



September 2022 Report on Human Trafficking Grants

Section 16.20A – Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking
Section 16.20B – To Develop, Strengthen, or Expand Human Trafficking Victim Service Programs

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Receiving Entities:

Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Research Division

Submitting Entity:

The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission

I. Summary of Activities

The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC) is housed within the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC). NCAOC has been in regular communication with the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) and the N.C. Pandemic Relief Office (NCPRO) regarding the transfer of monies within the State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The following are updates on progress since our last report:

- Pangram set-up and training was completed on March 22, 2022.
- HTC / NCAOC signed the contract with OSBM / NCPRO on April 22, 2022.
- HTC / NCAOC is pursuing grants management system development through the N.C. Department of Transportation and the Department of Information Technology and is awaiting a cost estimate before moving forward with a contract.
- NCAOC purchased DocuSign and HTC staff have created accounts. These accounts will be used for issuing award contracts in all sections when they are ready.
- Creation of the grant administrator and grant manager positions occurred between June – August 2022.
- Two grant managers have started their positions and are in active training.
- Interviews for the grant administrator position were conducted in late August 2022.
- NCAOC submitted the planned budget for ARPA funds to NCPRO on August 30, 2022.
- The Office of General Counsel at NCAOC is currently planning the Terms and Conditions for subrecipients in Section 16.20A. Once drafted, the Appropriations Committee will review the conditions and take steps to issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) for section 16.20A.
- Updated guidance from U.S. Treasury on NCPRO continues to be received. During the NCPRO meeting in late August 2022, an updated FAQ from the U.S. Treasury was shared. Treasury has clarified that many of the requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 do not apply to ARPA funding designated as revenue replacement. Since the ARPA funds received by the HTC are for revenue replacement, this will simplify the requirements for the grants to be awarded under 16.20A and B and 16.21.

As stated in the previous report, the HTC met with the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement (NCCWYI) on November 29, 2021, and also formed an Appropriations Committee, of which their Executive Director is a member. The Appropriations Committee will determine additional items needed from grantees in order to process future payments, to conduct risk-based due diligence, to establish program guidelines, and to meet federal and state requirements. The Committee has held eleven meetings, with future meetings planned. Meetings are open to the public and easy to access from the HTC's website.

HTC staff have contacted all agencies listed in Section 16.20. Website pages have been created, launched, and shared with all entities listed in the section. The website will be updated as often as new information emerges.

II. Response to Section 16.20A.(e)

| Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking | |
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| (1) The number of applications received. | 0 |
| (2) The number of grants awarded. | 0 |
| (3) The names and locations of the grant recipients. | N/A |
| (4) The Amount of each grant awarded. | N/A |
| (5) A description of the human trafficking program initiatives that were funded by the grant awarded, including the geographic area in which services were provided. | N/A |
| (6) The total number of victims of human trafficking that were served, to date, by each grant recipient. | 0 |

III. Response to Section 16.20B.(e)

| Grants to Develop, Strengthen, or Expand Human Trafficking Victim Service Programs | |
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| (1) The number of applications received. | 0 |
| (2) The number of grants awarded. | 0 |
| (3) The names and locations of the grant recipients. | N/A |
| (4) The Amount of each grant awarded. | N/A |
| (5) A description of the human trafficking program initiatives that were funded by the grant awarded, including the geographic area in which services were provided. | N/A |
| (6) The total number of victims of human trafficking that were served, to date, by each grant recipient. | 0 |

IV. Conclusion

NCAOC and the HTC have been working diligently to prepare distribution of these funds. The 16.20 appropriations are distinct from the 16.22 and 16.23 section appropriations that have progressed so far. The 16.20 grants are noncompetitive, and nonprofit organizations are under the federal classification of nonprofit grantees as “recipients” as opposed to beneficiary/grantees in 16.23.

While this report reflects information for S.L.2021-180, Sections 16.20A and 16.20B, the HTC was also appropriated substantial funds in sections 16.21, 16.22, and 16.23. The RFPs for facility improvement grants (16.22) have been issued and contracts from round one are expected to go out within two weeks. The section 16.23 RFP is anticipated to be issued in September.

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