

Survivor Leadership Fund

A new fund for survivor-led organisations working to tackle modern slavery

The Freedom Fund is a leader in the global movement to end modern slavery.

Our new Survivor Leadership Fund provides grants to organisations led by survivors with lived experience of exploitation (including human trafficking, forced labour, bonded labour or forced marriage).



About the fund

Organisations with survivors of modern slavery in key leadership positions are few and far between. Those organisations which do exist often struggle to access the core funding that enables them to become sustainable and impactful organisations.

The Survivor Leadership Fund aims to uplift and support survivor-led organisations by providing unrestricted grants. Organisations can use their Survivor Leadership Fund grant however they think best to build their capacity and improve their impact.



Why we set up this fund

The Freedom Fund believes we have a responsibility to support the leadership of those individuals who have experienced exploitation and oppression.

We recognise that initiatives led by those with lived experience play a vital role in meeting the needs of victims and survivors of exploitation. Survivor-led organisations are also ideally placed to provide expertise and leadership in tackling the systems and practices that allow modern slavery to persist.

That's why we have committed to support survivor leadership through the Survivor Leadership Fund. We hope that the fund will be a catalyst to creating space and sharing power for survivor-led organisations in the global movement to end modern slavery.



Who can apply

In the first round of grants, survivor-led organisations located in Ethiopia, Kenya or Uganda are welcome to apply.

Organisations that have one or more person in a leadership position who has lived experience of exploitation are eligible to apply. Leadership positions can include directors, deputy directors, senior management and heads of department.



How to apply

Anyone in the organisation can fill out and submit the application - it does not have to be a person who identifies as a survivor.

The application process aims to be as open and inclusive as possible. You can use our online form or submit an application on paper or via email. The application form includes basic, factual questions about your organisation. It also asks for brief details about how you might use the grant. Applicants who meet the grant criteria will be invited for a discussion about their work with a panel of Freedom Fund staff.

The deadline for applying is 31 October 2021.



How the fund works

Each grant will be \$15,000. The grant is meant to support the organisation as a whole and can be used wherever the organisation has decided it needs funding. This can be operations, programs, office payments, technology purchases, etc.

We're trusting you as an organisation to use the money where you see a need. We will not require you to set outcomes or objectives before receiving the grant, or to submit a formal report. All we ask is that after six months, you let us know where the funding went and how it supported your organisation's mission.



Apply now

For more information about the Survivor Leadership Fund and further details of how to apply - including an application guide and a link to the online application form - go to the Freedom Fund website:

freedomfund.org/programs/community-building/survivor-leadership-fund/

If you are unable to access the website or wish to submit an application by email or by post, please contact:

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