

Human trafficking battle gets \$200G fed boost

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Battling back against human trafficking in Ottawa got a boost, thanks to \$200,000 in federal funding.

The money, announced Monday at city hall by Minister for Status of Women Rona Ambrose, will support a new project to combat the trafficking of women and girls in Ottawa.

Persons Against the Crime of Trafficking in Humans Ottawa is receiving the funding for a two-year project.

The project will target girls and young women in high-risk neighbourhoods who are, or may be vulnerable to human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Exactly how widespread the issue is in Ottawa is unclear but significant, according to Ottawa police Insp. Uday Jaswal, and the project aims to get a grasp on the scope of human trafficking.

This will involve community partners, such as OPS, Crime Prevention Ottawa and St. Joe's Women's Centre.

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