

AG Fitch Announces 2024 Human Trafficking Victims Fund Application Period



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Lynn Fitch

(Jackson, Mississippi) Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced that starting today, November 18, 2024, applications for funding from the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund are available through the Office of the Attorney General and service providers are welcome to begin the application process.

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Originally created during the 2020 Legislative Session to provide funding to direct service providers for trafficking victims in Mississippi, the Fund is managed by a seven-member committee, including appointments by the Attorney General, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, and Commissioner of Child Protection Services, and one representative of a services provider. The Fund is administered by the Attorney General's Office. By statute, funding comes from assessments for convictions of certain crimes, donations, and legislative appropriations.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. CT on December 13, 2024. Visit <https://www.ago.state.ms.us/human-trafficking-fund/> to learn more and apply.

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