



Dear Chapter Leaders,

Over the past several years, MPI has been committed to the fight against human trafficking and raise awareness about this industry-critical issue.

We believe that educating our members and the wider community about human trafficking is crucial to eradicating this heinous crime. To reach a broader audience, we require that each chapter incorporate an awareness activity once per calendar year.

To support this requirement, should you choose to produce an AHT-focused educational event, the MPI Foundation will be providing an educational grant for chapters that need support in obtaining a knowledgeable speaker. If you need financial assistance in support of the AHT educational program, you may complete an application with the MPI Foundation. The application is on our website at <https://www.mpi.org/foundation/get-help/chapter-grants>.

To assist you in your application process, we have provided a grant application template. This template provides you with the standard answers for the MPI Foundation grant application questions. You can adjust based on your specific program and needs.

In addition, we have also prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which addresses common queries related to AHT education training and obtaining the available grant. This document will serve as a helpful resource for you. Please review the attached FAQ to familiarize yourself with the details and if you have specific questions about the grant process, please contact [Rachel Schelter](#). If you have general questions about the programming, please contact the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee.

Additionally, we have many educational resources on the MPI Anti-Human Trafficking website at www.mpi.org/anti-human-trafficking. This comprehensive resource hub contains additional materials and information related to AHT awareness. We encourage you to explore the website and take advantage of the wealth of knowledge it offers. You can also contact your Anti-Human trafficking Ambassador who can answer your training questions. These resolute individuals will be available to support you in organizing the AHT education training.

We believe that through this collective effort, we can make a real difference in combating human trafficking and protecting vulnerable individuals. Together, we can create meaningful change.

Should you have any further questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our AHT Ambassadors or contact MPI headquarters.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Gunn
Senior Director of Community

MPI Chapter Anti-Human Trafficking Education Grant FAQs

Why is this a required chapter awareness 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.

What is the requirement for chapters to provide Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness?

Each calendar year, Chapters are required to implement one new effort to raise awareness on Anti-Human Trafficking to your members and audience. Chapters may not repeat an initiative used in the past two years to fulfill the annual requirement. Review the [Chapter Education toolkit](#) for ideas. Keep in mind that Chapters are not restricted to the initiatives on this list – creativity is encouraged.

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 an AHT educational 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](#)

[Human Trafficking Awareness & Response Chapter Event Guide](#)

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](#). 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](#). 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](#).

Questions?

Please Contact:

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