## How to Request a Certification for T nonimmigrant status (T visa) From the New York City Police Department (NYPD)

T nonimmigrant status (or T visa) allows victims of severe forms of human trafficking, regardless of legal immigration status, to work with police, prosecutors, or other entities to keep themselves and our communities safe. Victims who apply for a T visa must satisfy several federal requirements, and may submit a completed T visa declaration (USCIS Form I-914, Supplement B) and other materials directly to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

For information about requirements for a T visa, visit www.uscis.gov and type "T visa" in the search box. For information about T visa related resources in New York City, visit <u>www.nyc.gov/immigrants</u>. For additional resources for victims of crime, visit <u>www.nyc.gov/nypd</u>.

## **Prepare Your Request**

- All requests must be in writing, whether in a letter or an e-mail. All requests can be written in the applicant's preferred language.
- At a minimum, the letter must:
  - 1. Identify the victim (include full name, with middle names and other names, such as maiden names or nick-names; date of birth; gender; phone number; and address)
  - 2. Describe the qualifying crime(s) (When and where did the crime(s) happen?)
  - 3. Describe the victim's assistance to the NYPD's investigation of the crime(s) (Is the victim currently assisting the NYPD? Was the victim helpful in the past? Is the victim likely to be helpful in the future?)
  - 4. Include a mailing address where the NYPD may send written responses related to the request
- If applicable, specify if:
  - 1. The victim is in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE)
  - 2. The victim is in removal or deportation proceedings
  - 3. One or more qualifying family members of the victim will become ineligible for derivative T nonimmigrant status within 3 months of the date of the letter

## Send requests to the NYPD's T declaration Office

By email: Tvisadeclaration@nypd.org

**By mail**: Vice Enforcement Division/ T Declaration Office New York City Police Department One Police Plaza - Room 605 New York, NY 10038

Please be advised: the NYPD does not submit any forms directly to USCIS on behalf of a victim. A completed declaration is not a sponsorship or endorsement of a victim. A declaration does not give immigration status or provide immigration protection. A completed declaration also does not guarantee that USCIS will provide immigration status.