

Staff Report: October 2024

Training and Events Conducted:

- Assistant and Deputy Clerk's Conference, August 23rd
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training, September 3-4th
- Dare County Task Force, 8-hour instruction, NC HTC's contracted Law Enforcement Specialist, Major Richard Hoffman, September 23rd
- Human Trafficking Educator Training, September 18th

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- NCCAHT Commission Meeting, October 10th
- Children's Justice Taskforce Meeting, October 10th

Upcoming Training and Events:

- Interdiction for the Protection of Children Training Samarcand Training Academy, December 3-4th
- NCCU Law School Human Trafficking Symposium, January 2025

NCHFA: Supportive Housing Safe Program

- Brick and Mortar funding for 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations:
 - Acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of developments serving victims and survivors of human trafficking.
 - Applicants must currently serve survivors/victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, or sexual assault. SH-Safe eligible properties must serve adults or children that are victims/survivors of human trafficking.
 - Proposed projects may receive interest-free construction to permanent mortgage loans of up to \$2,000,000 or 85% of project cost, whichever is less.
- The SH-Safe Guidelines and Instructions, Project Description and Site Visit request form, and additional application information can be found on the agency website: www.nchfa.com
- If you have questions or would like to meet with supportive housing staff to discuss a potential project, please contact: SHDevelopment@nchfa.com

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On-Going Projects:

- Reviewal of LMS Training for NC Judicial Staff & Resource List
- Resource Directory management & updates
- SAMHSA/OIPA and the NC Community Health Center Association one-pager report of NC Resources

Western NC Response & Disaster Resources

- All HT agencies serving Western NC were contacted to determine status, gaps in services, and response needs.
- Statewide and national disaster resources are now posted to the HT Commission's website.

Agencies that reported significant loss or damage

- Mountain Child Advocacy Center: receiving support via www.mtncac.org
- Pisgah Legal Services
- Mitchell County Safe Place
- Legacy of Hope International: legacyofhopeinternational.ddock.gives

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		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
26	HTC Competitive Grant Program		
	Fund Code: 1700		
	Provides funding to support a competitive grant program, managed by the HTC, for nonprofit organizations providing direct services to victims of human trafficking. HTC may establish a time-limited Grants Manager to administer the		
		Requirements \$ 500,000R	\$ 500,000R
		Less: Receipts \$ -	\$ -
		Net Appropriation \$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

36 **COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING**
37 **SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

38 **SECTION 16.23.(a)** Article 29 of Chapter 7A of the General Statutes is amended by
39 adding a new section to read:

40 **"§ 7A-354.1. Human Trafficking Commission Competitive Grant Program.**

41 **(a) Established. – The Human Trafficking Commission shall develop and implement the**
42 **Human Trafficking Commission Competitive Grant Program.**

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2024 H971v7 Session Law 2024-26

- AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT.

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EXPAND TRAINING AND GUIDANCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SECTION 8.(a) The Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the State Human Trafficking Commission, shall expand, further develop, and implement trainings on human trafficking to provide guidance to county child welfare staff, county social services attorneys, county social services directors, and all social services staff. Training and guidance may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Incorporation of training in all state Learning Management Systems, biannual webinars, and other regularly scheduled training calls.
- (2) Training of County Departments of Social Services attorneys biannually at regularly scheduled conferences.
- (3) Inclusion of training in County Departments of Social Services Directors biannual regional meetings and ongoing regular monthly meetings.

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- Debt Bondage Repair Act
- Poster Law
- Proxy form

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Other updates:

- Guardian Ad Litem grant to OVC
- Governor's Crime Commission grant renewal and new application
- Victim-Centered interviewing partnership
- Public Records Request is on-going
- Next meeting: Buffett Foundation Update; OVC Funded Projects