



NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

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Section 16.21 Grants for Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking

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Receiving Entities: Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
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Fiscal Research Division

Submitting Entity: The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission



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:

Appropriations Act: Session Law 2021-180

The grant staffing structure through ARPA / SFRF funds consists of a grant administrator and 5 grant managers in total. Addition of 2 temporary staff to assist with the primary, secondary, and final reviews.

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Summary of Activities:

These 22 grantees which are 11 in Round 1 and 11 in Round 2. Round 1 has a period of performance ending 09/30/2025 for 8 of the agencies while 3 agencies were extended to 06/30/2026. Round 1 has one agency closed.

Grant staff have received all reports from Round 1 and Round 2 agencies. Staff are currently conducting primary, secondary and final reviews.

Next steps to continue monitoring these agencies to Closure as well as scheduling an necessary site visits.



The 16.21 agencies have been awarded a total of \$3,800,000 in funding from Section 16.21. Round one totaling \$1,981,587.37 and round two totaling \$1,818,412.63. The funds awarded from Section 16.21 show that the 11 agencies in round one received 100% of their requested budget. Round two had 11 awarded agencies which all received a little over 90% of their requested budget. These allocations align with expectations of their given periods of performance. Grant staff have received all reports from both rounds agencies. Staff are currently conducting primary, secondary, and final reviews. Next step is to continue monitoring these agencies through to closure as well as scheduling any necessary site visits. HTC has fully implemented the Smartsheet platform as our Grants Management System. Smartsheet has greatly enhanced our ability to track detailed spending, streamline the reports from agencies, and create reports on basic data.

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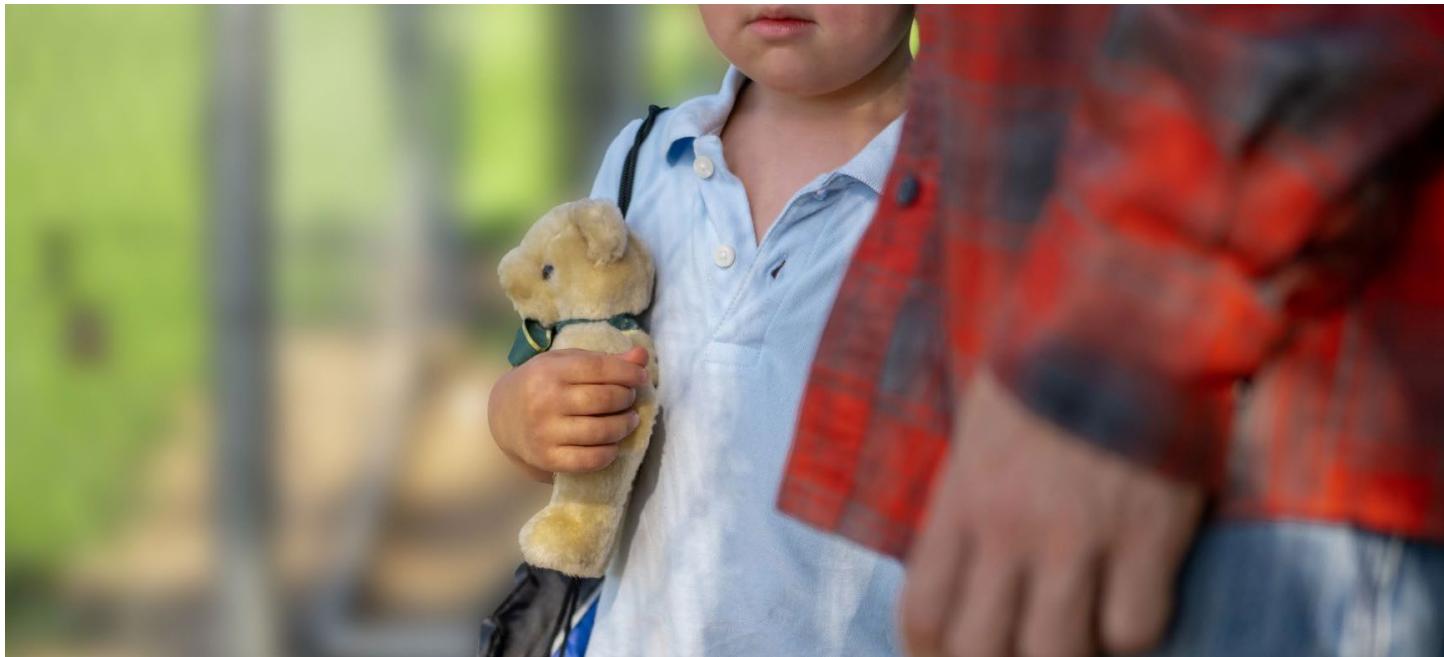




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(1) The number of applications received.	ROUND 1 24	ROUND 2 29
(2) The number of grants awarded.	ROUND 1 1-11	ROUND 2 2-11
(3) The names and locations of the grant recipients.	* Reference table	
(4) The Amount of each grant awarded.	* Reference table	
(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	





16.21 ROUND ONE

AGENCY: A SAFE PLACE	
Location:	921 Princess St., Suite 100 Wilmington, NC 28401. A Safe Place supports victims of trafficking in Southeastern North Carolina, the state of North Carolina, and throughout the United States. Direct Services and Outreach efforts are focused within the Southeastern North Carolina region also known as the Cape Fear Region.
Award Amount:	\$200,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	A Safe Place is seeking funding to support two initiatives, a residential program that provides comprehensive support services and its outreach efforts to increase victim identification and community awareness.
Total victims served year to date	113
AGENCY: DESIGNED FOR JOY	
Location:	517 West Cabarrus St Suite A, Raleigh, NC 27603. Designed For Joy serves women located in Raleigh, NC, and surrounding areas. Counties served include Wake, Johnston, and Durham counties.
Award Amount:	\$200,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	Designed For Joy' goal is to expand their audience reach by 20% through 2024 with outreach and awareness efforts to educate the community on the ongoing need for safe, living wage work for vulnerable women.
Total victims served year to date	98
AGENCY: FLORENCE CRITTENTON (Closed 06/30/2025)	
Location:	3350 Holabird Ln. Charlotte, NC 28208. Crittenton serves young women from across North Carolina, however, most of the clients we serve are from Mecklenburg and surrounding counties.
Award Amount:	\$150,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	Florence Crittenton initiatives are to expand human trafficking education and prevention training for clients, staff, and community members. Another initiative is to improve case management services for clients who have experienced human trafficking and those at risk of becoming trafficking victims to ensure they have the documentation, education, employment, housing, and social services they need to be independent and safe once they leave the program.
Total victims served year to date	36



AGENCY: JUSTICEMATTERS	
Location:	1006 Lamond Ave, Suite B, Durham NC 27701. JusticeMatters (JM) serves victim-survivors of sex and/or labor trafficking across North Carolina. Since our founding in 2009, JM has served individuals residing in 77 counties across our state. The top counties wherein our clients reside are Durham, Wake, Orange, Person, and Granville/Guilford/Johnston.
Award Amount:	\$200,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	JusticeMatters will continue to provide trauma-informed direct legal services and related victim support services to victim-survivors of human trafficking across North Carolina.
Total victims served year to date	122
AGENCY: LEGAL AID	
Location:	319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 104 Raleigh, NC 27603. Legal Aid of NC serves residents across the state of North Carolina in all 100 counties.
Award Amount:	\$200,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	Legal Aid of North Carolina's Immigration Pathways for Victims (IMMPAV) seeks to assist immigrant victims through direct legal advocacy, community education, and collaboration with other service providers. These initiatives will help victims remove legal barriers to achieve stability in their lives, reunite with their families, and prevent future victimization.
Total victims served year to date	477
AGENCY: ON EAGLES WINGS	
Location:	300 McGill Avenue NW, Ste 100, Concord, NC 28027-6150. On Eagles Wings support sexually exploited and trafficked children/youth/young adults from all 100 counties through our residential restoration program and community-based services.
Award Amount:	\$200,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	This grant will support two new homes for young, trafficked mothers by providing case management, peer support and professional survivor advocacy services. In addition, it will provide continuation funding to help ensure sustainability of the existing OEW Hope House® safe, stable housing, transportation, and trauma-informed therapeutic interventions for girls ages 18-25 and community-based services for sexually exploited and trafficked children and youth ages 6-25.
Total victims served year to date	51



AGENCY:	
Location:	62A Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Pisgah Legal Services serves 18 counties in Western North Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$91,932.00
Description or program initiatives:	Pisgah Legal Services helps survivors of human trafficking address their civil legal needs, including immigration status, domestic violence protection orders, child custody, housing, public benefits, name changes, expungements, and tax assistance.
Total victims served year to date	97
AGENCY:	
Location:	5701 Executive Center Drive; Suite 108 Charlotte, NC 28262. Present Age serves the Charlotte Metro Area.
Award Amount:	\$199,133.00
Description or program initiatives:	Present Age's initiatives are to include trauma-informed therapy to treat PTSD and other mental health disorders, educational support and advocacy, a safe place to live, medical intervention, pregnancy care and support, relational support and education, court advocacy and mentoring. Their most pressing need is to hire 2 additional Case Managers.
Total victims served year to date	618
AGENCY:	
Location:	9 Sheppard Branch Rd. Weaverville, NC 28787. The Hundred Movement serves survivors of sex trafficking across the state of North Carolina. While they are based out of the Asheville area, our telehealth platform allows mental health and case management services to be delivered to anyone in the state.
Award Amount:	\$189,932.00
Description or program initiatives:	Funding will help the Hundred Movement continue to provide free individual and group counseling services to primary and secondary survivors of trafficking.
Total victims served year to date	55



AGENCY: TRUE JUSTICE	
Location:	409 Metcalf Street New Bern, NC 28560. True Justice serves survivors across eastern North Carolina. Their main focus is in Craven, Onslow, Carteret, Pamlico, Jones, Lenior, Pender, and Duplin. However, they take referrals from all over the state.
Award Amount:	\$175,249.00
Description or program initiatives:	True Justice goal is to increase the number of survivors receiving services through our restoration home and outreach programs by 25%. Through collaboration with Onslow County, the Rapid Response team, and strategic local and statewide partnerships, survivors will receive comprehensive, holistic support.
Total victims served year to date	165
AGENCY: WAYNE PREGNANCY CENTER	
Location:	3501 E. Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC 27533. Wayne Pregnancy Center serves the entire state of North Carolina as well as address the needs throughout the entire United States.
Award Amount:	\$200,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	Wayne Pregnancy Center goal is to find safe housing/placement for survivors and implement a care plan that can restore their life. Also, to assist survivors in their healing allowing them to become self-sufficient once they have graduated from the program or leave to acquire life on their own.
Total victims served year to date	899





16.21 ROUND TWO

AGENCY:	
Location:	520 Mulberry Street, Shallotte, North Carolina 28470. CRCI serves women exploited by human trafficking in Brunswick County, NC, as well as women from the neighboring counties of Columbus, Pender, New Hanover in southeastern North Carolina. Since Brunswick County borders SC, we also get referrals from organizations serving trafficked women in South Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$153,756.95
Description or program initiatives:	Support the existing services to women who have been trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked and are being served in the Rose House and Ray House via CRCI's Recovery Program and StATUSA's therapeutic supports. Further develop, strengthen, and expand the services we offer survivors of trafficking and those at risk for being trafficked by completing the permanent location for the Women's Life Center in Shallotte, staffing it, and expanding the support services and programs being offered.
Total victims served year to date	11
AGENCY:	
Location:	1528 Union Road Gastonia, NC 28054. CTSCD has selected Charlotte, North Carolina as the geographic area where it will provide services to victims of human trafficking.
Award Amount:	\$180,670.00
Description or program initiatives:	Provide comprehensive direct care recovery services to human trafficking victims / survivors up to age 21, and their children, in accordance with the survivor-centered plan. Enhance collaborations with key stakeholders, institutions, and organizations that aligned with the mission of CTSCD Safe Steps Initiative. Planning, coordinating, and implementation of innovative community outreach and education campaigns that increases awareness of human trafficking and enhances anti-trafficking measures for prevention in the Charlotte-Metro area.
Total victims served year to date	0



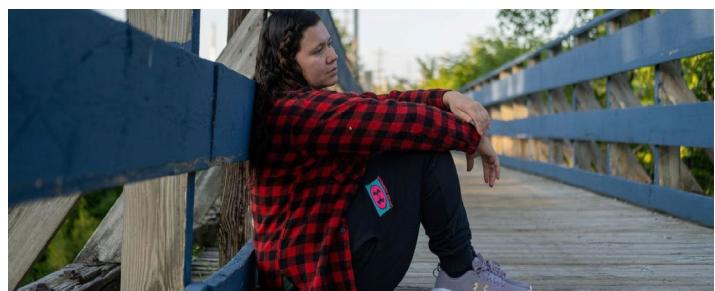
AGENCY:		FIRST FRUIT
Location:		2750 Vance Street, Wilmington NC 28412. First Fruit Ministries serves people facing hunger, homelessness, or human trafficking in New Hanover County, located in Southeastern NC.
Award Amount:		\$180,611.35
Description or program initiatives:		The goal of the 5.11 House is to provide safe, stable housing and appropriate services to victims of human trafficking.
Total victims served year to date		9
AGENCY:		MOUNTAIN CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, INC
Location:		124 College Street, 3rd Floor Asheville NC 28801. The Mountain Child Advocacy Center (MCAC) serves Western North Carolina (WNC) primarily in Buncombe County. Buncombe County, spanning approximately 660 square miles, is centrally located in the western region of North Carolina and includes urban, suburban, and rural communities.
Award Amount:		\$180,670.00
Description or program initiatives:		The Mountain Child Advocacy Center (MCAC) serves a critical need in Western North Carolina by addressing the complex issues of trauma, sexual and physical abuse, psychological abuse, neglect, torture, and human sex trafficking, particularly among children and youth.
Total victims served year to date		3
AGENCY:		NC STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INC
Location:		1413 S. Evans St., Suite A, Greenville, NC 27834. NC Stop Human Trafficking's MDTs serve Pitt County, and we are slated to begin MDTs in Beaufort and Martin counties.
Award Amount:		\$45,167.50
Description or program initiatives:		Focusing on developing human trafficking victim services in two counties that are largely underserved by human trafficking agencies, which are Martin and Beaufort counties. NC Stop Human Trafficking will go into these two counties and develop new MDTs in 2024.
Total victims served year to date		Agency Withdrew and Returned Funds 0



AGENCY: ONE MORE CHILD	
Location:	8700 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616. The One More Child (OMC) Anti- services are provided in the four identified areas of the Wake, Durham, Orange, and Chatham counties in North Carolina. Victims/survivors may be served in other surrounding counties on a case-by-case basis.
Award Amount:	\$180,673.64
Description or program initiatives:	One More Child employs a specialized mobile team to serve male and female minor and adult sex-trafficking victims with acute and ongoing needs in the community and is strategically located to meet the needs of victims where they are. The program complements existing community support by facilitating relationship building and increasing access to tangible goods and referrals.
Total victims served year to date	80
AGENCY: ONE PLACE	
Location:	900 Dennis Road Jacksonville, NC 28546. Onslow County encompasses a wide geographical area that includes rural, urban, and suburban communities, covering an expansive 767 square miles.
Award Amount:	\$180,670.00
Description or program initiatives:	Expanding our current database, collaborate, allowing for expanded data collection and strengthened case management services. Also to establish an internal human trafficking response team comprised of a Forensic Interviewer, Family Advocate, Medical Provider, and Mental Health Provider. Our last initiative involves providing comprehensive training to MDT partners and community stakeholders and developing a human trafficking awareness campaign.
Total victims served year to date	2



AGENCY: PAT'S PLACE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	
Location:	901 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203. PPCAC is the only child advocacy center serving all of Mecklenburg County.
Award Amount:	\$177,318.57
Description or program initiatives:	PPCAC respectfully requests funding to support the YES! program, an innovative and unique anti-human trafficking program for minors that is half-way through its initial 18-month grant cycle. PPCAC is expanding community access to YES! to increase the number of teens receiving our wraparound therapeutic and supportive services to reduce their risk of sex trafficking and exploitation.
Total victims served year to date	51
AGENCY: SAFE HOUSE PROJECT	
Location:	4513 Piper Glen Drive Charlotte, NC 28277. Safe House Project (SHP) is committed to serving the entire state of North Carolina, addressing the needs of human trafficking victims across this vast and diverse geographic landscape.
Award Amount:	\$177,318.57
Description or program initiatives:	With the support of these funds, Safe House Project (SHP) is poised to significantly enhance direct access to services for survivors of human trafficking through the strategic expansion of our crisis response warmline. This vital resource, currently operational, serves as an immediate lifeline for survivors, law enforcement, social services, and other stakeholders to access direct services for survivors of human trafficking 24/7.
Total victims served year to date	130



**AGENCY:****THE SALVATION ARMY OF WAKE COUNTY**

Location:	1963 Capital Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27604. The Salvation Army in Raleigh, NC provides services to individuals and their families residing in Wake County, NC including Human trafficking survivors.
Award Amount:	\$180,664.72
Description or program initiatives:	Hiring trauma-informed, anti-human traffic specific, case managers and a trauma-informed, anti-human traffic specific supervisor to develop and support the individual recovery plans (IRP) of Human trafficking survivors. The case managers joining the rapid response team for Wake County. The Project FIGHT staff will respond to the AHT hotline for client referrals. The case manager supervisor providing community awareness trainings and cultivating additional partner relationships to address advanced and professional needs of Human trafficking survivors.
Total victims served year to date	0

AGENCY:**THOMPSON CHILD & FAMILY FACES**

Location:	6800 St. Peter's Lane Matthews, NC 28105. Adira is the only program of its kind in NC and has been operating for four years. The target population is adolescent females ages (12-17), from Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cumberland, Durham, Gaston, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Union, and Wake Counties.
Award Amount:	\$178,142.88
Description or program initiatives:	We plan to renovate the basement to make it into a life skills education area. We will have mentors and speakers come out twice a week to teach the girls about a range of topics and skills. We will upfit one of the rooms in the cottage and turn it into a calming room for the girls to utilize when they are in an escalated feeling like fear, anger, and/or frustration. We will upfit the therapist's office. We will purchase a gym membership to the YMCA for each client. We will complete the cottage's backyard area.
Total victims served year to date	9

**AGENCY:****THE BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL****Location:**

903 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh NC 27605. The Bridge International's mission is to empower and support all individuals who have experienced human trafficking by bridging the gaps in direct services, under-served communities, and community awareness.

Award Amount:**\$47,167.50****Description or program initiatives:**

Through this grant project, The Bridge International will strengthen our direct services program and expand our trauma-informed case management to better bridge the gaps in services for individuals who have experienced human trafficking, both sex and labor trafficking. This funding will allow The Bridge International to increase positive outcomes for the survivors of human trafficking we serve by reducing barriers to services needed and reduce revictimization of Survivors during crisis response. Additionally, this grant project will re-establish the Triangle and High Country Regional Response Teams.

Total victims served year to date

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