



Human Trafficking Commission: 2019 in Review

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Financial Report

Calendar Year Income beginning January 1, 2019:

\$114,387	G.A. appropriation for administrative expenses
\$54,929	G.A. sign appropriation
\$425,384	G.A. grant appropriation
\$26,007 cycle	Reimbursed through Governor's Crime Commission 2018-2019 grant

TOTAL CY INCOME: \$620,707

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Calendar Year Expenses (YTD through November 2019):

\$48,806	Symposium Cost
\$425,384	Grants awarded through G.A. grant appropriation
\$76,255	Staffing and other internal administrative costs, such as supplies, printing, travel, etc.

Current Balance Ending the Calendar Year:

\$15,333 HTC General Budget

PLUS

\$54,929 G.A. Sign Appropriation



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“To apply for and receive, on behalf of the state, funding from federal, public or private initiatives, grants, programs, or donors that will assist in examining and countering the problem of human trafficking in North Carolina.” G.S. 7A-354(c)(1)

- In 2019, issued 4 grants through G.A. appropriation:
 - Examine human trafficking within correctional system
 - Establish direct service program in North Eastern part of state
 - Pilot training and response system in county youth and family services program
 - Further explore labor trafficking within agricultural industry
- Received 2018-2019 Governor's Crime Commission training grant to cover portion of annual symposium costs (\$26,007 applied)
- Currently waiting to open 2019-2021 Governor's Crime Commission training grant (\$450,000 over two years)

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“To commission, fund, and facilitate quantitative and qualitative research to explore the specific ways human trafficking is occurring in North Carolina and the links to international and domestic human trafficking, and to assist in creating measurement, assessment, and accountability mechanisms.” G.S. 7A-354(c)(2)

- February 1, 2019: Issued report to General Assembly on results of study on sentencing and post-conviction relief for human trafficking offenses
- April 2019: Approved Ad Hoc Standards Committees' "Standards for Victim Service Providers"
- HTC Executive Director on UNC-CH expert advisory council for research on developing formative evaluations and evaluability assessments for victim service programs (not focused on NC programs)
- HTC Executive Director met with RTI International to open conversations about future partnership through grants that facilitate research in NC



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“To contribute to efforts to inform and educate law enforcement personnel, social service providers, and the general public about human trafficking so that human traffickers can be prosecuted and victim-survivors can receive appropriate services.”
G.S. 7A-354(c)(3)

- Training and Technical Assistance:
 - Provided 88 hours of professional training to over 1,950 individuals
 - Provided over 75 hours of technical assistance to programs across NC
 - Collectively provided information to 54 agencies
- January Human Trafficking Awareness Month:
 - Requested and shared Governor's Proclamation
 - Launched month-long social media campaign through NCAOC
- 3rd annual two-day symposium on “Strengthening Multidisciplinary Response to Human Trafficking” in February:
 - Four different specialty tracks for professionals
 - Attended by over 300 people
- Awareness Poster Redesign

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“To suggest new policies, procedures, or legislation to further the work of eradicating human trafficking and to provide assistance and review with new policies, procedures, and legislation.” G.S. 7A-354(c)(4)

- 2019 legislative recommendations passed into law:
 - Expand victim expunction options
 - Create civil cause of action for victims
 - Establish sex tourism law
- Senate Bill 199 (Strengthening Child Sexual Abuse Laws):
 - Adds new requirement for school personnel in grades K-12 to receive training on child sexual abuse and sex trafficking
 - Requires school systems to adopt training program by January 1, 2020 and start training in 2020-2021 school year
 - HTC is in communication with statewide groups and NC Department of Public Instruction about potential partnership to get information to school systems as quickly as possible
- Shared Hope International discussions in 2019 led to NC being declared non-criminalization state, as applied to minor victims of commercial sexual exploitation

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“To assist in developing regional response teams or other coordinated efforts to counter human trafficking at the level of law enforcement, legal services, social services, and nonprofits.” G.S. 7A-354(c)(5)

- Through training, meetings, conferences and events, HTC has:
 - Been in 27 counties across NC this year; includes networking to connect agencies to each other and to statewide movement
 - Provided regional response team technical assistance six times to current or new teams
- Statewide Coordinated Efforts and Partnerships:
 - HTC continues to attend NCCAHT meetings and make membership referrals
 - HTC continues to serve on UNC-CH Project No Rest Advisory Council
 - HTC and NC Commission on Indian Affairs began new coordinated partnership

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- National Coordinated Efforts and Partnerships:
 - Continued participation in Administration for Children and Families Region IV collaborative and in National Compendium for information sharing and best practice discussions
 - Continued coordination of statewide hotline response protocols and referral system with National Human Trafficking Resource Center
 - New discussions about prevention with Office of Trafficking In Persons and McCain Institute
 - New participation on Restore NYC and Polaris Roundtable discussions on Illicit Massage Industry
 - New participation in Shared Hope International Roundtable meetings on Child Commercial Sexual Exploitation
 - Provided Congressional Testimony to U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security’s Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism

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“To identify gaps in law enforcement or service provision and recommend solutions to those gaps.” G.S. 7A-354(c)(6)

- Eight general public meetings
- Formed new Public Health Committee
- Five public committee meetings for Commission business
- Presentations during public meetings:
 - Anti-Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Efforts and Prosecutions: Cumberland County District Attorney's Office; Durham County District Attorney's Office; NC State Bureau of Investigations
 - School Based Curriculum: UNC-CH Teach2Reach
 - Local Government Efforts: UNC School of Government training for local government; Town of Apex
 - Post Conviction Relief: Legal Aid of North Carolina
 - Special Populations: NC Commission on Indian Affairs
 - Illicit Massage Industry: Roundtable Discussion
 - Direct Service Providers: Esther House of Stanley County; World Relief; Help Incorporated; True Justice International
 - Health Care Response: Atrium Health Care's Rapid Response Toolkit and Protocol for Emergency Rooms; WakeMed Emergency Room; SOAR Model



North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission: Coming in 2020

- January Human Trafficking Awareness Month: to include press conference and social media campaign, and to feature new awareness poster
- Distribution of awareness posters to as many venues as possible with appropriated funds
- Committee Projects (to be mentioned later in meeting by Committee Chairs)
- Marsy's Law Advisory Group
- Publishing "Standards for Victim Service Providers" on website
- Hiring Training Coordinator through new Governor's Crime Commission grant
- Completion of Anti-Human Trafficking Resource Directory
- Securing recurring annual funding within next state budget cycle
- 2020 Symposium to be determined, based on funding
- Continued discussions with national, state, and local partners to fulfill mandate



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