

Staff Report:

General Assembly
Reports are due March
1st. These will be
submitted tomorrow.



March 2025 Report on Human Trafficking Grants

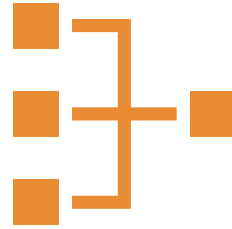
Section 16.20A	Grants for Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking
Section 16.20B	Grants to Develop, Strengthen, or Expand Human Trafficking Victim Service Programs

Citation of Law or Resolution: S.L.2021-180

Section Number: Section 16.20
Due Date: March 1, 2025
Submission Date: February 28, 2025

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Grant Program Updates:



Grants Management System

Submittable

WizeHive – NextZen

Smartsheet

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Newest Grant Program Update:

RECURRING \$500,000 in Direct Service Grants

State Funding

Request for Proposal for FY 2024-205 went out Dec. 23rd and applications were due Feb. 7th.

24 applications were submitted.

19 applications moved to scoring.

Appropriations Committee will meet next week.

Request for Proposal FY 2025-2026 will be out late March.

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First, NCHFA would like to extend our gratitude to the staff of the Human Trafficking Commission. We received invaluable information, staff training, and assistance from the members and staff of the Human Trafficking Commission. We also engaged a graduate school researcher that looked for best practices from around the country and interviewed dozens of stakeholders. Staff determined that a stand-alone program was needed, and created a new program singularly focused on the needs of human trafficking service organizations. Again, the state's Human Trafficking Commission greatly assisted us in marketing and publicizing the availability of funding.

- Pre-applications were due January 27, 2025.
- NCHFA received 8 proposals from 7 different organizations.
- Staff recently concluded site visits.
- Final applications are due May 2.

That's it for now.

Let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you!

Best,

Will Parry-Hill

Deputy Executive Director

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency

Staff Report:

Training and Events:

- See Handout on website under meeting materials

Hurricane Helene:

- Continued check-in with agencies affected in the mountains
- Submitted some agency needs to legislative contacts

Federal Changes:

- January Region IV meeting in Atlanta was canceled
- Many NC agencies have funding concerns
- National Hotline update

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Survey Coming to Direct Service Providers:

Housing Inventory in North Carolina

- Count of dedicated human trafficking beds
- Specifications on any dedicated beds
- Programming details for beds

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Be on the lookout for these:

- Updated Charge Data Handout

Human Trafficking Statistics

From 2017-2019, the number of charges for human trafficking, sexual servitude, and involuntary servitude trended upward annually, but decreased considerably from 2019 to 2020. In 2021, charges again increased.



	HUMAN TRAFFICKING ¹	INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE ²	SEXUAL SERVITUDE ³	TOTAL
2017	97	8	49	154
2018	120	13	46	179
2019	137	11	57	205
2020	102	1	36	139
2021	122	12	43	177

- Short report on comparison of National Hotline Tips for NC given to law enforcement.

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Other updates:

Submitted Governor's Crime Commission grant renewal paperwork for current year and the application for the 2025-2028 grant.

2025 Conference of the Carolinas (hosted by South Carolina and tentatively planned for late July)

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National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH):

What all does NHTH do?

- Community / Public questions and maintaining an information center.
- Referral directories (public and internal versions), some vetting is conducted.
- Website online reporting; and Text line
- On-call interpreters in over 200 languages (helps responders also)
- Back door lines for law enforcement and service providers that are part of the 24/7 response with NHTH.

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What does the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) do continued:

Answers live hotline calls and talks with callers about next steps:

1. Linking to a service provider immediately, when needed, or by referral using their vetted directory. If no service provider responds or exists for immediate response, then use DV/SA; homeless programs; etc.
 - Services needed could be therapy; medical; legal; shelter; etc.
2. Linking to law enforcement to assist with exit or provide EMS care.
3. Sending law enforcement tips from callers or people that report through the online form.

*Follow-up is provided for all 3 and they complete mandatory reporting.

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National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) continued:

What States can do to help with the NHTH?

- Train law enforcement and first responders.
- Law enforcement response protocol for helping victims, investigating tips, and connecting victims to service providers.
- Train service providers.
- Service provider protocols for response to victims and how to partner with law enforcement, when needed.

In areas where we recommend a certain protocol, the NHTH tries to follow that protocol.