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**JOHN SCHOOL FUND  
APPLICATION**

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## BACKGROUND

In April 2021, a new state law took effect that established the crime of “engaging in prostitution.” Previously, the state had a single statute addressing prostitution, one that generally penalized the seller of sex more than the buyer. Under the new statute (Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.231), those who engage in buying sex — commonly referred to as “johns” — are required to attend an education or treatment program “aimed at preventing (them) from inducing, enticing, or procuring another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person.”

This requirement creates the need for statewide standards for sex buyer education programs, commonly known as “john schools.” The Ohio Attorney General’s “John School: Guidelines for Sex Buyer Education Programs,” created by the staff of the Human Trafficking Initiative in consultation with outside experts, is intended as an aid for local jurisdictions looking to create new programs or to evaluate or improve existing programs.

## GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY

The John School Fund, created by Attorney General Dave Yost, is intended to help support new and existing john school/sex buyer education programs with awards of \$10,000 per applicant. Successful grantees will submit applications that fulfill the requirements of the office’s publication, “John School: Guidelines for Sex Buyer Education Programs.” Applicants are encouraged to be creative and collaborative in their proposals, working with organizations to develop programs that will create a paradigm shift in battling human trafficking. Funds are available for up to 10 programs that qualify and fulfill all requirements listed in this application. Note: Only applicants from counties with populations exceeding 100,000 are eligible, and only one program per county will receive funds.

## REQUIRED INFORMATION

Please attach the following:

- A completed application signed by the person authorized by the agency or organization to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the lead agency or organization. The application should be submitted in the correct form, completed in full and dated/submitted on or before March 31, 2022.
- Resume/CV of designated lead facilitator and any additional facilitator(s).
- Any additional information required because your answers to application questions did not fit in the space provided.

## NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATION REVIEW

Any requests for additional information from applicants will include further instructions.

### SUBMISSION

Submit the completed application and all attachments by March 31, 2022, via email to the Human Trafficking Initiative at **HTI@OhioAGO.gov**.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost  
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Columbus, OH 43215  
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Website: [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/HumanTrafficking](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/HumanTrafficking)  
Email: [HTI@OhioAGO.gov](mailto:HTI@OhioAGO.gov)

## JOHN SCHOOL/SEX BUYER EDUCATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated start date of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of program and estimated frequency of programming (e.g., one-day class presented five times a year):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Physical address of program: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEAD AGENCY/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your organization tax-exempt under Section 501 (c)(3):            Yes            No

**LEAD FACILITATOR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a resume/CV for the lead facilitator.*

**ADDITIONAL FACILITATOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a resume/CV for each additional facilitator.*

**ADDITIONAL FACILITATOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a resume/CV for each additional facilitator.*

*Note: For any of the following questions, if your answer does not fit, please attach a document with your entire response. In the space provided for that question, please write "See attachment."*

Please provide a summary description of the proposed or existing john school/sex buyer education program.

Formal or informal partners (Probation, Law Enforcement, Nonprofit, Public Health etc.):

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Provide name of curriculum, if using one: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum class size for the program: \_\_\_\_\_

## JOHN SCHOOL FUND REQUIREMENTS

The program agrees to:

- Provide updated contacts and contact information to the Human Trafficking Initiative in the Ohio Attorney General's Office ("Attorney General") for all facilitators and informal or formal partners of the program.
- Clearly identify a lead agency/organization that will be responsible for managing funds from the Attorney General.
- Structure the program based on recommendations in the Attorney General's publication "John School: Guidelines for Sex Buyer Education Programs."
- Provide the Human Trafficking Initiative in the Attorney General's Office with class materials used in the program (PowerPoints, handouts, additional curricula, etc.).
- Complete "Human Trafficking 101" training provided by the Human Trafficking Initiative. (This requirement applies to all program staff members not currently working in the anti-human trafficking field.)
- Offer a program no shorter than six hours.
- Provide the participant attendance policy and the program's completion requirements to the Human Trafficking Initiative.
- Offer alternate payment options/waivers for indigent defendants.
- Provide options for participants who do not speak English as their primary language.
- Administer an anonymous survey to participants after they finish the course. (Please email HTI@OhioAGO.gov for the post-course survey.)
- Submit all results of the anonymous post-course survey to the Human Trafficking Initiative.
- Provide quarterly documentation of funding distribution.
- Complete the first sex buyer education class, incorporating guidance from "John School: Guidelines for Sex Buyer Education Programs," before Dec. 31, 2022.
- Provide a list of local resources to participants for aftercare. These resources include, but are not limited to, therapists, support groups and public health facilities.
- Compensate facilitators with lived experience. Guidance for best practices is available from the Human Trafficking Initiative.

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## ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

I understand that by signing this application I grant the Ohio Attorney General's Office or its authorized agents access to any records for verification and evaluation of the information provided in this application. I understand that completion of the application does not guarantee that I will receive the requested funds.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate and a complete disclosure of the requested information. I understand that I may be held civilly and criminally liable under federal and state law for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_