



# Human Trafficking / Victim Quick Response Program Guide for Professionals

## Program Overview

The Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division (VVPD) of the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) funds the Victim Quick Response Program (VQRP or the Program) to support victims of violent crimes by providing financial assistance with essential expenses in order to lessen the impact of the crime, enhance safety, and meet practical needs.

VQRP is a program of last resort and is only available when there is **no other publicly funded service** available that can meet the individual's needs, and the individual is **in need of financial support**.

The Victim Quick Response Program Standards for Victims of Human Trafficking (HT) were created in order to address the complexity and multi-faceted needs of HT victims.

## Financial assistance for HT victims is available to help cover:

- Practical assistance expenses;
- Personal expenses;
- Safety expenses;
- Travel expenses;
- Expenses for restoration of crime scene;
- Counselling expenses;
- Residential treatment expenses.

## Financial assistance for witnesses and immediate family members of HT victims is available to help cover:

- Practical assistance expenses;
- Safety expenses;
- Travel and related expenses;
- Counselling and related transportation expenses.

## Program Eligibility:

### • **Individual Eligibility**

In order to receive benefits under the Program, the individual must:

- be either a direct victim of human trafficking, a witness to human trafficking, or an immediate family member of a direct victim of human trafficking;
  - lack the personal resources to cover the cost of the expenses;
- not have previously received Program funding for the same service arising out of the same criminal occurrence. If the applicant is less than 16 years of age, a parent or guardian may apply on their behalf. A person authorized to act on behalf of the applicant may also apply on their behalf if required.

### • **General Eligibility**

The following conditions must be met in order to be eligible for the Program:

- The human trafficking must have occurred at least in part in Ontario;
- The HT victim, witness or immediate family member must be in Ontario at the time of the application;
- The human trafficking must have been reported/disclosed to an Indigenous organization or community agency that provides services to victims, a hospital, a child protection authority, or police in Ontario.

### • **Timeline Eligibility**

Applications will be accepted for human trafficking that has occurred within 12 months from the date of application.

## Additional Services:

Muskoka Victim Services will ensure that the client receives the appropriate referrals to other community resources, dependant on their needs and risks.

**All Referrals must be made to Muskoka Victim Services.** All Applications are completed by Muskoka Victim Services to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

**Table 1: Eligible Expenses for HT Victims**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Maximum (including HST)</b>
Safety	Window, lock, door, dead bolts, bars, peepholes, window contact alarms, window/door stops/guards (see table 2 for breakdown)	\$ 2025 (combined)
	Cellular phone, activation, cellular minutes, SIM card, charging cables	\$ 125
Practical Assistance	Basic necessities	\$ 1,000
	Meals and groceries	\$ 40/ day (max \$400)
	Accommodation*	\$ 120/ day (max \$840)
	Replacement of government documents	\$ 300
	Eye glasses and exams	\$ 300
	Aids for victims with disabilities	\$ 1,000
	Interpretation services	\$ 750
	Storage locker	\$ 600
Personal	Dental	\$ 1,000
	Tattoo removal	\$ 1,000
Travel and Related	Transportation to safe accommodation or for medical appointments, treatments/services	\$ 1,500
	Care for dependents and pets	\$ 200
Restoration	Crime-scene cleanup	\$ 1,500
	Graffiti removal	\$ 400
Counselling	Counselling	\$ 2,000
	Transportation associated with counselling	\$ 500
	Traditional Indigenous Health Services	\$ 3,550
Residential Treatment	Treatment at recovery facility	\$ 10,000

**Table 2: Eligible Safety Expenses for HT Victims**

Expense Category	Expense Type	Maximum (including HST)
Safety Expenses	Window (damaged or broken) *	\$ 550
	Lock (damaged or broken) *	\$ 175
	Door (damaged or broken) *	\$ 900
	Dead bolts, bars, peepholes *	\$ 300
	Window contact alarms	\$ 50
	Window/door stops/guards	\$ 50

\* Expense is eligible for up to \$300 above the maximum specified, as per circumstances listed in sections 3.4.1 and 3.4.2. Note that the \$300 allowance is a total amount available one-time only per occurrence.

**Table 3: Eligible Expenses for Witnesses and Immediate Family Members of HT Victims**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Expense Type</b>	<b>Maximum (including HST)</b>
Safety	Window (damaged or broken) *	\$ 550
	Lock (damaged or broken) *	\$ 175
	Door (damaged or broken) *	\$ 900
	Dead bolts, bars, peepholes *	\$ 300
	Window contact alarms	\$ 50
	Window/door stops/guards	\$ 50
	Cellular phone, activation, cellular minutes, SIM card, charging cables	\$ 125
Practical Assistance	Basic necessities	\$ 75
	Meals and groceries	\$ 40/ day (max \$200)
	Accommodation *	\$ 120/ day (max \$500)
	Interpretation services	\$ 750
	Aids for victims with disabilities	\$ 1,000
Travel and Related	Transportation and parking to visit HT victim in hospital or recovery facility	\$ 250
	Care for dependents and pets	\$ 200
Counselling and Related	Counselling	\$ 1,000
	Transportation associated with counselling	\$ 250
	Traditional Indigenous health services	\$ 2,550

\* Expense is eligible for up to \$300 above the maximum specified, as per circumstances listed in sections 3.5.1 and 3.5.2. Note that the \$300 allowance is a total amount available one-time only per occurrence.