



# 2020 REPORT ON JUDICIAL BRANCH GRANTS

S.L. 2017-57, SECTION 16.5.(a)

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**About the North Carolina Judicial Branch**

The mission of the North Carolina Judicial Branch is to protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina by providing a fair, independent and accessible forum for the just, timely and economical resolution of their legal affairs.

**About the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts**

The mission of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts is to provide services to help North Carolina's unified court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

# INTRODUCTION

Section 16.5.(a) of Session Law 2017-57 requires the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) to report on grant funds received or preapproved. Specifically, section 16.5.(a) provides as follows:

The Department of Public Safety, the Department of Justice, and the Judicial Department shall each report by May 1 of each year to the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by those departments. The report shall include information on the amount of grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by each department, the use of the funds, the State match expended to receive the funds, and the period to be covered by each grant. If a department intends to continue the program beyond the end of the grant period, that department shall report on the proposed method for continuing the funding of the program at the end of the grant period. Each department shall also report on any information it may have indicating that the State will be requested to provide future funding for a program presently supported by a local grant.

This report includes grants which have been active in FY 2019-20 and reflects information that was current as of April 1, 2020. NCAOC respectfully submits this report pursuant to the legislative mandate.



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**Judicial Branch Grants (FY 2019-2020)**

*Source	Project Name	Summary	Grant Period	Award Amount**	Match Amount**	Type of Match
C	State Capacity Building	This grant provides funds for one recruitment and retention specialist who will assess, update, and maintain a platform that can be used for volunteer recruitment and information sharing.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$75,000		
C	GAL District 4 Mentoring Grant	This grant provides one year of funds for a GAL program specialist II in judicial district 4.	7-1-19 9-30-21	\$70,000		
D	State Court Improvement – Basic Program	This grant provides a project manager and a court management specialist to deliver technical assistance to juvenile court judges and the court community.	10-1-18 9-30-20	\$268,263	\$89,421	25% in-kind
D	State Court Improvement – Data Program	This grant provides a systems analyst I for data systems related to juvenile court proceedings.	10-1-18 9-30-20	\$236,694	\$78,898	25% in-kind
D	State Court Improvement – Training Program	This grant provides funds for judges, attorneys, and staff to attend regional and national training on juvenile issues, and it provides statewide training to judges, attorneys, and staff in the child welfare field.	10-1-18 9-30-20	\$236,694	\$78,898	25% in-kind
D	Access & Visitation Program	This grant provides five coordinators to oversee the access and visitation programs in Districts 6A, 12, 14, 20, 28 and one additional coordinator at the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$349,411	\$38,819	10% in-kind
G	Human Trafficking Statewide Multidisciplinary Training 2018-19	This grant provides funds to the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission to enhance current, and implement additional, cross-training for multi-disciplinary teams of service providers across the state.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$179,527		



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G	HTC Statewide Human Trafficking TTA 2019-2021	This grant provides a training coordinator who will allow the NC Human Trafficking Commission to continue its goal of providing training across the state regarding human trafficking trends, typologies, and responses. In addition, the project will enhance the NC HTC's ability to provide technical support to different disciplines and agencies.	10-1-19 9-30-21	\$449,252		
G	NCIIC Post Conviction Victim Education and Support - 2019	This grant provides one victim support and services coordinator for the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. This allows this state agency charged with neutral investigation of post-conviction claims of innocence to expand its services to victims of crime through the Commission process by victim support and opportunities for meaningful participation.	10-1-19 9-30-21	\$188,467	\$47,117	20% in-kind
G	2018-2019-District 13 Substance Abuse Prosecution	This grant funds one assistant district attorney to identify and prosecute cases that involve substance abuse by representing the state on all Brunswick County Treatment Court dates.	10-1-18 9-30-20	\$85,614		
G	2017 NCHIP Data Optimization	This grant funds temporary positions and overtime hours for North Carolina's ongoing efforts to ensure NICS and qualified individuals have access to needed information in a timely manner.	10-1-17 3-31-21	\$411,656	\$45,740	10% in-kind
G	Cumberland County Domestic Violence Prosecutor 2018	This grant provides an assistant district attorney to facilitate efficient and effective prosecution of domestic violence offenses as well as enhance pre-trial communication with victims of domestic violence and coordinate with other support agencies.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$83,025	\$27,675	25% in-kind
G	Cumberland County Human Trafficking Prosecutor – 2019	This grant provides an assistant district attorney for human trafficking offenses to combat human trafficking in Cumberland County and to strengthen collaborative efforts of the current Human Trafficking Task Force.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$100,000	\$33,333	25% in-kind



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G	Johnston County - DA 13 - Domestic Violence 2019	This project is the continuation of a Domestic Violence (DV) Prosecution team which includes a prosecutor and a district attorney legal assistant. In addition to police training, the team will focus on underserved victims: Spanish-speaking victims and those living in rural parts of the county.	10-1-19 09-30-20	\$125,000	\$41,667	25% in-kind
G	2017 – Cumberland County Veterans Treatment Court	This grant provides a veterans court coordinator position to provide alternatives to incarceration for veterans through the creation of a specialized court.	10-1-17 9-30-19	\$76,093		
G	NCCDA VAW Resource Prosecutor 2019	This project provides a VAW resource prosecutor that provides training, technical assistance and resources to prosecutors, law enforcement and other allied professionals. This VAW Resource Prosecutor creates and implements the trainings and projects in another grant project.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$124,995	\$44,811	25% in-kind
G	NCCDA Serving Victims Statewide 2019	This project provides 150 victim service coordinators to district attorney offices across the state to provide services to victims of crime. In addition, the grant provides a resource victim services coordinator, two business systems analysts, and a half-time applications analyst programmer in the NCCDA's office.	10-1-19 9-30-21	\$15,675,493	\$3,918,873	20% in-kind
G	2018 NCCDA Child Abuse Project	This grant provides a resource prosecutor to support and train North Carolina prosecutors and other professionals in the pursuit of justice in the approximately 130,000 suspected cases of child abuse each year.	10-1-18 7-31-21	\$350,406		
G	NCAOC – Enhancing Language Access Services UCVS 2018	This grant provides a three-quarter time language access forms design specialist position to format and analyze the design, layout, and vital information of translated NCAOC forms and public notice publications by using specific software.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$82,623	\$27,541	20% in-kind



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G	AOC Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance to Court Communities 2018	This project funds a court programs management specialist to build capacity in state courts across all North Carolina to identify and address all human trafficking involved incidents.	10-1-18 2-28-20	\$100,000	\$33,333	25% in-kind
G	AOC Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance to Court Communities 2019	This project funds a court programs management specialist to build capacity in state courts across all of North Carolina to identify and address all human trafficking involved incidents.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$75,000	\$25,000	25% in-kind
G	NCCCSC Project to Better Serve Victims 2018	This grant provides 25 deputy clerk positions, in various counties across the state, to deliver appropriate and comprehensive assistance to victims of domestic violence.	10-1-18 9-30-20	\$2,506,300	\$501,260	20% in-kind
G	NCCCSC Statewide Advance Technical Training OVW 2019	This grant allows the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court to bring experts to train clerks working with victims on legal, court proceedings, and victims assistance best practices. The grant also funds travel to out-of-state training opportunities.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$73,324	\$24,441	25% in-kind
G	2017 - District 21 - Forsyth County Veterans Treatment Court	This project provides a case manager and half-time mentor coordinator to implement a Veterans Court. The project previously funded a veterans court coordinator.	10-1-17 9-30-20	\$165,424		
G	Brunswick Domestic Violence Prosecution 2018	This grant provides an assistant district attorney to prosecute domestic violence cases in Brunswick County. The prosecutor also works closely with local entities to ensure that victims of domestic violence receive available services.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$80,019	\$26,673	25% in-kind
G	Columbus / Bladen Domestic Violence Prosecution 2018	This project funds an assistant district attorney to prosecute domestic violence offenses and work with local entities to enhance services for victims.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$81,300	\$27,100	25% in-kind



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G	District 15 Columbus/ Brunswick/Bladen DV Prosecution 2019	This project funds one DA legal assistant and one assistant district attorney to prosecute domestic violence offenses in Columbus, Brunswick, and Bladen Counties. The prosecutor also works closely with law enforcement and victim services.	10-1-19 09-30-20	\$124,322	\$41,441	25% in-kind
G	Alamance County-Human Trafficking Prosecutor 2019	This project provides a full-time, specialized prosecutor to focus on human trafficking and sexual assault cases. This prosecutor collaborates with county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies on related investigations through the Alamance County Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Council.	10-1-19 09-30-20	\$95,165	\$31,722	25% in-kind
G	NCCDA Underserved Victims: No One Left Behind 2017	This grant provides a project director that will provide support, training, and pertinent resource materials to important stakeholders from diverse perspectives who have the opportunity to confront underserved victims in our state.	10-1-17 9-30-19	\$244,190	\$61,047	20% in-kind
G	Wake DV Unified Prosecution Team 2019- 2020	This project funds a felony assistant district attorney. This position prosecutes felony DV cases, reduces trauma to the victim by having the case handled by only one prosecutor, and identifies high risk offenders in collaboration with law enforcement and related DV agencies.	10-1-19 09-30-20	\$78,227	\$26,076	25% in-kind
G	Rockingham Co. Sexual Assault ADA 2018	This grant provides an assistant district attorney to prosecute cases involving sexual assault and domestic violence. The project will also collaborate with court and community partners to ensure the provision of services to victims.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$119,273	\$39,758	25% in-kind
G	Caswell District 9A – Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault ADA VAWA 2018	This grant provides an assistant district attorney to specialize in effective prosecutions of sexual assault and domestic violence crimes in Caswell County.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$106,774	\$35,591	25% in-kind



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G	Rockingham/Caswell County - District 22 Domestic Violence ADA 2019	This project funds a prosecutor who will specialize in and facilitate, efficient, effective, prosecutions of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes.	10-1-19 09-30-20	\$124,750	\$41,583	25% in-kind
G	Mecklenburg County Domestic Violence Resource / Training Coordinator – 2019	This grant provides a judicial assistant position that will help victims by providing clinics, forms, and information about community services for protection and support.	10-1-18 12-31-19	\$68,262	\$22,754	25% in-kind
G	Henderson/Polk/Transylvania District 29B Domestic Violence Prosecutor VAWA 2018	This grant provides an assistant district attorney dedicated to domestic violence and sexual assault cases in Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties.	10-1-18 9-30-19	\$78,595	\$26,320	25% in-kind
G	2017 NCAOC Criminal Caseload Management	This project funds a position to further the implementation of recommendations set forth by the NCCALJ's Criminal Investigation & Adjudication Committee for improving criminal case management practices in the state.	10-1-17 12-31-19	\$140,000		
G	AOC – Guardian ad Litem – Assistance for Legal Services for Child Abuse/Neglect Victims 2017	This grant provides 28 guardian ad litem program supervisor positions who will screen/train/supervise volunteers to represent the best interests/service needs of child victims in the state's district courts. The project will also fund an administrative specialist and training opportunities.	10-1-17 12-31-19	\$3,970,074	\$992,519	20% in-kind
G	AOC - Guardian ad Litem - Legal Services for Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect 2019	This project will fund guardian ad litem program supervisors to guide 840 volunteers/2,464 child victims in district court, administrative support to make referrals/track required grant statistics, trainers to design/deliver volunteer training, and volunteer recruiters to ensure sufficient numbers of volunteers.	10-1-19 9-30-21	\$5,786,285	\$1,451,071	20% in-kind



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G	NCCCSC AOC Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation 2017	This grant funds training and development of best practices for clerks of superior court in the management of probate matters, guardianships, incompetency hearings and other elder-related cases.	10-1-17 12-31-19	\$334,820	\$83,705	20% in-kind
G	Harnett/Lee County - Dist 11A Domestic Violence Prosecution Team 2019	This project funds an assistant district attorney and a district attorney legal assistant to continue serving Harnett and Lee County domestic violence cases effectively to assist victims of crime throughout the court process.	10-1-19 09-30-20	\$125,000	\$41,667	25% in-kind
G	Union County District 20-B Domestic Violence & Vulnerable Populations Prosecution Project 2018	This grant provides a district attorney investigator to support the prosecution of sex crimes, domestic-violence related homicides, and other vulnerable victim populations.	10-1-18 12-31-19	\$73,308	\$24,436	25% in-kind
G	Union County District 30 Domestic Violence & Vulnerable Populations Prosecution Project 2019	This grant provides a district attorney investigator to support the prosecution of sex crimes, domestic-violence related homicides, and other vulnerable victim populations. The focus will be specifically on cases with victims who are disable, young, and elderly.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$80,537	\$26,846	25% in-kind
G	NCCDA – All the Children’s Voices 2018	This grant funds training and materials for prosecutors, law enforcement, and allied professionals to ensure children’s voices are heard throughout the investigative and court process in cases of suspected child abuse.	10-1-18 9-30-20	\$130,148	\$32,537	20% in-kind
G	NCAOC Victim Access Improvement 2019	This grant funds contractual costs for victim service components of the integrated case management system and equipment for staff of district attorney offices ensuring their ability to serve victims remotely.	10-1-19 9-30-21	\$3,562,600		



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G	Child Welfare Law Training for Guardian ad Litem Attorneys and Parent Counsel	This grant funds the training and certification of guardian ad litem attorneys and parent counsel in Child Welfare Law by the National Association of Counsel for Children. Guardian ad litem attorneys also receive training to prepare children to testify in court.	10-1-18 12-31-19	\$26,132		
H	Buncombe County DWI Treatment & Prevention Court	This grant provides a legal assistant II to identify appropriate Level 1 and 2 defendants who would most benefit from DWI Court's quick assessment, intake, specialized intensive treatment, and aftercare.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$60,183		
H	NCCDA 2019 Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Project	This grant provides a traffic safety resource prosecutor, five regional traffic safety resource prosecutors, and an administrative officer I position for training and technical assistance for traffic-related cases.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$1,019,650		
H	eCitation Printers	This grant provides printers for law enforcement agencies unable to purchase them and therefore increases the number of law enforcement officers on eCitation.	10-1-19 9-30-20	\$301,200		
J	2018 Postconviction DNA Testing Program	This grant provides a staff attorney and a legal investigator to work on cases involving claims of actual innocence.	1-1-19 12-31-20	\$531,894		
J	Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence	This grant provides funds for travel, DNA testing, and other items related to the work of the N.C. Innocence Commission.	1-1-20 12-31-20	\$180,001		
J	Expanding eCourts Civil Domestic Violence System	This grant provides two contractors to integrate the electronic civil domestic violence system with NCAWARE, one business systems analyst to continue rolling out the electronic filing system to new counties, and contractual funds for licensing fees associated with new counties.	10-1-16 9-30-20	\$750,000		



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J	NC Statewide Drug Court Training Project	This grant provides funds to train personnel affiliated with drug treatment courts in North Carolina.	10-1-17 9-30-20	\$300,000	\$100,000	25% in-kind
J	The North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys Juvenile Resource Prosecutor Program	This grant project funds a juvenile court resource prosecutor that provides training, technical assistance and resources for prosecutors and law enforcement regarding juvenile court. Raise the Age in North Carolina will become effective December 1, 2019.	10-1-18 9-30-21	\$226,054		
J	North Carolina Juvenile Defender State Enhancement Program	This grant project funds an attorney and a contracts specialist to ensure quality representation to juveniles by identifying additional qualified attorneys, providing specialized training to attorneys in delinquency court, and expanding data collection capacity for analysis.	10-1-18 9-30-20	\$450,000		

**\*Funding Source**

- C: Court Appointed Special Advocates
- D: Department of Health & Human Services
- G: Governor's Crime Commission
- H: Governor's Highway Safety Program
- J: U.S. Department of Justice

**\*\*Amounts rounded to nearest dollar amount**



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