**MPI Chapter Anti-Human Trafficking Education Grant**

**FAQs**

**Why is this a required chapter educational program?**

MPI’s vision statement is “Leading and empowering the meeting and event community to change the world.”  According to their global policy, MPI believes protecting all people from all forms of trafficking is a “moral imperative” and has adopted socially responsible business policies to reflect this.   MPI members work in and with hotels, airports and convention centers, destination management organizations (DMOs); they plan city-wide events and trade shows, conferences and sporting events around the globe.  As such, members are often uniquely positioned to witness trafficking crimes as they happen.  With 12,000 MPI members globally, the potential for positive impact is great.

The website HumanTraffickingHotline.org, states that “...victims *are sometimes in plain view* and may interact with community members, but the *widespread lack of awareness and understanding* *of trafficking* leads to low levels of victim identification by the *people who most often encounter them*.”

We in the meetings and event industry ARE some of those people who most often encounter trafficking situations. Our goal with MPI’s Anti-Human Trafficking committee is to *give you the tools* you need to educate yourself and raise your own awareness of this crime.

**Is there a minimum required length for the program?**

A chapter must have a minimum of a 30-minute educational session focused on Anti-Human Trafficking, however we have templates for a 60-minute and 90-minute presentation. It can be virtual or in-person.

**Are there funds available to help support this initiative?**

Yes, there are funds available by applying for a chapter grant through the MPI Foundation.

**How were funds raised for this grant?**

During GMID 2023, the MPI Foundation in partnership with Associated Luxury Hotels International (ALHI) developed a matching funds campaign to support the ongoing development of chapter education focused on raising awareness of human trafficking.

The amount raised during the 12-hour GMID reflected US $3,336. Beyond that amount, ALHI graciously agreed to support an additional $10,000 towards this fund. Total funds directed towards AHT equal US $13,336.

**What is the maximum that our chapter can receive?**

A chapter can receive up to $500.

**What can our chapter use these funds for?**

Chapters can use these funds for speaker fees, honorariums and associated transportation costs.   There are also many local resources that will have no costs associated with their participation in an educational session, i.e., local law enforcement officers, local survivor non- profits, etc. Please review a list of resources on the Resources page of our website under Ant-Human Trafficking.

**Can individual chapters apply together and receive additional funding?**

 It is possible that if several chapters want to have a joint program they can apply together and make a request for additional reimbursement.  The final approval will be made by the Grants and Scholarship Committee of the MPI Foundation.

**What resources are available to assist in creating the AHT Program?**

The Anti-Human Trafficking Committee has created several resources to assist chapters, including three presentation templates for a 30-, 60- or 90-minute presentation.

In addition, any of our committee members are available to assist the chapters in helping create a compelling educational program.

Additional resources can be found here:

 [Chapter Education Toolkit](https://www.mpi.org/tools/anti-human-trafficking)

 [Human Trafficking Awareness & Response Chapter Event Guide](https://www.mpi.org/tools/anti-human-trafficking/see-it-say-it)

**Who is eligible to apply for this grant?**

All MPI chapters/clubs are eligible to apply for an educational grant.  The funds are limited and therefore, only one application from a chapter will be accepted.  If there are remaining funds in year 2, a chapter may apply for a second grant.

**What is the process to apply?**

You must apply through this [link](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_6233?SA=SNA&FID=35024).  Attached to the FAQ is a template application for your easy reference. You can cut and paste the answers to the application, wherever appropriate or expand on the answers given your circumstances.

**How do I receive the funds?**

You must apply through this [link](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_6233?SA=SNA&FID=35024).  You should apply for the grant two months in advance of your program.  You will be notified when your grant is approved by the Grants and Scholarship Committee.  Once you submit your invoices, you should allow 2-3 weeks to receive your reimbursement.

**Is there a deadline to apply?**

There is no deadline to apply, however, once the funds are depleted there will be no more education grants available for this program.

**Will funds expire?**

The AHT funds are restricted and can only be used for AHT chapter educational programs.  They do not expire, but once the funds have been granted, there will be no more grant applications accepted.

**Can we get CEU’s for this education?**

Yes, you can apply through EIC. For more information, please visit the [EIC website](https://eventscouncil.org/).

Questions?

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