

Status of Release of Human Rights Plans by FIFA Host Cities (U.S.)

To date, only one city (Atlanta) has released a full human rights plan. Two cities (Dallas, Houston) have released draft (“Version 1”) plans, with final versions expected May 2026. Most host cities have not released any plan or only partial materials Dedicated funding tied to these plans is largely absent, with limited exceptions (primarily law enforcement-related funding).

| Host City | Status of Human Rights Plan | Notes / Report Highlights | Separate Funding? |
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| Atlanta | <p>Released March 9, 2026 Available here</p> <p>Mayor’s Chief Impact Officer (Candice Stansell) reported on Feb. 24 that the ATL Human Rights Action Plan (54 pages) would be released Feb. 26. Report actually released March 9.</p> <p>Also, Play Fair ATL, a “coalition represent[ing] a broad cross section of labor, justice and rights organizations” is purporting to watchdog the games and is hosting its own “People’s Cup,” but no indication there is funding from FIFA. They have a stated set of “Policy Priorities,” which refer to Human Trafficking among other things. https://www.playfairatl.com/policypriorities</p> | <p>For Trafficking, main emphasis is on sex trafficking and minors.</p> <p>6. Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention & Enforcement Human trafficking remains a significant and persistent issue in Atlanta, and one we know we can address. As a major transportation hub with a robust hospitality industry, the city is uniquely vulnerable to trafficking networks that exploit individuals, especially women and youth.</p> <p>In response, the City of Atlanta will throughout 2025-2026, support the strategic leadership, design and delivery of the Atlanta Human Trafficking Awareness (AHTA) Training Series. In anticipation of the heightened risks associated with major sporting events, the City launched an Anti-Human Trafficking - FIFA 26 Taskforce to raise awareness, coordinate survivor support agencies, and develop a unified enforcement strategy.</p> <p>. . . The State of Georgia also has a Human Trafficking Section led by our Assistant Attorney General focused on prevention and prosecution. <i>Action: ATL26 Atlanta Human Trafficking Awareness (AHTA) Training Series</i></p> | No |

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| | | <p>To address the widespread impact of trafficking in Atlanta, the Mayor’s Office of Violence Reduction (MOVR) has launched the Atlanta Human Trafficking Awareness Training Series (AHTA)—a structured educational initiative that equips business owners, nonprofit leaders, faith-based organizations, and community members with the knowledge and tools needed to recognize, prevent, and respond to human trafficking.</p> <p>. . . The target audience for the AHTA Training Series includes four primary stakeholder groups: (1) faith-based communities (e.g., churches, mosques, synagogues, etc.); (2) members of the Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU); (3) non-profit organizations working with vulnerable populations; and (4) business owners operating in industries with heightened trafficking risk (e.g., hotels, entertainment venues, restaurants, nightclubs, etc.). These groups are strategically engaged to create a broad, informed network capable of both early detection and effective intervention.</p> <p>The training is structured around two distinct tracks. The Business Track, developed in collaboration with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), targets hospitality and nightlife sectors—especially in preparation for the increased tourism and activity surrounding the 2026 FIFA World Cup. This track focuses on hotel staff, venue operators, and others in positions to detect trafficking behaviors. The Community Track, in partnership with Wellspring Living (sex trafficking) & Tapestry (labor trafficking), offers sessions hosted in faith-based institutions and facilitated with the support of NPUs and trusted community leaders. This track aims to empower local residents to become active participants in prevention and victim advocacy within their neighborhoods.</p> | |
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| <p>Boston</p> | <p>Human Rights Report has “undergone two rounds of review), and the “finalized Human Rights Action Plan will be issued May 2026. https://bostonfwc26.com/human-rights-update/</p> | | <p>No</p> |
| <p>Dallas</p> | <p>Dallas has a February 16, 2026 “Human Rights Action Plan” (45 pages): https://www.dallasfwc26.com/dallas-2026/human-rights/ Notes that it will be updated again in May 2026</p> | <p>Almost identical to the Houston report (below).</p> <p>Heavy emphasis on law enforcement activities, and states that the “targeted action” will be to “strengthen coordination, enhance capacity across the ecosystem, and raise awareness to ensure readiness.” (pg. 13) States that the organizing committee will develop “training created in partnership with international trafficking organization A21 for key sectors.” (p. 14) Also will launch campaign re information about child sex trafficking through “Love 146” organization. (pg. 15)</p> <p>No indication of any funding from FIFA, but report states that “City of Dallas’ Office of Housing and Community Empowerment” issued “a Request for Proposal with the goal of administering grants for area nonprofits to build capacity and address system wide gaps in economic empowerment for survivors.” (p. 12)</p> <p>Also, states that the Bid System for FIFA-related contracts require attestation of following worker rights provisions” --</p> | <p>No</p> |

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| | | <p>Targeted Actions</p> <p>Responsible Contracting Policy Overview</p> <p>NTFWCOC developed a comprehensive Responsible Contracting Policy (RCP) in conjunction with local labor stakeholders that addresses all salient Workers' Rights areas outlined in the FIFA World Cup 26™ Human Rights Framework. The RCP aligns with FIFA's Sustainable Sourcing Code and reflects best practices in labor standards and ethical procurement.</p> <p>The RCP promotes worker protections in NTFWCOC's immediate operations and across vendor, supplier, and subcontractor networks. By embedding worker protections into every contract and procurement decision—including Request for Proposal development—the policy reinforces NTFWCOC's recognition that workers who help deliver this event are a top priority.</p> <p><u>Implementation Approach:</u></p> <p>The RCP has been automated through an online Bid Management System (BMS). The system requires all vendors to complete the following before being considered for selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct attestation: Prohibits labor exploitation and trafficking, reinforces the wage floor, collective bargaining, and non-interference. • Supplier Agreement: Commits vendors to RCP requirements. • Supplier Self-Assessment: Helps NTFWCOC assess contracting risks, especially in high-risk industries. • Workers' Rights Addendum: Details specific workers' rights requirements based on local labor stakeholder input and requires an acknowledging signature from vendors. <p>These documents, collectively referred to as human rights documents, must be completed before vendor selections are made and are required of all bidders responding to a Request for Proposal before their evaluation.</p> <p>The front end of this automated BMS integrates with NTFWCOC's supplier strategy program, the North Texas Business Connect (which has incorporated the human rights documents), ensuring that businesses can register and have access to opportunities as they become available.</p> <p>https://www.dallasfwc26.com/dallas-2026/human-rights/</p> | |
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| <p>Houston</p> | <p>“Version 1 of our comprehensive Human Rights Action Plan” is “available for review.” As of February 16, 2026. In accordance with FIFA guidance, the final version is scheduled for publication in May.</p> <p>https://www.fwc26houston.com/human-rights-plan</p> | <p>Human Rights Action Plan document looks very similar to the Dallas version; appears to be drafted by the same people/entity.</p> <p>“World Cup–specific training on human trafficking (produced in partnership with A21) and accessibility is available for delivery across key sectors and groups, including transportation, volunteers, and the hospitality industry.”</p> <p>“In addition to human trafficking training, the Host Committee has automated its Responsible Contracting Policy to strengthen worker protections and proactively addresses the risks of labor exploitation and human trafficking within our supply chain. Potential suppliers that register for the Buy Houston-By Houston program are required to sign a Code of Conduct. Suppliers that choose to submit a response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) will also be required to complete additional human rights documentation.</p> <p>To further support this policy, the Host Committee is planning to operationalize a dedicated Worker Support Hub at the FIFA Fan Festival. This space will provide workers with a confidential place to raise concerns and file grievances.</p> <p>In addition, the Host Committee has partnered with a leading international organization to develop a broad social media campaign. Leveraging our soccer-focused platform, the campaign will raise awareness around issues such as gender-based violence and buyer awareness and will run from May to July 2026.”</p> | <p>No</p> |
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| <p>Kansas City</p> | <p>No report located; no reference to it located on the KC World Cup website</p> | <p>Kansas state lawmakers seeking declaration of disaster to unlock more funds for FIFA “security and transit.” https://fox4kc.com/sports/2026-world-cup/kansas-lawmakers-weigh-disaster-declaration-for-fifa-world-cup/</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>Los Angeles</p> | <p>No Published a Human Rights Strategy document during the bid process but it explicitly says it would be “expanded and enriched... in the lead-up to the event”</p> | <p>Pg 14 https://mayor.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph2066/files/2025-10/FINAL_%20City%20of%20LA%202028%20Games%20Vision-compressed.pdf</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>Miami</p> | <p>No report located; no reference to it on Miami World Cup website – but see “Pillar 3” reference on main website (see next column).</p> <p>Also, recent news conference referenced law enforcement increasing for trafficking plus \$1MM, but no broader report referenced. https://www.wlrn.org/light/law-justice/2026-02-20/miami-dade-state-law-enforcement-partner-to-combat-human-trafficking-ahead-of-world-cup-games#:~:text=%E2%80%9CYou%20don't%20need%20,it%20is%20fundamental.%E2%80%9D</p> | <p>Pillar 3 focuses on activating community empowerment initiatives and marketing campaigns that address key issues across South Florida while providing meaningful support to underserved communities through disaster relief, food drives, violence prevention efforts, human trafficking awareness, and essential health services. It also aims to empower youth and families through mentorship programs, development centers, and partnerships with local organizations, while fostering collaboration with educational institutions through career fairs, town halls, seminars, podcasts, and volunteer opportunities that strengthen pathways for future growth and success.</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>\$1M from state provided to the county’s “Human Trafficking Center” https://www.local10.com/news/local/2026/02/20/miami-dade-gets-1m-boost-to-combat-human-trafficking-ahead-of-major-events/</p> <p>Florida’s attorney general was in Miami to present more than \$1 million to the county’s Human Trafficking Center. The funding is</p> | <p>No (law enforcement funding only)</p> |

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| | | <p>aimed at strengthening efforts to target anyone looking to exploit the influx of visitors during these high-profile events. “Everybody wants to come here, everybody wants to be part of us,” Rundle said. “When the good guys come and they want to enjoy our community, we all want to do it together. But bad guys come, and you heard that bad guys come.”</p> | |
| <p>New York/Jersey</p> | <p>NEW YORK: No report located; recent articles indicate frustration re no community involvement in planning</p> <p>NEW JERSEY: Proposed legislation (proposed on Feb. 9 2026) requiring a report to be issued re human rights issues w/in 30 days, a commission to be created, and \$1M to be used to create a Leader Advisory Council Assessment of the effectiveness of the plan to be submitted 30 days after the a games. See link in next column.</p> | <p>Leaders from hotel associations, human rights organizations, and community groups have all expressed concerns about not being looped into event planning. Leaders of the NYC BID Association, which organizes the city’s over 70 business improvement districts, said its members have been prevented from moving forward with any programming in public plazas during the World Cup. https://www.cityandstateny.com/policy/2026/02/mamdani-admin-says-nil-world-cup-plans/411775/</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>Bill A468 would direct a commission on human trafficking to meet and compile reports related to prevention of human trafficking.</p> <p>The other bill, A477, appropriates \$1 million to establish a Governor’s Survivor Leader Advisory Council in the Department of Health. It would also require the council to create a report on human trafficking.</p> <p>The third measure, A3991, would require certain entities, state agencies, and municipalities to submit a report to New Jersey’s governor and Legislature concerning human rights during the FIFA World Cup.</p> | |

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| Philadelphia | No report located; but a short two-page “Executive Summary” statement of human rights issued | https://ps2026-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/SOCIAL-IMPACT-PLANNING-EXECUTIVE-SUMMARY-Philadelphia-Soccer-2026.pdf | No |
| Seattle | https://www.seattlefwc26.org/resources/human-trafficking-prevention | <p>Not a full report, but an initiative that provides training through BEST:</p> <p>“The initiative launched with a Leadership Kickoff Session on June 12, 2025, engaging supervisors and front-of-house leaders—including security, customer service, food service, retail, and custodial teams—to raise awareness, encourage early training adoption, and set the tone for prevention efforts. More than 100 leaders completed BEST Basics in advance of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.</p> <p>Between June 2025 and January 2026, 2,500 licenses to the BEST Basics online training were distributed to participating organizations. Access codes were provided by the LOC, and completion rates were tracked and reported quarterly.</p> <p>On October 8, 2025, organizations participated in an in-person Strategy Development Workshop to create customized human trafficking prevention and response plans, including internal reporting protocols, staff support strategies, and prevention policies.</p> | No (law enforcement funding only) |

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| | | <p>In January 2026, a live virtual Q&A session was held to reinforce learning and provide trained staff an opportunity to deepen their understanding and ask questions, aligning with National Human Trafficking Prevention Month recognition goals.”</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>Washington State provided funding for FIFA-related events, but the only money related to trafficking apparently went to law enforcement:</p> <p>“An additional \$600 million will help the Washington State Patrol staff the Canadian border during the tournament. Patrols will be tasked with assisting the Department of Homeland Security in facilitating border crossings, and screening for human trafficking, drug trafficking and unlawful crossings.”</p> <p>https://www.cascadepbs.org/news/2025/05/wa-lawmakers-approve-funding-2026-world-cup-matches-seattle/</p> | |
| <p>San Francisco</p> | <p>No full report found; rather a statement by the Bay Area Host Committee issued in February 2026 (see next column).</p> <p>https://www.sfbayareafwc26.com/human-rights</p> | <p>Major sporting events bring with them an opportunity for increased awareness of and education around some of our most complex societal challenges. This is a responsibility the Bay Area Host Committee takes very seriously.</p> <p>For FIFA World Cup Host Cities, issues of social impact – what FIFA refers to as Human Rights -- have been integrated into our planning for FIFA World Cup 2026™ dating back to our respective bidding efforts.</p> <p>Each host committee has different issues and areas of social impact we have chosen to focus on. As local organizing committees, we understand our role in this work but more</p> | <p>No</p> |

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| | | <p>importantly, we recognize and deeply respect the local experts, advocates, and organizations that do this critical work every day within our communities. To ensure maximum social impact for FIFA World Cup 2026™ in our region, we have chosen to engage with these local experts, advocates, and organizations to align with the social impact priorities that are most critical to the Bay Area and to amplify and integrate their resources into our planning. This approach affirms our commitment to social impact but acknowledges our limitations as a local organizing committee.</p> <p>While FIFA and FIFA World Cup 2026 maintain authority over stadium and tournament operations, broadcast infrastructure, and other national/global functions, BAHC's role is focused on delivering seamless fan and community experiences at BAHC-owned and operated events.</p> <p>True to the spirit of the BAHC, our approach is focused not just on a single event, but on creating an enduring framework that promotes dignity, equity, and inclusion across all we do. This enduring commitment is exemplified in many programs BAHC has already launched including Bridge to Work, Sports for All and our endorsement of the Aspen Institute's Children's Bill of Rights in Sports.</p> <p>FIFA World Cup 2026™ provides a powerful platform for host cities to support, elevate. and accelerate social impact work in our communities. Hosting this event does not begin this work, nor will it end it. We stand together as host cities in our shared commitment to driving social impact initiatives that benefit our respective communities today, through the tournament, and for decades to come.</p> | |
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