



Freedom
Network USA

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IMPACT REPORT





Who We Are

Freedom Network USA (FNUSA) is the largest coalition working on human trafficking in the United States.

We mobilize our collective strength to build a transformative approach to human trafficking that is grounded in anti-racism and anti-oppression. Together with our members on the ground, we envision an anti-trafficking movement where survivors have what they need to thrive, including access to holistic services available to all, and where all advocates are committed to dismantling harmful systems that create vulnerability.

Fighting to Keep Survivors Safe

In early 2025, critical services for trafficking survivors faced program closures and reduced services due to abrupt federal funding cancellations and delays. Thanks to [FNUSA's advocacy and media attention](#), several grants were immediately restored. Others were restored after filing an appeal. But many appeals are still pending with the US Department of Justice (DOJ).

On September 30, 2025, over 100 trafficking victim services grants expired after the DOJ failed to release FY25 funding. The impact was immediate and severe; staff were furloughed, programs closed, and survivors immediately lost access to housing, legal services, case management, and other critical services. In response, FNUSA mobilized the [“Restore the Services, Release the Funds”](#) campaign, a joint national advocacy effort with Freedom United. Over **4,000 individuals and 73 organizations** called on Congress and the DOJ to release the \$88 million for trafficking victim services. After over 90 days of coordinated advocacy, [the OVC FY25 funding notices were released on December 30, 2025](#). This funding will allow programs to reopen and continue supporting survivors in rebuilding their lives, but only if it is finally awarded. FNUSA will continue monitoring the DOJ to ensure the funds are awarded as promised.

In October 2025, [FNUSA filed a lawsuit against the Trump Administration](#), challenging executive orders that severely restrict and chill Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives, jeopardizing the future of our work to protect and advocate for human trafficking survivors.

FNUSA is represented by a team of civil rights lawyers from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, and pro-bono counsel Crowell & Moring LLP.

As an organization that serves those who are most at risk of confronting barriers due to their trafficking—especially Black and Brown, immigrant, and LGBTQIA+ survivors—the censorship and restrictions caused by the executive orders threaten the core of FNUSA's work and ability to effectuate the promise of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Ultimately, the anti-equity executive orders make it more difficult to explicitly tackle the systemic disparities and barriers that perpetuate human trafficking.

Supporting the Field

Even in these turbulent times, we continued to support professionals in the field. The [Freedom Network Training Institute \(FNTI\)](#) trains advocates and organizations to provide victim-centered, trauma-informed support to survivors. **FNUSA trained and supported nearly 3,500 advocates in 2025.** Our 2025 annual virtual conference, Sharing Power: Building Inclusive Communities, highlighted specialized, evidence-based approaches tailored to the unique needs of survivors with diverse identities, experiences, and challenges. Attended by **nearly 400 participants**, the conference amplified the voices of subject matter experts, people with lived experience, and advocates, sharing knowledge, perspectives, and power amongst attendees. These trainings have resulted in more comprehensive and trauma-informed services for human trafficking survivors.

Through [our membership](#), FNUSA supports the social workers, case managers, attorneys, doctors, teachers, and others working to address human trafficking all across the country. In 2025, we convened providers across dozens of meetings to deliver urgent updates, strategize around pressing concerns, and cross-share resources to address the ongoing challenges directly impacting survivors. We released our [2025 Member Report](#) in November, which details the needs of the **thousands of survivors** our members serve each year. FNUSA saw a marked increase in its membership applications, approving 26 new members, many of whom identify as survivor leaders.



With input from our members, FNUSA released its position paper, "[Ending Human Trafficking Demands Divesting from the Carceral Approach](#)," in October. The paper explains that the best way for the anti-trafficking movement to serve survivors is to shift its investment from carceral approaches to primary and secondary prevention efforts, rooted in equity and anti-oppression, empowering survivors to define their own paths to justice.

Simultaneously, FNUSA's [Survivor Reentry Project](#) continued to connect survivors with pro bono attorneys to clear criminal records resulting from their trafficking experiences. A survivor's criminal record can follow them for the rest of their lives, making it incredibly difficult to regain stability and access safe housing, employment, and education. These challenges make them much more likely to be trafficked again. In 2025, the program worked with **291 survivors burdened with 2,797 charges across 303 cases.**

Looking Forward

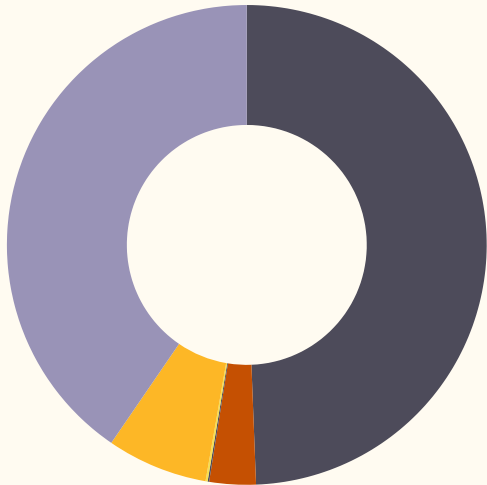
2025 presented significant challenges for both FNUSA and the broader anti-trafficking field. These moments underscored persistent gaps, particularly the need for sustained, reliable funding to ensure long-term program stability. They also reinforced the importance of maintaining evidence-based practices and staying grounded in our commitments to anti-oppression, anti-racism, and equity.

Amid shifting policies and continued pressure on these values, the impact has fallen most heavily on survivors and marginalized communities, and will continue to do so without sustained action. This moment calls for resolve. Rather than pulling back, it requires deeper investment in survivor-centered solutions and the systems that support them. FNUSA remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing this work and supporting all survivors nationwide.

Financials

Income

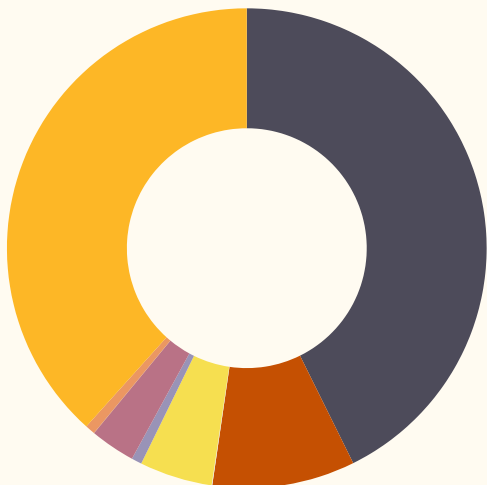
Total: \$2,266,215.88



■	Restricted Public Support	\$1,119,185.37
■	Unrestricted Public Support	\$70,852.20
■	Investments	\$2,306.26
■	Other Types of Income	\$3,201.26
■	Program Income	\$154,081.15
■	Gifts-In-Kind Donations	\$916,589.64

Expenses

Total: \$2,391,163.55



■	Personnel	\$1,020,616.66
■	Fringe Benefits	\$230,048.93
■	Business Expenses	\$1,017.57
■	Contract Services	\$117,406.24
■	Facilities and Equipment	\$16,545.00
■	Operations	\$72,504.73
■	Depreciation Expense	\$500.00
■	Travel and Meetings	\$15,934.88
■	Overhead Allocation	\$0.00
■	Gifts-In-Kind Expenses	\$916,589.64



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