indigenous women and women who are dealing with sexism, racism, colonization, and poverty. The women will receive information, including resources, on criminal records and record suspensions to increase their understanding of the police and justice systems, aid them in navigating the justice system, and support them in untangling the process of seeking remedies of their criminal records through an application for record suspension so that their access to opportunities for employment and education will be improved. The legal clinics will assist 15-20 women who are eligible to submit a record suspension application to help them initiate the process of applying for record suspension.

Fifteen to twenty service providers from the partner agencies listed below will receive training on criminal records and record suspensions, including assisting and supporting women on record suspension applications. The training will enhance service delivery and improve coordinated response to support for vulnerable women in the sex trade who are criminalized or at risk of criminalization.

1. Aboriginal Women's Action Network (AWAN)
2. Chimo Community Services
3. Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights (CDWCR)
4. Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver
5. EVE – formerly Exploited Voices now Educating (EVE)
6. Resist Exploitation Embrace Dignity (REED)
7. Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter

- What are the project's objectives/goals? (list below)

Goals:

- To provide vulnerable women in the sex trade with information on criminal records, and assist the women in seeking remedies to suspend criminal convictions to improve their access to employment and education and support their ability to integrate into mainstream society if they wish.
- To provide training to service providers to increase their knowledge and enhance capacity to assist women in the sex trade who have criminal records or at risk of criminalization due to prostitution-related arrests.

Objectives:

By the end of the project:

- provide 80 - 100 women in the sex trade with eight to ten workshops (each workshop will be organized to run for three hours) in Vancouver, Richmond and New Westminster on criminal records, record suspension and justice system information.
- provide 15 - 20 service providers with four to six workshops (three hours/workshop) on how to assist women in the sex trade who are criminalized or at risk of criminalization due to prostitution-related arrests, incarceration and convictions.
- develop a tool kit for service providers and women with criminal records. The 15-20 women will be assisted in the legal clinics to initiate applications for record suspension.
- What key activities will the project implement to meet its goals? Include project start date and end date.

Project Start Date: April 1, 2019

Project End Date: March 31, 2020

Activities (list below)

- Recruit a Project Coordinator to administer, implement and coordinate the delivery of the project.
- Recruit 80 - 100 women in the sex trade to participate in the project.
- Consult with project partners and Advisory Committee on project logistics and gather information and recommendations to develop the workshop materials and the toolkit for service providers and women in the sex trade.
- Develop the record suspension toolkit.
- Facilitate eight to ten workshops in Vancouver, Richmond and New Westminster for vulnerable women in the sex trade.
- Facilitate four to six workshops for 15 - 20 service providers from the partner agencies.
- Conduct four to six legal clinics to assist vulnerable women in the sex trade on applications for record suspension applications.
- Evaluate the project.
- Prepare project report for submission.

Recruitment and Orientation of Project Coordinator

Two members of AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society (AWCEP) will be in charge of the recruitment and orientation of the Project Coordinator and will also supervise the contracted Project Coordinator. The Project Coordinator must have experience in developing and presenting public legal education workshops along with experience in supporting women in the sex trade and/or vulnerable populations.

- The Project Coordinator will lead the consultations with project partners to discuss project

logistics and gather information to develop the workshop and toolkit materials. The tool kit will support frontline workers to assist women in the sex trade regarding criminal records, convictions, including completing application forms and documentations for record suspensions. The guide for the women will be a valuable resource that will guide them in retaining control of the application process and track their progress, while maintaining control over their information and records. The Project Coordinator will prepare the workshop and tool kit materials under the guidance of the Advisory Committee.

An Advisory Committee composed of three legal practitioners will provide advice to develop the workshop and tool kit materials, including the legal clinic facilitations.

Workshops - The Project Coordinator will facilitate the workshops.

Phase One

Workshops will be facilitated for service providers to improve their knowledge and understanding of criminal records and record suspension to enable them to assist women in the sex trade. Each service provider will undergo two training workshops. The first workshop will be on information about criminal records, record suspensions and step-by-step guide on applications for suspension records. The second workshop is a hands-on practice in completing the Record Suspension Self-Assessment Tool <https://www.canada.ca/en/parole-board/services/record-suspensions/record-suspension-self-assessment-tool/q1-record-suspension-self-assessment-tool.html> to determine eligibility to apply for record suspension. Group discussions will be incorporated in the workshops. Service providers will complete the pre and post survey questionnaire after each workshop session to be collected by the Project Coordinator for project evaluation. Service providers will be randomly selected for interview to assess their understanding of the workshop topics and measure their skill and confidence level in assisting women in the sex trade.

To facilitate the three partners that are volunteer-run organizations, an honorarium of \$150 each will be provided to support outreach activities to their networks including advertising the project to their specific communities to recruit project participants. These three organizations are: Aboriginal Women's Action Network, Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights, and EVE – formerly Exploited Voices now Educating.

Phase Two

Workshops for vulnerable women in the sex trade will be facilitated. The first workshop will focus on information about criminal records, record suspensions and the justice system. The second workshop will be a presentation on the guide to apply for record suspension followed by completion of the Record Suspension Self-Assessment Tool with the assistance of the trained service providers. Women who are eligible to submit applications for record suspension, and wish to do so, will be assisted in the legal clinics. The pre and post survey questionnaire will be distributed to each of the women participant at the start of each workshop and collected at the end of the workshop. Each women participant will receive an honorarium of \$20 for participating in each workshop. The honorarium will cover transportation to the venue and appreciation for participating in the workshop. To protect confidentiality of the participants, the honorarium will be paid in cash and a system will be created whereby this can be accounted for without necessarily exposing the identity of the participants.

Legal Clinics

Each woman participant will have an hour of one-on-one consultation with a lawyer who will assist in the completion of the Record Suspension Application form and provide related legal information regarding the required documentation. Our project partner, Resist Exploitation Embrace Dignity (REED)

will provide funding up to \$800 per case to cover the costs of document filing for a minimum of three women who are deemed eligible for records suspension. REED will also explore the possibility of increasing the number of women to support if and when the grant is offered to Asian Women for Equality.

Legal practitioners have confirmed participation and/or explore involvement in the project		
Name	Contact Information	Letter (Y/N)
Christine Boyle, Q.C.	Email: boyle@allard.ubc.ca	Y
Daniel J. Song - lawyer	Sprake, Song & Konye Email: djsong@sprakesongkonye.com	N
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Dom Bautista - Executive Director	Amici Curiae Friendship Society Tel: 778-522-2839 Email: dom@lawcourtscenter.com	N
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Project evaluation and report submission

The project evaluation will be undertaken by the Project Coordinator who will prepare the survey and interview questionnaires, collect and summarize the information from the survey questionnaires, conduct random interviews with service providers and women participants and prepare the project report for submission.

Due to the time limitation in the preparation of this grant application, we have not been able to contact all possible sources that will provide legal assistance and funding to assist the women with the costs associated with a record of suspension application. While our grant application is in progress, we will continue to contact legal organizations to secure and confirm participation in the legal clinics. We are also exploring means to sustain the support provided to women in the sex trade beyond the project completion date. In particular we hope to organize legal and financial assistance related to the fees for the record suspension application and related documentation costs. With our research and consultations with legal practitioners thus far, we discovered that these agencies may provide funds and/or pro bono legal services to assist women in their applications for record suspension.

Assistance in the legal clinics

Canadian Bar Association – British Columbia, Subsections: Criminal Justice - Vancouver, Women Lawyers Forum - BC, Social Justice, Human Rights Law, Young Lawyers - Lower Mainland

Grant Funding

1. Law Foundation of British Columbia
2. Legal Services Society
3. Status of Women Canada.
4. Department of Justice Canada
5. Canadian Women's Foundation

Below is the project timeline of activities and the person(s) responsible for undertaking these activities.

Schedule of Activities	Activities	Responsible Person(s)
April 1 - 30, 2019	Recruit Project Coordinator (contract) - advertise job posting and interview applicants - hire and orient Project Coordinator	Project Supervisors – two AWCEP Volunteer Members
April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020	Administer, disburse, record and monitor project funds	Project Coordinator, Project Supervisors, AWCEP Treasurer
May 1 - 31, 2019	Consult/coordinate with project partners to: - advertise and recruit participants - gather information on needs of women in the sex trade and service providers regarding criminal records to prepare workshop and toolkit materials - discuss parameters of selecting participants for the legal clinic one-on-one consultations - establish project logistics: venue, schedules, equipment, etc.	Project Supervisors Project Coordinator Representatives of project partners Advisory Committee
June 1 - July 14, 2019	Prepare workshop materials Develop tool kit for service providers and women Design survey and interview questionnaires for project evaluation	Project Coordinator Advisory Committee Project Supervisors
July 15 - October 31, 2019	Deliver workshops - distribute and collect completed survey questionnaire - prepare workshop refreshments - facilitate workshops - assess eligibility of the women for participation in the legal clinics - provide honoraria	Advisory Committee Project Coordinator AWCEP Project Supervisors Representative(s) of partner agencies
November 1 - December 31, 2019	Conduct legal clinics - confirm participation of women in the legal clinics - assist women in completing record suspension application form and related documents	Lawyers Advisory Committee Project Coordinator Project Supervisors Representatives of partner agencies
January 1- February 28, 2020	Interview project participants - randomly select interviewees - schedule interviews - conduct interviews	Project Coordinator Project Supervisors Representatives of partner agencies

March 1-31, 2020	Prepare and submit final reports	Project Coordinator - prepare project report Project Supervisors - review and submit project report AWCEP Treasurer - prepare financial report
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- Describe how your organization is well positioned to address this issue, has the necessary resources (experience, staff, etc.) to carry out the project, and has the capacity to meet the desired results.

AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society (AWCEP) is a grassroots feminist volunteer organization founded in 2005 and incorporated in 2012. (Incorporation Number S0060484, Business Number 83896 8246 BC0001). AWCEP works as a progressive force to change societal attitudes towards women, advance women's equality rights and create opportunities for women's participation and leadership in civil society, especially for Asian women.

AWCEP has particular expertise and experience on trafficking and prostitution which is recognized by police, government, and national and international non-governmental organizations. We have extensive experience providing public education, organizing community forums, facilitating workshops, collaborating with organizations locally, nationally and internationally, and engaging in law reform initiatives. Our members have done frontline work and have worked with women in prostitution. Therefore, AWCEP has the capacity to undertake this project, achieve to full completion the activities and outcomes of the project, and provide a report on the project.

The evidence of AWCEP's extensive body of work regarding violence against women and prostitution is supported by the activities listed below.

Law Reform Initiatives

- Intervener with the Women's Equality and Liberty Coalition (Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, La Concertation des Luttes Contre L'Exploitation Sexuelle, AWAN - Aboriginal Women's Action Network, EVE - formerly Exploited Voices now Educating, and CEASE - Centre to End Sexual Exploitation) in the Supreme Court of Canada - Barton vs Gladue Case (On Appeal from the Court of Appeal of Alberta), Ottawa, October 10, 2018. [https://www.scc-csc.ca/WebDocuments-DocumentsWeb/37769/FM060 Intervener Women-Equality.pdf](https://www.scc-csc.ca/WebDocuments-DocumentsWeb/37769/FM060%20Intervener%20Women-Equality.pdf)
- Intervener in the Supreme Court of Canada - Bedford Case (Court of Appeal for Ontario between Attorney General of Canada and Attorney General of Canada and Terri Jean Bedford, Amy Lebovitch and Valerie Scott), Ottawa, June 13-19, 2014. [https://www.scc-csc.ca/WebDocuments-DocumentsWeb/34788/FM060 Intervener AWCEP.pdf](https://www.scc-csc.ca/WebDocuments-DocumentsWeb/34788/FM060%20Intervener%20AWCEP.pdf)
- AWCEP was called as expert witness on Bill C-36, an act to amend the Criminal Code in response to the Supreme Court of Canada decision in Attorney General of Canada v. Bedford. AWCEP members Alice Lee and Suzanne Jay represented AWCEP in the House of Commons and Senate meetings.
 - Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, September 14, 2014. <https://sencanada.ca/content/sen/committee/412/lcjc/briefs/c-36/c->

[36_brief_asianwomencoalitionendingprostitution\(suzannejay\)_e.pdf](#)

- House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, July 10, 2014.
<http://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/41-2/JUST/meeting-41/evidenceHouse>

Public Education and Training Workshops

- Conference Speaker, Nayoung Kim (AWCEP), *One Year After #MeToo: Assessment and Perspectives What #MeToo Has Done, Is Doing, and Must Do For Women - A South Korean Perspective*, 2018 Filia Conference, Manchester, England, October 20-21, 2018.
<https://www.filia.org.uk/speakers-2018/2018/9/8/ayoung-kim>
- Conference Speaker, Sarah M. Mah (AWCEP), *Asian Feminist Perspectives on Women's Equality and Abolishing Prostitution in Canada*, Australian Summit Against Sexual Exploitation, Melbourne, Australia, July 27-28, 2018. <http://asase.com.au/further-details>
- Community Forum organized by AWCEP, Jaclyn Chang (AWCEP), Sid Chow Tan (Community Organizer) and Carole Anne Soong of *Our City, Our Community, Our Chinatown*, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Gardens, Vancouver, June 7, 2018.
- Conference Presentation, Alice Lee (AWCEP), *Financial Issues for Women Fleeing Violence*, Shelters of the Future, A National Conference, Ottawa, June 13-15, 2018.
- Community Forum, *Buyers Beware: Ending Sexual Exploitation – What Communities Can Do To Stop the Exploitation of Women and Children*, Valiant Richey (Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, Seattle, USA), Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, October 16, 2017.
- In collaboration with the Vancouver Abolition Coalition (Aboriginal Women's Organizing Network, Foy Allison Law, EVE - Formerly Exploited Voices Now Educating, REED - Resist Exploitation Embrace Dignity, University Women's Club of Vancouver, and Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter), organized the following events:
 - Training for frontline workers facilitated by Dr. Ingeborg Kraus (Psychotherapist and trauma expert based in Germany), Hycroft, Vancouver, September 19, 2016.
 - Training for police officers facilitated by Detective Inspector Simon Häggström (Head of Stockholm Police Prostitution Unit), Gwendoline Allison, Justice Nancy Morrison and Professor Janine Benedet, Hycroft, Vancouver, September 19, 2016.
 - Community Forum, *International Approaches to Prostitution: Sweden, Germany and Canada*, Speakers - Dr. Ingeborg Kraus and Detective Inspector Simon Häggström, Orpheum Annex, Vancouver, September 20, 2016. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/sweden-german-sex-work-laws-1.3770838>
- Conference Panel Presentations, Sexual Exploitation Working Group, Edmonton, April 22, 2016
 - Suzanne Jay and Gwendoline Allison, *Collaborating to End Sexual Exploitation in Edmonton: Challenging the Buying and Selling of Sexualised Racism in Prostitution*
 - Alice Lee (AWCEP), *Prostitution: Sexualized Racism and Harms on Asian Women*
- Community Forums, Creating John Free Communities:
 - *An International Perspective*, Panel Presenters: Rachel Moran (Survivors of Prostitution Abuse Calling for Enlightenment - SPACE International), Simon Häggström, Dr. Ingeborg Kraus, Suzanne Jay (AWCEP), Concordia University, Montreal, October 6, 2015.

- *Feminist Alternatives to Red Light Districts*, McGill University, Montreal, October 16, 2015 and University of Toronto, Toronto, October 24, 2015.
- *Feminist Alternatives to Red Light Districts*, Kensington Community Centre, Vancouver, July 8, 2015. Organized with Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, EVE and REED.
- Conference Panel Discussion, Sarah M. Mah (AWCEP) with Emelyn dela Pena (AF3IRM New York) and Charie Siddyo (Philippine Women's Centre of Ontario), *Prostitution in the Age of Imperialism: Asian Women Against the Sex Industry and Sexualized Racism*, 2016 World Social Forum, Montreal, August 11, 2016. http://www.asiapacificforum.org/show-detail.php?show_id=405
- Conference Panel Discussion, Suzanne Jay, Yoko Oikawa and Grace Balbutin (AWCEP) with Olivia Canlas (AF3IRM New York), *Comfort Women: Asian Women Fight Back to Challenge History and Claim our Future*, 2016 Left Forum, New York, May 21, 2016. <http://www.af3irm.org/af3irm/2016/05/left-forum-2016-comfort-women-asian-women-fight-back-to-challenge-history-and-claim-our-future>
- Conference Panel Discussion, Sarah M. Mah and Grace Balbutin (AWCEP) with Charie Siddyo (Philippine Women's Centre of Ontario), Taina Bien-Aimé of (Coalition Against Trafficking in Women) and Nicole Matthews (Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition), *Feminists Against Prostitution as a Tool of Imperialism*, 2016 Left Forum, New York, May 21, 2016. <https://pwcofbc.wordpress.com/2016/06/05/womens-liberation-is-non-negotiable-left-forum-conference-in-new-york/>
- Conference Workshop: Suzanne Jay, Jaclyn Chang and Grace Balbutin (AWCEP), *Sex Trafficking of Asian Women: A Virtual Tour*, 2011 Women's Worlds, Ottawa, July 3-7, 2011. <http://www.womensworlds.ca/program/>

Published articles and submissions:

- Sarah M. Mah (AWCEP), *Help Prostitutes by Fighting Racism*, National Post (opinion), January 8, 2014. <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/sarah-m-mah-help-prostitutes-by-fighting-racism>
- Sarah M. Mah (AWCEP), *Prostitution and Basic Income* (Interview), 15th International Congress of the Basic Income Earth Network, June 27, 2015, <https://vimeo.com/105339708>, <https://www.facebook.com/206792926015200/posts/sarah-m-mah-from-the-canadian-asian-women-coalition-ending-prostitution-talks-ab/923211144373371/>
- Suzanne Jay and Sarah M. Mah (AWCEP), Submission to the United Nations Women seeking views on approach to sex work, the sex trade and prostitution, October 2012.
- Alice Lee (AWCEP), *Working with Refugee Women*, Canadian Women's Studies, Women 2000: Eradicating Poverty and Violence in the 21st Century, Vol 20, No. 3, pp. 105-107. <http://www.cwscf.ca/women2000.html>
- Suzanne Jay (AWCEP), *British Columbia Anti-Violence Workers Recommendations for Change*, Canadian Women's Studies, Women 2000: Eradicating Poverty and Violence in the 21st Century. Volume 20, No. 3. <http://www.cwscf.ca/women2000.html>

- Alice Lee and Suzanne Jay (AWCEP) with Lee Lakeman (Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter), *Resisting the promotion of prostitution in Canada: A view from the Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter*, pp 210-251, *Not For Sale: Feminists Resisting Prostitution And Pornography*, Christine Stark & Rebecca Whisnant (eds.)
<http://www.spinifexpress.com.au/Bookstore/book/id=109/>

Funding grants

AWCEP individual members (names listed below) received funding from the Vancouver Foundation's Small Neighbourhood Grants. Funding was utilized to facilitate workshops and discussions groups with women of Asian and non-Asian heritage. AWCEP provided support to the members on their projects.

- Sook Lee, My Sister's Cafe: Discussions with Immigrant Women, Burnaby Family Life, Burnaby, July-August 2018.
- Jaclyn Chang, Self Defense Class for Women, Vancouver, November 7, 2015.
- Jaclyn Chang, Bike Repair Workshop for Women in partnership with Our Community Bikes, Vancouver, October 17, 2016.
- Grace Balbutin and Suzanne Jay, ESL Conversational Classes for Newcomer Asian Women, Mt. Pleasant Community Centre, July-September 2015.
- Suzanne Jay, Intergenerational Asian Women Connecting, Vancouver, July & October 2014.
- Ada Tsang, Book Club For Enhancing Women's Empowerment, Vancouver May – October 2013.

AWCEP Website: <https://www.awcep.org>

AWCEP Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/asianwomenforequality/>

2. LEVEL OF NEED

Proposals must **demonstrate a clear need for the project in their community.**

Why is your project needed? Provide qualitative/quantitative evidence of the need relevant to your proposal, if available.

Based on the report *Breaking down the barriers: A study of how women exit prostitution*, the process of exiting prostitution involves helping women to think of alternatives along with a significant amount of awareness raising – understanding the realities and complexities of prostitution and the factors that affect individual women's entry into the sex trade. Some of the recommendations of the study are that:

- women's current convictions for prostitution are deleted from their criminal records in order to allow the women to gain alternative employment and move on with their lives.
- training and awareness raising should be undertaken to assist support services in identifying women who are ready to make change and embedding this into policy and practice.
- links should be built between services that can provide exiting support or specialist interventions, to enable services to provide a coordinated, integrated approach for all women.

According to Statistics Canada's report - Prostitution offences in Canada: Statistical trends, between the late 1970s and late 1990s, women were more frequently accused of and charged with prostitution-related offences than men. Females represented 55% of accused charged with a prostitution offence in 1998. By 2013, this proportion decreased to 35%, and in 2014, only 9% of accused charged with a prostitution offence were female. Prostitution-related crimes have been declining over the past three

decades, coinciding with a period in which overall police-reported crime has also declined. This decline in charging women may also reflect a change in societal attitude that recognizes the inherent injustice of criminalizing women for their own exploitation.

However, law enforcement of criminal activity is dependent on the police jurisdiction and the division's priorities. For example, the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) has been reported to have said that "Sex work involving consenting adults is not an enforcement priority for the VPD" and enforcement (of the criminal code *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* is said to be a last resort. <https://www.straight.com/news/348976/canadas-new-prostitution-law-wont-change-policing-priorities-vancouver>. Thus, enforcement of the criminal code *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* may vastly differ from province to province and among various municipalities. This affects the data gathered as Statistics Canada relies on police reports regarding criminal offences. These are some of the report's findings.

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/85-002-x/2016001/article/14670-eng.pdf?st=URnqeqlq>

- Between 2009 and 2014, the period prior to the introduction of new legislation (Bill C-36 *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*) that made it illegal to purchase sexual services, there were 16,879 prostitution incidents reported by police in Canada.
- The majority of prostitution offences (82%) reported between 2009 and 2014 were for communicating or attempting to communicate with a person for the purpose of engaging in or obtaining sexual services.
- Close to half (43%) of persons accused of a prostitution-related offence between 2009 and 2014 were female. However, females comprised less than one quarter (23%) of persons accused of any offence overall during the same time period.
- Females accused of prostitution were much younger than males (median age of 31 versus 42).
- Repeated contact with police for prostitution-related offences was more frequent among female accused (27%) compared with male accused (3%).
- Between 2008/2009 and 2013/2014, under one third (30%) of prostitution cases processed in criminal courts resulted in a guilty verdict. Females generally received more severe court outcomes and sentences than men, including proportionally more guilty verdicts, and prison sentences.
- When analyzed by gender, a large discrepancy is evident. Over one quarter (27%) of females accused of a prostitution-related offence between 2009 and 2014 experienced a re-contact for a subsequent prostitution offence during the same six-year time period, compared with only 3% of male accused. These data show that although males and females are accused of prostitution offences at roughly equal rates overall; females are disproportionately overrepresented among repeat prostitution offenders at a rate approximately 9 times greater than that of their male counterparts. Said otherwise, a small proportion of females (27%) were held responsible for a larger proportion of prostitution-related incidents (43%). These findings are not unexpected due to the realities of working in the sex trade: many sex workers earn a living by offering paid sexual services. As a result, sex workers, who are predominantly women, may have been at higher risk of being repeatedly apprehended by police for prostitution offences by the nature of being in the sex work industry.

From 2005 to 2016, the total number of guilty cases for women in British Columbia was 1,215. Below is a summary of the data extracted from Statistics Canada that supports this.

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/cv!recreate.action?pid=3510003001&selectedNodeIds=1D11,2D30,3D1,4D1,4D3,4D5,5D1,6D2All,6D2,6D3,6D4,6D5,6D6,6D7,6D1,&checkedLevels=&refPeriods=20050101,,20150101&dimensionLayouts=layout2,layout2,layout2,layout2,layout2,layout2,layout3,layout2&vectorDisp>

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British Columbia - Total Guilty Cases - Females- Prostitution												
Type of Sentence	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	Total
Sentences	121	84	64	36	32	35	40	26	13	0	1	452
Custody	53	38	17	14	16	8	9	8	4	0	1	168
Conditional Sentence	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
Probation	81	60	46	23	18	23	30	15	6	0	1	303
Fines	6	4	2	5	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	26
Restitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Sentences	62	44	43	20	16	20	29	16	8	0	1	259

British Columbia is a source and destination region within and outside Canada in the trafficking of persons. As such, there may be more women in the sex trade who have been criminalized in other provinces and territories that are now residing in British Columbia, whether permanently or temporarily.

It is possible that the current Statistics Canada report on the number of women who are criminalized with prostitution-related offences in BC may slightly decrease due to mortalities/homicides or out-migration to other provinces and may also increase due to in-migration from other provinces or from outside Canada. Still, the number of women who can benefit from this project will be substantial. Raising awareness about criminal records and providing assistance in seeking remedies on suspending criminal records will improve the condition of women's lives.

Unlike people in the LGBTQ community covered under Bill C-75 *Historically Unjust Convictions Act* who can apply to have their criminal records expunged at no cost under this Act, women convicted of prostitution-related criminal offences are not eligible to apply to the Parole Board of Canada for an expungement order of their criminal convictions. Currently, the only available option for women in the sex trade who are criminalized is to apply for Record Suspension which requires the payment of a processing fee.

So far, no initiative or program has been in place in British Columbia to address the need of women in the sex trade to get support in seeking remedies to suspend their criminal records to enable them to access employment opportunities and the multiple other activities and actions that facilitate a meaningful integration into society. Far too many women remain disadvantaged for being criminalized for their own exploitation in the sex trade. This project will launch a pilot initiative to provide support to women in the sex trade in their record suspension applications to provide alternatives to exit prostitution and to move on for those who have exited prostitution. The need for training of frontline service providers is vital in enhancing a coordinated response to support women in taking steps to apply for the suspension of criminal records. This project addresses both the needs of women in the sex trade and frontline service providers regarding criminal records.

3. COLLABORATION

Provide **evidence of collaboration between partners** to develop a coordinated response (i.e., letter(s) of support from police, community-based victim service organization, health provider, or other relevant partners directly involved in the project).

Please describe how your project is supported by community partners. Who are your partners and what are their roles in the project? Please provide confirmation of support, if available (written letter/copies of emails will be accepted if they are submitted at the same time as this application form).

Project Partner	Role	Support Letter Included (Y/N)
Aboriginal Women's Action Network (AWAN)	Reach out to their network to encourage and recruit Indigenous women who have criminal records to access the support and information that will be offered. Take part in the workshops for advocates and frontline workers.	Y
Chimo Community Services	Provide free space for the legal clinics. Recruit project participants. Participate in consultations to coordinate project delivery, implementation and accomplishment.	Y
Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights	Recruit project participants. Participate in consultations to coordinate project delivery, implementation and accomplishment. Members will participate in education workshops for frontline workers.	Y
Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver	Provide free space for the workshops and legal clinics. Assist in advertising the project and recruiting project participants. Participate in consultations to coordinate project delivery, implementation and accomplishment. Staff participation in the workshops for frontline workers.	Y
EVE – formerly Exploited Voices now Educating	Recruit project participants. Participate in consultations to coordinate project delivery, implementation and accomplishment.	Y
Resist Exploitation Embrace Dignity (REED)	Provide funding up to \$800 per case to cover the costs of document filing for a minimum of three women who are deemed eligible for records suspension. Will explore the possibility of increasing the number of women to support if and when the grant is offered to Asian Women for Equality. Outreach to women in the sex trade to participate in the project. Participate in the education workshops for frontline workers.	Y
Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's	Commit to referring sexually exploited and trafficked women to participate in the legal clinic.	Y

Shelter	Commit to have staff and volunteers attend training workshops. Provide space and host workshop for sex workers and service providers. Participate in consultations to develop a toolkit and workshop materials.	
Salvation Army Canada – Anti-Trafficking Programs	Host a workshop for those who have experienced exploitation, trafficking, and/or have been engaged in the sex trade.	Y

AWCEP has long-standing established collaborative work in various initiatives with our project partners. The support letters describe the ongoing collaboration and mutual support with our project partners in past initiatives as well as for this project. The support letters are submitted together with this completed application.

4. RESULTS

Proposals must outline the **intended results** of the project, and **how results will be measured**.

Please describe the anticipated results of the project.

How will these results be measured, how will you know that the results have been achieved?

This project will achieve the following results:

Short term

- 80-100 women in the sex trade will receive information on criminal records that will help them understand criminal records, determine their eligibility to submit record suspension applications and navigate an application for record suspension.
- 15 – 20 women in the sex trade will complete a criminal record suspension application form that will help them to proceed with securing documentation in order to submit a completed record suspension application.
- 15 - 20 service providers will receive training on criminal records and record suspension to improve their capacity to assist women in the sex trade and provide a coordinated response and referral system to available resources.

Intermediate

For women in the sex trade:

- 75% will have improved understanding of criminal records and record suspension.
- 80% will gain confidence in submitting an application for record suspensions, if and when they are eligible to do so.
- 90% of women will share the information they received on criminal records and record suspension with other women in the sex trade.

For service providers:

- 90% of the providers will have improved understanding of criminal records.
- 90% of the service providers will have increased confidence in assisting women in the sex trade

on applications for record suspension.

Long Term

- 70% of the women who will participate in the legal clinics will submit a completed record suspension application and may be able to obtain suspension of their criminal record(s) which will increase opportunities for employment and education.
- All of the partner agencies will provide coordinated services for women in the sex trade that will include assisting the women in initiating and completing record suspension applications.

To measure the project's success, evaluation will be done through survey questionnaires and interviews with project participants. The survey questionnaire is designed to gauge pre/post workshop knowledge and understanding of the justice system, criminal records and record suspensions. Each project participant (women in the sex trade and service providers) will be required to complete the survey. To protect privacy, the survey questionnaire will be anonymous and will be collected at the end of the workshop. An interview will be conducted with women participants, assisted in the legal clinics, to determine the level of satisfaction with the assistance they received and to solicit recommendations to improve service delivery of partner agencies for women in the sex trade who are criminalized. All service providers will be interviewed to determine the level of their confidence and competence in providing information and assisting women in the sex trade with their record suspension applications.

Based on the responses to the survey questionnaires and interviews, success will be achieved when:

- 75% of project participants (women in the sex trade and service providers) indicate increased knowledge on criminal records and record suspensions.
- 75% of project participants who will be assisted in the legal clinics indicate satisfaction with the assistance they received.
- 75% of service providers indicate confidence in assisting women in the sex trade with record suspension applications.
- All of the agencies involved in this project will agree to extend their services to include assistance to women in the sex trade in initiating and completing record suspension applications.

5. BUDGET

Proposals must contain a **reasonable and detailed budget**. Consideration will be given to the **scope and reach of the project in comparison to the amount of the budget** (i.e., value for money).

Note: The budget template is attached in Part C of this application form. It must be submitted as part of the application form and indicate whether other sources of funding are also supporting the proposed initiative.

C. PROJECT BUDGET:

* Funding request from Ministry cannot exceed one-time funding amount of up to \$25,000, however you can included funding from other sources.

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount from other Sources</u> Please include name of funding source and amount e.g. \$2,000 – Municipal Government	<u>TOTAL Project Expenditures</u> Sum of columns to the left
Staff Description: Project Coordinator (Contract): \$25/hour @14 hours/week for 48 weeks In-Kind Donation: Project Supervisor : \$28/hour x 7 hours/week x 54 weeks x 2 persons Treasurer: \$28/hour x 14 hours/month x 11 months Lawyers: Legal Clinics: \$500/hour x 6 hours/clinic x 6 clinics Advisory Committee: \$600 x 5 hours/month x 4 months x 3 lawyers Partner agency staff time participating in consultations: \$25/hour x 3 hours/consultation x 3 consultations x 6 staff	\$16,800	\$21,168 – AWCEP Volunteer Contribution \$4,312 – AWCEP Volunteer Contribution \$18,000 – To be determined \$36,000 – Christine Boyle, Daniel J. Song and another lawyer (To be determined) \$1,350 - Aboriginal Women's Action Network, Chimo Community Services, Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights, Elizabeth Fry Society, EVE-former Exploited Voices now Educating, Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter	\$97,630
Transportation Description: Bus fare for women participants will be added to the honorarium Estimated at \$2.95/1 zone fare x 2 bus fares x 2 workshops = \$11.80/person. Some participants may come from higher fare zones.)	\$1,180		\$1,180

Please refer to "Other Description, Honorarium: women participants"			
Materials Description: Workshop Needs: Binders, pens, copy paper, writing notes/paper, folders, clips, dry pens Printing and Photocopying	\$1,500 \$500		\$2,000
Equipment Description: In-Kind Donation: Computer (for workshops) \$5/hour x 4/hours/workshop x 16 workshops Projector: (for workshops) \$4/hour x 4 hours/workshop x 16 workshops Phone: \$35/month x 12		\$320 – Chimo Community Services, Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver, Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter \$256 Chimo Community Services, Elizabeth Dry Society and Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter \$420 - Asian Women for Equality Society	\$996
Rent/Utilities Description: Space rental for women's workshops - \$35/hour x 4 hours/workshops x 4 workshops Space rental for 3 legal clinics - \$35/hour x 5 hours x 3 workshops In-Kind Donation: Workshop Space: for women and service providers 6 workshops for women and 6 workshops for service providers - \$35/hour x 4 hours/workshop x 12 = \$1,680 Space for consultations - \$35/hour x 3 hours/consultation x 3 consultations = \$315 Legal Clinic Space: \$35/hour x 5 hours/clinic x 3 clinics = \$525	\$560 \$525	 \$2,520 – Chimo Community Services, Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver and Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter and Salvation Army Canada	\$3,605
Other Description: Refreshments for women participants - \$2.50/woman x 2 workshops x 100 women Refreshments for service providers - \$2.50/person x 2 workshops/person x 20 persons Honorarium: Women participants \$14.10/woman/workshop x 2 workshops x 100 (bus fare)	\$500.00 \$100.00 \$2,820		\$6,335

will be added to the honorarium for a total of \$20/woman/workshop)			
Honorarium: Project partners that are volunteer-run organizations			
EVE- former Exploited Voices now Educating	\$150		
Committee on Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights	\$150		
Aboriginal Women's Action Network	\$150		
Bank Charges	\$65		
Cost of Women's application for record suspension application: \$800/woman x 3 women		\$2,400 – Resist Exploitation Embrace Dignity (REED)	
	\$25,000	\$86,7460	TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (sum of rows above):
			\$111,746

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$25,000

6. ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING ON FUNDS

Please describe your agency's method of accounting for CFO grant funds.

PLEASE NOTE: AT THE END OF THE PROJECT, WE WILL REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLETE A FINAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT FOR HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT. A LINK TO THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU IF YOUR PROPOSAL IS SUCCESSFUL.

The Project Coordinator under the supervision of the Project Supervisors will coordinate with the AWCEP Treasurer to ensure that project funds are disbursed accordingly, recorded properly and monitored regularly. All expenses and fund disbursements will be authorized by two board members. A financial report will be included as part of the final report. If required, receipts will be included as part of the documentation for the final report.

AWCEP has a robust method of tracking and recording all of its expenses and a financial report is generated for the monthly membership meetings.

D. DECLARATION:

To be signed by an authorized signatory of the sponsoring organization.

- The information contained in this application is accurate and complete.
- The application is made on behalf of the organization named with its full knowledge and consent.
- The sponsoring organization is a registered legal entity in good standing.

I acknowledge that should a project be approved, I will be required to report on the activities described in this application, and report on how the grant funds were spent.

Name of authorized
representative:

Alice Lee

(Authorized representative)

Title: President, Board of Directors

Signature:



Date: December 13, 2018

If proposal is approved, cheque should be made payable to:

AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society
(Legal name of organization)

F. FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Please keep me informed about future grant opportunities via e-mail:

Yes X No ☐



Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Support letter for Asian Women for Equality's Proposal

1 message

Fay Blaney s.15,s.22

Thu, Dec 13, 2018 at 1:54 PM

To: Asian Women Coalition Ending Prostitution <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Sarah Rehim, Program Manager
Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program
Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division
Ministry of Justice
302 - 815 Hornby Street
Vancouver B.C., V6Z 2E6

Dear Ms Rehim,

Aboriginal Women's Action Network (AWAN) provides this letter of support for AWCEP Asian Women for Equality's proposed project

Raising, Awareness on: Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade. AWAN's looks forward to partnering with AWCEP in this project to support criminalized indigenous women.

The Aboriginal Women's Action Network (AWAN) established in 1995 in response to a pressing need for an Aboriginal women's group to provide a much needed voice for Aboriginal women's concerns regarding governance, policy making, women's rights, employment rights, violence against women, Indian Act membership and status, and many other issues affecting Aboriginal women in contemporary society. As you may know, we have standing at the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in order to raise issues that must be addressed in order to prevent violence against Indigenous women and girls.

Indigenous women are disproportionately criminalized by the Canadian legal system. Criminal records for poverty related offenses such as prostitution are an unfair burden imposed on Indigenous women. Combined with other systemic barriers imposed on us, a criminal record can prove an insurmountable barrier for an individual Indigenous woman. We see a strong need for the support that Asian Women for Equality are proposing to create through this project.

AWAN and AWCEP have partnered many times over the last decade. As members of a coalition, we were granted standing in the British Columbia Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. More recently, we organized a public presentation in Vancouver featuring Dr. Ingeborg Kraus a trauma therapist from Germany and the head of the Stockholm Police Prostitution Unit, Detective Inspector Simon Haggstrom.

AWAN will support AWCEP's proposed project Raising, Awareness on: Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade by reaching out to our network to encourage and recruit Indigenous women who have criminal records to access the support and information that will be offered. We will also take part in the workshops for advocates and front-line workers.

Aboriginal Women's Action Network looks forward to partnering in this much needed project. It will assist women to navigate a complicated system and address a barrier that negatively affects far too many Indigenous women.

Fay Blaney
Aboriginal Women's Action Network



Suzanne Jay s.22

message of support

4 messages

Boyle, Christine <boyle@allard.ubc.ca>

13 December 2018 at 08:35

To: Suzanne Jay s.22

Sarah Rehim, Program Manager

Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program

Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division

Ministry of Justice

302-815 Hornby Street

Vancouver, BC V6Z 2E6

I am pleased to indicate my enthusiastic support for the project entitled "Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade".

I am a retired member of the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia, having specialized in criminal law and evidence (with particular attention to violence against women), and constitutional law relating to both sexual and racial equality. I am also a retired member of the Law Society of British Columbia, which means that I can carry out pro bono legal work within my competence. I thus have an interest and background in matters relating to the subject-matter of the grant proposal as well as time available to provide practical support.

Such support would take the following forms: acting in an advisory capacity as needed, including with respect to the creation of a record suspension Toolkit suitable for vulnerable women in the sex trade, the preparation of workshop/legal clinic materials, and attendance at workshops/legal clinics.

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December 5, 2018

Sarah Rehim, Program Manager
Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program
Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division
Ministry of Justice
302 - 815 Hornby Street
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Re: Support Letter/Confirmation of Partnership for the Application of AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society to the 2018-2019 Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program – Proposed Project: Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering women in the Sex Trade

Dear Sarah Rehim,

We are pleased to provide this letter of support as partner for AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society's proposed project: Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Women in the Sex Trade.

The Committee for Domestic Workers and Caregivers Rights (CDWCR) is a community-based, registered non-profit Society, founded in 1992 for research and advocacy related to domestic workers' and caregivers' rights. CDWCR seeks to improve the lives and working conditions of caregivers and domestic workers in BC through information, counseling, organizing support networks, educational and training programs and referrals for legal advice, temporary accommodation, and alternative employment opportunities for domestic workers & caregivers in between jobs. CDWCR advocates for changes in legislative and statutory measures for better working conditions for domestic workers and caregivers and with the support of other labour, women's and community groups, and lobbies to improve the Caregiver Program.

CDWCR has worked with the AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society over the last twelve years to consult and support one another on emerging issues such as changes to the caregiver program, commercial surrogacy and temporary residence permits.

CDWCR believes criminal records negatively impact women and are a threat or prevent women from consideration for landed status or can result in women's expulsion from Canada.

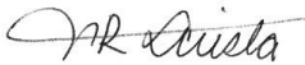
CDWCR will support the project by reaching out to women in CDWDR's network to participate in the project, ensure our volunteers will attend the workshops for service providers and

participate in the consultations with other project partners to develop the workshop materials and toolkit.

CDWDR supports this proposed project which will provide proactive education to CDWCR membership by exposing them to the realities of getting into the sex trade which may put them at risk of getting a criminal record, making their already vulnerable position as temporary foreign workers worse, and negatively affecting and risking their eligibility for permanent residence status.

We hope funding for this valuable project will be granted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Diesta', with a stylized, cursive script.

Julie Diesta

Coordinator, CDWCR

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December 11, 2018

Sarah Rehim, Program Manager
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302 - 815 Hornby Street, Vancouver B.C., V6Z 2E6

Dear Ms. Rehim,

Re: Letter of Support for AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society regarding *Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade*

This letter is being prepared in support of the ***Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade*** grant application being submitted by the AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society.

Chimo Community Services is a multi-service organization based in Richmond, BC, providing social services to vulnerable populations experiencing crisis, exploitation, or poverty. Chimo operates a number of programs benefitting women who have experienced violence or abuse, such as a transition house and clinical counselling programs. Chimo also operates a robust and collaborative legal advocacy program delivered by staff alongside volunteer lawyers, paralegals, and trained advocates.

In 2013, Chimo collaborated with AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society and the Canadian Federation of University Women Richmond in a film screening and panel discussion of the movie *Traffic*, where the issue of human trafficking and its impact on Richmond was highlighted.

Chimo recognizes that women in the sex trade experience unfair, long-lasting impacts due to criminalization that prevents their reintegration into communities, labour market, and family life. Chimo believes this project will address need for education and development for service providers to better respond to women who are looking to reintegrate into the community and to obtain legal assistance on obtaining record suspensions and other reliefs.

In support of this project, Chimo is prepared to provide assistance to vulnerable women in the sex trade through our legal advocacy clinics, to provide space for legal workshops, and to participate in consultations to help develop toolkits and workshop materials.

Chimo supports this proposed project which will aid vulnerable women in the sex trade to overcome the obstacles imposed by their criminal records. We hope funding for this project will be granted.

Regards,

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Luke Lin

Manager, Outreach & Advocacy, Chimo Community Services

December 5, 2018

Sarah Rehim, Program Manager
Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program
Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division
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Dear Sarah Rehim,

Re: Letter of Support for the 2018/2019 Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Crime Remediation Grant

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver is a nonprofit organization that provides support services and programs for women, girls, and children affected by the justice system. We are pleased to support and partner with AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society (AWCEP) in their application for a Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention Grant under the Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade stream. Funding for this project – Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Women in the Sex Trade will allow us to coordinate with AWCEP to assist women in dealing with convictions related to sex work, and therefore increase their chance of success upon exiting the sex trade.

A criminal record strongly affects the employability of women, as well as limits their options for educational and training programs. Research in support of the identified target group in Bindel, et al (2012) study *Breaking Down The Barriers: A study of how women exit prostitution* identified nine barriers for women to do so, of which criminalization was the second greatest reason (problematic substance use being the first).


The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver will partner and support AWCEP in their proposed project in the following ways:

- a. Provide free space for the workshops and legal clinics.
- b. Assist in advertising the project and recruiting project participants.
- c. Participate in consultations to coordinate project delivery, implementation and accomplishment.
- d. Staff participation in workshops for frontline workers

The strategies workshop to assist women will be of value to our staff and will expand the knowledge transfer and increase the ability of AWCEP to support women in moving forward with their lives. We whole heartedly support AWCEP in their application and hope for a successful outcome to allow us to make a positive impact on the lives of women exiting the sex trade.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Shawn Bayes
Executive Director



Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Confirming partnership EVE and AWCEP

2 messages

Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 7:10 PM

To: Trisha@educating-voices.com, Trisha Baptie S.15,s.22

Dear Trisha and Women of Formerly Exploited, Now Education (EVE)

Thank you for talking with me the other week about Asian Women for Equality Society's project - Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade. We are excited to partner with EVE again and in particular we hope that we will be able offer women in your network some concrete aid regarding suspension of criminal records resulting from being prostituted. Below is a short description of the project.

"This project will provide workshops for vulnerable women in the sex trade to increase their awareness and understanding of criminal records, and empower them to seek remedies regarding their criminal records, specifically through a record suspension application. Criminal records that are set aside will improve the women's access to employment, education, participation in community activities and integration into society. Legal clinics will be conducted to assist the women in their applications for record suspensions. Workshops will be provided to service providers to increase their knowledge regarding criminal records and record suspensions resulting in improved coordinated response and supports to vulnerable women in the sex trade. Toolkits will be developed for service providers and women in the sex trade to guide them in understanding record suspensions."

May we request your response to this email to confirm EVE's participation in outreach and recruitment of women who have criminal records and also the participation of EVE to the workshops for frontline workers.

We look forward to working with you on this project when we get funding.

Suzanne Jay
Asian Women for Equality
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Trisha Baptie <trisha@educating-voices.com>

Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 7:20 PM

To: Asian Women's Coalition Ending Prostitution <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Women,

EVE is very interested in working with AWCEP on this project and will do whatever is needed of us so women can benefit from this form of record expungement.

Best,
Trisha
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Founding Member & Community Engagement Coordinator
of EVE (formerly Exploited Voices now Educating)
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12/13/2018

Gmail - Confirming partnership EVE and AWCEP

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Legal Clinics for project to apply for Civil Forfeiture Grant

2 messages

Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>
To: erica@edelmann.ca

Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 1:16 PM

Dear Erica,

It was a pleasure talking with you this morning regarding our project - Raising Awareness on: Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade. Thank you for confirming that you can offer legal assistance in the legal clinics for this project. Below is a short description of the project.

This project will provide workshops for vulnerable women in the sex trade to increase their awareness and understanding of criminal records, and empower them to seek remedies regarding their criminal records, specifically through a record suspension application. Criminal records that are set aside will improve the women's access to employment, education, participation in community activities and integration into society. Legal clinics will be conducted to assist the women in their applications for record suspensions. Workshops will be provided to service providers to increase their knowledge regarding criminal records and record suspensions resulting in improved coordinated response and supports to vulnerable women in the sex trade. Toolkits will be developed for service providers and women in the sex trade to guide them in understanding record suspensions.

The project plan includes delivering 4-6 free legal clinics for women who are eligible to apply for record suspensions. Each woman will have a one-hour consultation with a lawyer to get legal assistance regarding the application forms and required documentation.

We would also appreciate referrals to lawyers who may be interested in participating in the legal clinics or provide advice in the development of the toolkits.

May we request your response to this email to confirm your participation in the project.

Thank you once again and look forward to working with you on this project when we get funding.

Sincerely,
Grace Balbutin
Asian Women for Equality
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Erica Olmstead <erica@edelmann.ca>
To: Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 1:38 PM

Confirming receipt and happy to help participate in whatever way I can.

Best,

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Sarah Rehim, Program Manager
Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program
Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division
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Dear Ms. Rehim,

Resist Exploitation, Embrace Dignity (REED) is a Vancouver based non-profit that strives to end human trafficking and sexual exploitation by standing with and for sexually exploited women and girls and challenge the demand for paid access to their bodies. Our website is www.embracedignity.org.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our support for AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society's proposed project: *Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade*, and our desire to partner with them in this initiative.

We have seen the need for this project in our work at REED and believe that if given the opportunity, this project would address a significant barrier facing marginalized and exploited women and open up opportunities for their futures. Women who have been sexually exploited face long lasting barriers due to criminalization that prevent their reintegration into communities, employment, family life, and culture. Another crucial element of this project is addressing the need for education and professional development for service providers to enable them to better serve and respond to the women they work with and for.

REED and the Asian Women for Equality have a long history of partnership and collaboration. This includes but is not limited to, co-hosting International Perspectives on Prostitution, a Public education event and film screening of the NFB production *Buying Sex* at the Vancouver Public Library, and most recently participating in community roundtables to develop public education videos about the impact of sex trafficking and prostitution.

REED's role in this important project is to provide funding up to \$800 per case to cover the costs of document filing for a minimum of three women who are deemed eligible for records suspension.

REED will explore the possibility of increasing the number of women they can support if and when the grant is offered to Asian Women for Equality. We will be further involved in the project by playing a role in outreach and support and by participating in the education workshops for frontline workers.

REED thoroughly supports the proposed project: *Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade*. This project will aid vulnerable and exploited women to overcome the obstacles imposed by criminal records and give them the ability to reclaim and redirect their lives. We are optimistic and hopeful that funding for this valuable project will be granted and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Adria Pritchard Doll & Paige Letendre
Co-Executive Directors
Resist Exploitation, Embrace Dignity



Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Asian Women for Equality Society's project for CFO grant application

2 messages

Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>
To: larissa@deborahsgate.ca

Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 1:40 PM

Dear Larissa,

Thank you for talking with me and Jaclyn Chang, member of Asian Women for Equality Society, regarding our project - Raising, g Awareness on: Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade. Thank you for offering to host one of the project workshops for the women that your organization supports. Below is a short description of the project.

"This project will provide workshops for vulnerable women in the sex trade to increase their awareness and understanding of criminal records, and empower them to seek remedies regarding their criminal records, specifically through a record suspension application. Criminal records that are set aside will improve the women's access to employment, education, participation in community activities and integration into society. Legal clinics will be conducted to assist the women in their applications for record suspensions. Workshops will be provided to service providers to increase their knowledge regarding criminal records and record suspensions resulting in improved coordinated response and supports to vulnerable women in the sex trade. Toolkits will be developed for service providers and women in the sex trade to guide them in understanding record suspensions."

May we request your response to this email to confirm your offer to host a workshop for women in the sex trade that your organization supports.

Thank you once again and look forward to working with you on this project when we get funding.

Sincerely,
Grace Balbutin
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larissa@deborahsgate.ca <larissa@deborahsgate.ca>
To: Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 3:43 PM

Hi Grace,

Thank you for your email, and inviting us to this exciting project. Yes, we would love to be a part of it and host a workshop for those who have experienced exploitation, trafficking, and/or have been engaged in the sex trade,

Sincerely,

Larissa

Larissa Maxwell

Director, Anti-Human Trafficking Programs

12/13/2018

Gmail - Asian Women for Equality Society's project for CFO grant application

Deborah's Gate Residential Program, New Hope Outreach Services, Living Hope Life and Living Skills Program, Refresh Barista Employment Training Program, Renew Mental Health and Addictions Program

The Salvation Army Canada

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From: Asian Women for Equality <awcep.info@gmail.com>

Sent: December 12, 2018 1:41 PM

To: larissa@deborahsgate.ca

Subject: Asian Women for Equality Society's project for CFO grant application

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December 6, 2018

Sarah Rehim, Program Manager
Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program
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Vancouver B.C., V6Z 2E6

Dear Sarah Rehim,

Re: Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program AWCEP Asian Women for Equality Society's Application — letter of support/ confirmation of partnership

It is our absolute pleasure to provide this letter on behalf of Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter to partner with AWCEP - Asian Women for Equality Society's proposed project: *Raising Awareness on Criminal Records: Supporting and Empowering Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade*.

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter opened in 1973; we are Canada's oldest rape crisis centre. We incorporated in 1975 and are a registered Canadian charity. We operate a free 24-hour confidential crisis line for women escaping immediate male violence. Our organization provides accompaniment, information, referrals, and peer support for over 1,200 new women each year as they navigate the medical, justice, and government institutions to escape male violence. We believe this proposed project could greatly assist the women that call our crisis line that are currently or have been sexually exploited or and trafficked to overcome the obstacles imposed by criminal records.

We are confident that we can provide the level of partnership and support required for this project. Since Asian Women for Equality Society (AWCEP) started, Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter have partnered closely with AWCEP on a number of successful legal and community projects. We are currently in a coalition with AWCEP and the Coalition has been granted intervener status by the Supreme Court of Canada in *Barton vs Gladue* — an important case that highlights the dangers for women working “indoors” in the sex trade and the criminal justice response to the individual men that purchase women. In 2016 we partnered on a project together where we invited Detective Inspector Simon Häggström from Sweden to share with police, crown and community front line responders on Sweden's approaches to sexual exploitation and trafficking that has seen marked success.


In terms of specific, concrete aid for this project, Vancouver Rape Relief will:

- Commit to referring sexually exploited and trafficked women we know through our crisis line to participate in the legal clinic
- Commit to have our staff and volunteers attend training workshops
- Provide space and host workshop for sex workers and service providers
- We will participate in consultations so that AWCEP can develop a toolkit and workshop materials

We have come to know first-hand that AWCEP is a dedicated group with a competent and informed organization that provides real leadership in the community on sexual exploitation and human trafficking. We very much hope that you will be able to fund AWCEP and this exciting new project so they can continue to carry out the important role they play in the community.

Please do contact me with any questions or comments.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurel', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Laurel McBride
for the Collective of Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter
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