

NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 2023 REPORT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANTS

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

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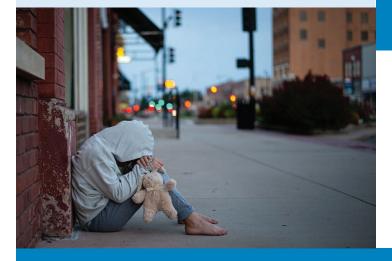
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16.20A GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

16.20A is 100% obligated.

Fifteen of the twenty-three agencies applied for funding in this section by submitting proposals.

All fifteen agencies were voted on and approved by the Appropriations Committee to receive funding.

The HTC has a fully executed contract with all fifteen agencies.

Eleven of the fifteen agencies have received their first quarterly disbursement. The remaining four agencies will be included on the next payment disbursement list.

The Grant Manager has distributed all necessary forms to agencies with due dates for their quarterly progress and financial report submission.



The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC) has developed a grant program and guidelines in order to distribute Section 16.20 funds in accordance with the 2021 Appropriations Act. This process has included creating and hiring six grant staff to administering the SFRF portion of the funds. The grant staffing structure consists of 1 Grant Administrator, 4 Grant Managers, and 1 Data Manager. One of the four Grant Managers is funded through the administrative cost allowance in Section 16.20. The HTC Executive Director and Grant Administrator have been working closely with the NC AOC legal team, the NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO), and the HTC Appropriations Committee for guidance and support.

16.20A Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking

(1) The number of applications received.	15
(2) The number of grants awarded.	15
(3) The names and locations of the grant recipients.	*Reference table
(4) The amount of each grant awarded.	*Reference table
(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.	*Reference table
(6) The total number of victims of human trafficking that were served, to date, by each grant recipient.	*Reference table





AGENCY:	Haven House
Location:	Raleigh, NC 27615. Haven House is located in Wake County, and serves the state of North Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$159,348.00
Description or program initiatives:	Strengthen agency capacity to identify and serve human trafficking victims in Wrenn House consisting of comprehensive assessments, case management, life skills training, counseling and crisis support, shelter and Street Outreach programs.
Total victims served year to date	*Reported too early to measure impact 0

AGENCY:	A Fresh Start CLT
Location:	Charlotte, NC 28215. A Fresh Start CLT is located in Mecklenburg County serves the state of North Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$208,664.80
Description or program initiatives:	Each survivor and their children will go through trauma counseling and educational assessments. Addiction counseling will be provided for the survivor. There will also be self-defense courses for the survivor and child.
Total victims served year to date	12

AGENCY:	Beloved Haven, Inc
Location:	Elizabeth City, NC, 27909. Beloved Haven is located in Pasquotank County and operates in Northeastern North Carolina serving Camden, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties.
Award Amount:	\$208,558.72
Description or program initiatives:	Provide a safe, inviting space to relax, recharge, have their critical needs met, receive counseling, fellowship, and begin to make plans for their future.
Total victims served year to date	30



AGENCY:	Christian Recovery Centers
Location:	Ash, North Carolina 28420. Christian Recovery Services Inc. (CRCI) is located in Brunswick County. In a joint venture with our Stand Against Trafficking USA, serving Brunswick Columbus, Pender, New Hanover, and New Brunswick counties. The agency will also work with survivors of trafficking who have been referred from other counties.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Providing women who want to extricate themselves from the world of sex trafficking need (a) a safe space, (b) a wide range of services to support their transition and recovery, such as substance abuse recovery support for survivors, trauma informed care, workforce training and employment opportunities, housing, and medical/ therapeutic care (c) lastly a strong community of support.
Total victims served year to date	6
AGENCY:	Crossroads: SA Response & Resource Center
Location:	Burlington, NC 27217. Crossroads: SA Response & Resource Center is located in Alamance County and serves Alamance, Caswell, and Person Counties.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Provide street outreach events to spread awareness of services and provide items that will aid at keeping them safe. Identify and Assist victims and survivors of human trafficking in our service areas. Assistance is not simply providing victims with necessities but to offer opportunities, support, and empowerment.
Total victims served year to date	5
AGENCY:	Five 14 Revolution
Location:	Wilmington, NC 28405. Five 14 Revolution is located in New Hanover County and serves Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender Counties.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Find safe housing and implement a care plan for survivors. Survivor Program: help survivors heal and become self-sufficient once they graduate from the program or leave transitional housing.
Total victims served year to date	38



AGENCY:	Help, Inc. Center Against Violence
Location:	Reidsville, NC 27375 Help, Inc. is located in Rockingham County and serves Rockingham County.
Award Amount:	\$207,652.98
Description or program initiatives:	Provides client outreach, then therapy, emergency shelter, advocacy, information, and referral for victims, as well addressing legal relocation, and immigration concerns.
Total victims served year to date	5

AGENCY:	Hyde County Hotline, Inc.
Location:	Engelhard, NC 27824. Hyde County Hotline is located in Hyde County and serves Hyde County.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	HCH will work with other agencies implementing specialized services and create plans for transitional housing and/or relocation services. HCH will offer a safe shelter, crisis counseling, domestic violence and sexual assault support groups, transportation, financial planning, goal setting, safety planning, and financial assistance.
Total victims served year to date	18

AGENCY:	JusticeMatters
Location:	Durham NC 27702. JusticeMatters is located in Durham County and serves the state of North Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	JusticeMatters will continue to provide trauma-informed direct legal services consisting of civil legal assistance in family law, civil legal assistance in immigration law, and victim/witness advocacy and victim rights assistance. JusticeMatters will offer information and referral services, criminal/civil justice system assistance, and assistance in filing compensation claims.
Total victims served year to date	31



AGENCY:	On Eagles Wings
Location:	Charlotte, NC 28027. On Eagles Wings is located in Mecklenburg County and serves the state of North Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Provide support on four dimensions: academics, PTSD improvement through multiple therapies, social skills improvement, and emotional/spiritual maturity and stability through person-centered planning, therapeutic and educational support, and workforce development training.
Total victims served year to date	8

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AGENCY:	Randolph County Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Location:	Asheboro, NC 27204. Randolph County Family Crisis Center, Inc is located in Randolph County and serves Randolph County.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Working directly with program directors in law enforcement, school systems, and the health system address needs of the community, case management, provide crisis therapy and ongoing therapeutic counseling for survivors.
Total victims served year to date	2
AGENCY:	Resources, Education, Assistance, Counseling and Housing of Macon Co.
Location:	Franklin, NC 28734 REACH of Macon County is located in Macon County and serves Macon County.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
	REACH provides services to human trafficking victims which included emergency shelter, crisis intervention, court advocacy, education

advocacy, enrichment, medical accompaniment, housing assistance, Description or program initiatives: counseling, material/financial assistance, intervention advocacy, referrals, safety planning and assessment, and transportation.

Total victims served year to date



AGENCY:	The Salvation Army
Location:	Charlotte, NC 28217. The Salvation Army is located in Mecklenburg County and serves Mecklenburg and Union Counties.
Award Amount:	\$208,680.00
Description or program initiatives:	The overarching goal is to apply the successful model of the North Carolina Project FIGHT program to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area specifically provide transportation to the Center of Hope emergency shelter, provide trauma informed mental health counseling by a licensed clinical social worker, provide basic needs, supportive services, immigration/legal service referrals, comprehensive case management, housing location assistance, comprehensive aftercare services if remaining in the area.
Total victims served year to date	10
AGENCY:	Triad Ladder of Hope
Location:	High Point, NC 27261. Triad Ladder of Hope is located in Guilford County and serves the twelve counties of the Triad: Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin.
Award Amount:	\$168,887.84
Description or program initiatives:	Provide all clients with necessities such as clothes or hygiene products. Case Management: meet with clients, assist with appointment/court accompaniment, connect clients to resources, safety plans, and help transport clients. Triad Rapid Response Team (TRRT): Provide response whenever a human trafficking case happens in the Triad.
Total victims served year to date	16
AGENCY:	Wayne Pregnancy Center
Location:	Goldsboro, NC 27534. Wayne Pregnancy Center is located in Wayne County and serves the state of North Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Our goal is to find safe housing and have a workable care plan, provide shelter, trauma counseling, life skills, vocational training, and education. Our goal is to help survivors heal and become self-sufficient once they graduate the program.
Total victims served year to date	50



16.20B GRANTS TO DEVELOP, STRENGTHEN, OR EXPAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAMS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:

16.20B is 100% obligated.

Compassion to Act and the North Carolina Institute Against Human Trafficking completed proposals for funds.

Both agencies have been voted on and approved by the Appropriations Committee to receive funds.

Both agencies have a fully executed contract and have received the first disbursement payment.





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AGENCY:	Compassion to ACT	
Location:	Waxhaw, NC 28173. Compassion to Act is located in Union County and serves the state of North Carolina.	
Award Amount:	\$250,00.00	
Description or program initiatives:	Open Compassion Cottage, hire specialist and staff to provide personalized care such as placement to programs, mentoring, personal enrichment plans, outreach initiatives, and education and awareness.	
Total victims served year to date	0	

AGENCY:	NC Institute Against Human Trafficking	
Location:	Concord, NC 28027. Focusing on the Charlotte Designated Market Area	
Award Amount:	\$320,000.00	
Description or program initiatives:	Launch Operation Emancipation and Operate Two (2) Drop-In Centers to Extract Victims from Traffickers and Provide Immediate Care.	
Total victims served year to date	0	





CONCLUSION

The Human Trafficking Commission is extremely thankful for this funding and opportunity to work with agencies and enhance services to victims across the state. The seventeen agencies funded through this section of awards will offer services to human trafficking victims across the state. Six of the Seventeen agencies accept referrals statewide to help victims and the remaining agencies serve a combined 35 counties. The Commission's most recent report from agencies indicate that the agencies have already served a combined total of 239 victims year-to-date.

Since creating the grant structure within the HTC, the grants management team has built a process for issuing and collecting requests for proposals. In addition, the grant team has built a proposal review process, grant agreement templates, monitoring plan, risk assessment, and agency reporting forms. Agency site visits are an upcoming area of focus along with reviewing quarterly progress and financial reports for approval of the next quarterly disbursements to agencies.

The Appropriations Committee has held the following meetings since the last report: February 27th, March 6th and 27th, April 24th, May 8th and 22nd, June 12th, July 10th, and August 14th and 28th. The eleven committee members have held open discussion to approve the process, as well as conducting business through voting and approval.

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