

Boston University Medical Campus

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

TO: BUMC Faculty

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SUBJECT: NoVo Foundation Life Story Grants

OBJECTIVES: The [NoVo Foundation](#) committed \$10 million to its Life Story Grants program for projects in the United States that seek to fund system-focused strategies that help close on-ramps into commercial sexual exploitation while building many more exit ramps. The foundation seeks to support approaches in the following six specific contexts/systems:

1. **Housing** (e.g. a project within a housing agency to offer transitional housing support for women exiting the life)
2. **Medical Needs** (e.g. protocols for screening and supporting victims of sexual exploitation, as we have for victims of domestic violence)
3. **Law Enforcement** (e.g. strategies that support women in clearing criminal convictions related to their exploitation)
4. **Systems Affecting Youth** (e.g. multi-agency collaborations between foster care and schools to support the educational needs of survivors in foster care)
5. **Immigration** (e.g. legal support to increase the number of women able to access legal protections for survivors)
6. **Trauma and Mental Health** (e.g. specialized mental health or addiction services for survivors of sexual exploitation)

Projects that do *not explicitly* address one or more of these *six contexts/systems* will not be eligible for funding.

The program prioritizes projects that center on the communities who drive much of the foundation's work: (a) Girls and Women of Color, (b) Indigenous Girls and Women, (c) Immigrant Girls and Woman, (d) Adult Women and Mothers, and (e) Trans Girls and Women. Projects should (a) be led or heavily informed by those with lived experience of the sex trade; (b) demonstrate a commitment to responding to trauma for all individuals involved in the project; (c) hold potential for replication or to contribute to solutions-based literature; and (d) have institutional support to be included in a learning community. The foundation will consider funding for the full project budget, but encourages applicants to consider and identify additional sources of funding where possible.

ELIGIBILITY: The number of institutional submissions is not limited, however submissions must be distinct and demonstrate how one funding request cannot meet the desired outcomes. Potential applicants must submit a proposal through InfoReady to ensure there is no overlap between proposals.

FUNDING INFORMATION: Ranging between \$100,000-\$600,000 a year for up to three years.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: Interested investigators should submit the following materials via [InfoReady Review](#) by **Friday, March 15, 2019**

- Questions outlined in [InfoReady Review](#) application

- A brief (one-page) statement by the candidate describing his or her significant scientific work and immediate research plans

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select one nominee.

DEADLINES: Internal Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2019 | Sponsor Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2019

In requesting to be considered for this funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](#).



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