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**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Contingency Account for Victims of Human Trafficking**

NRS 217.530

**Policy:**

Existing law establishes the Contingency Account for Victims of Human Trafficking. The money in the Contingency Account is to be expended only for the purpose of providing emergency services to victims of human trafficking.

**Purpose:**

This policy establishes standardized procedures to help ensure the fair and appropriate distribution of money in the Contingency Account, by setting forth the criteria and protocol to be met before funding is released.

**Prohibited Disbursements:**

Direct disbursements to clients are prohibited.

**Eligibility and Process:**

A nonprofit organization or any agency or political subdivision of this State may apply to the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Grants Management Advisory Committee created by NRS 232.383 will review requests submitted through formal solicitations for programs that provide emergency services and recommend grant awards to the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. However, if the Director determines that a victim is in need of immediate support not available through an existing resource, funding from the Contingency Account can be accessed without consulting the committee.

**Funding Authorization:**

For formal solicitations, grant award amounts will be determined based on the availability of funding and the quality of proposals submitted.

Immediate support to victims will not exceed \$2,000 in value per client per fiscal year unless compelling justification is submitted to and approved by the Director.

Authorization for all expenditures of the Contingency Funds requires the signature of the Director of Health and Human Services or a Director's Designee.

When the Contingency Account is less than \$10,000, requests for immediate client support may not be approved until more funding becomes available.

**Applying for Funds:**

Formal solicitations for grant awards will be conducted as appropriate by the Grants Management Unit and announced on the Department's website.

Requests for immediate support for victims may be requested by completing an Intake Funding Request form and submitting it to [GMU@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:GMU@dhhs.nv.gov).