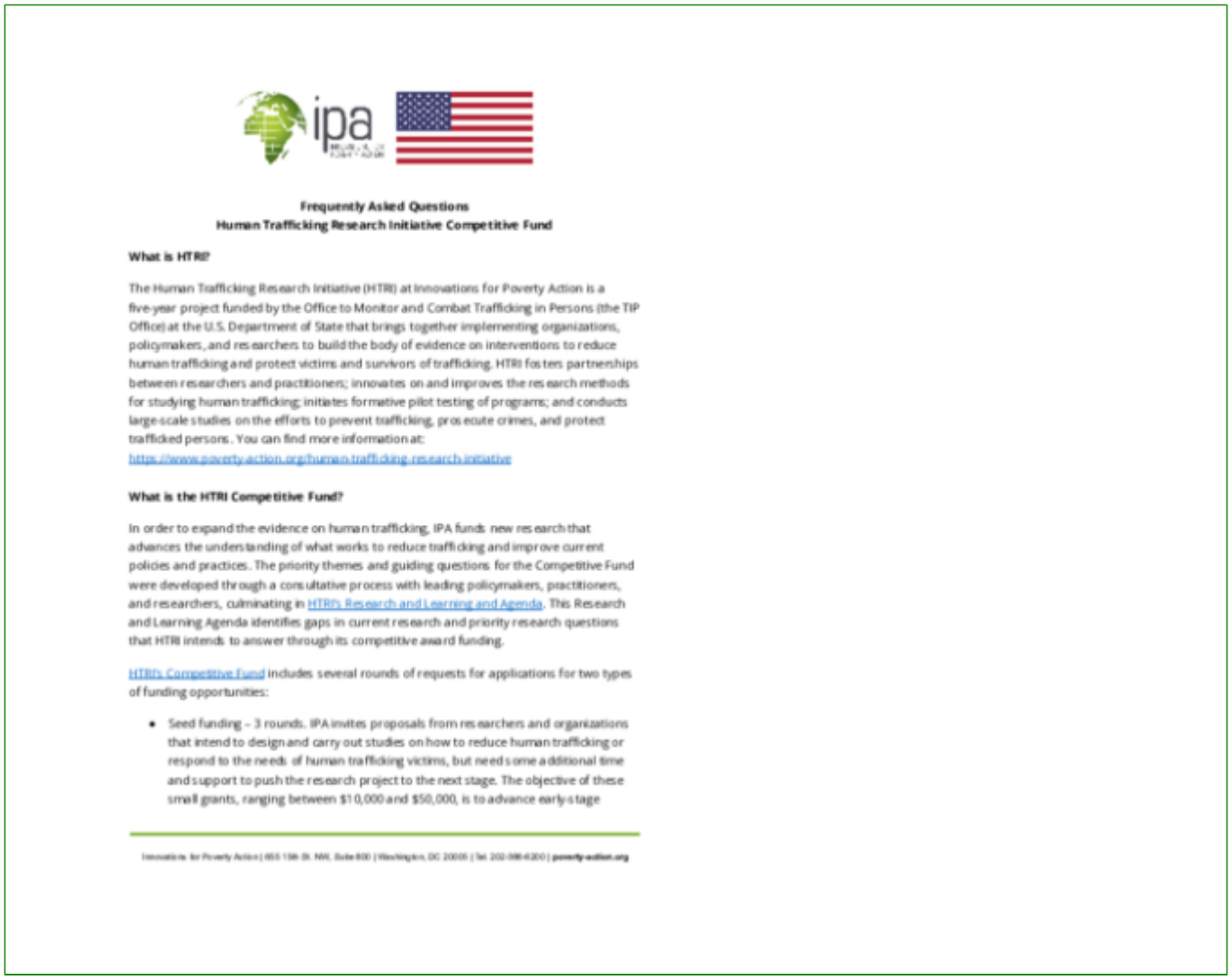

Frequently Asked Questions
Human Trafficking Research Initiative Competitive Fund

What is HTRI?

The Human Trafficking Research Initiative (HTRI) at Innovations for Poverty Action is a five-year project funded by the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (the TIP Office) at the U.S. Department of State that brings together implementing organizations, policymakers, and researchers to build the body of evidence on interventions to reduce human trafficking and protect victims and survivors of trafficking. HTRI fosters partnerships between researchers and practitioners; innovates on and improves the research methods for studying human trafficking; initiates formative pilot testing of programs; and conducts large-scale studies on the efforts to prevent trafficking, prosecute crimes, and protect trafficked persons. You can find more information at:
https://www.poverty-action.org/human-trafficking-research-initiative

What is the HTRI Competitive Fund?

In order to expand the evidence on human trafficking, IPA funds new research that advances the understanding of what works to reduce trafficking and improve current policies and practices. The priority themes and guiding questions for the Competitive Fund were developed through a consultative process with leading policymakers, practitioners, and researchers, culminating in HTRI's Research and Learning and Agenda. This Research and Learning Agenda identifies gaps in current research and priority research questions that HTRI intends to answer through its competitive award funding.

HTRI's Competitive Fund includes several rounds of requests for applications for two types of funding opportunities:

- Seed funding – 3 rounds. IPA invites proposals from researchers and organizations that intend to design and carry out studies on how to reduce human trafficking or respond to the needs of human trafficking victims, but need some additional time and support to push the research project to the next stage. The objective of these small grants, ranging between $10,000 and $50,000, is to advance early-stage

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