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Dear Representatives and Senators:

Pursuant to Session Law 2013-360, Section 16A.1, please find enclosed a report from the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts on the federal grant funds awarded to the Judicial Department.

If you have any questions, please contact Kurt Stephenson, Research Associate, Division of Research & Planning, at (919) 890-1278 or [Kurt.D.Stephenson@nccourts.org](mailto:Kurt.D.Stephenson@nccourts.org).

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Smith".

John W. Smith,  
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cc: William Childs  
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## **Report on Judicial Department Federal Grants – FY 2013-2014** **S.L. 2013-360, Section 16A.1**

May 1, 2014



## **GRANT REPORTING AND MATCHING FUNDS**

**SECTION 16A.1.** The Department of Public Safety, the Department of Justice, and the Judicial Department shall report by May 1 of each year to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Chairs of the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and the Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by those departments. The report shall include information on the amount of grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by each department, the use of the funds, the State match expended to receive the funds, and the period to be covered by each grant. If the department intends to continue the program beyond the end of the grant period, the department shall report on the proposed method for continuing the funding of the program at the end of the grant period. Each department shall also report on any information it may have indicating that the State will be requested to provide future funding for a program presently supported by a local grant.

***Session Law 2013-360, 16A.1***

### Judicial Department Federal Grants - FY 2013-14

Source	Project Name	Summary	Grant Period	Award Amount*	Match Amount*	Type of Match
G	District 7 Federal Drug Prosecutor	Provide a special prosecutor for drug trafficking offenses	7-1-12 6-30-14	\$188,095		
G	District 5-The Ark-2013	Provide an assistant district attorney to facilitate the prosecution of drug trafficking offenses	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$95,000		
G	DV Technical Assistance & Training for Judges	Provide a domestic violence specialist to provide technical assistance and training in implementation of best practices	7-1-12 6-30-14	\$100,763	\$33,588	25% in-kind
G	2013 AOC Building Capacity for GAL Recruitment	This project will build capacity for the ongoing recruitment and retention of citizen volunteers who advocate on behalf of the state's abused and neglected court-involved youth.	7-1-13 6-30-15	\$145,633		
G	District 26 Special Prosecutor (SAUSA)-2013	Provide an assistant district attorney to prosecute cases involving gun/drug violence	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$80,964		
G	District 22A Federal Drug/Gun Prosecutor	Provide an assistant district attorney to prosecute cases involving gun/drug violence	7-1-11 6-30-14	\$186,647		
G	2013 NCCDA Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor	Provide a resource prosecutor to provide training & technical assistance for domestic violence and sexual assault cases	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$229,232	\$76,307	25% in-kind
G	Ensuring Quality Service	Provide a technical writer to document core knowledge, processes, and best practices in clerks' offices	7-1-11 9-30-14	\$154,577		
G	Forsyth Co. - Chronic Offender Special Prosecutor - 2011	Provide an assistant district attorney and a 0.75 FTE victim/witness legal assistant for cases involving gun/drug violence	7-1-11 11-1-13	\$184,107		
G	Forsyth County-Chronic Offender Special Prosecutor-2013	Provide an assistant district attorney and a 0.75 FTE victim/witness legal assistant for cases involving gun/drug violence	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$94,053		
G	District 14-Federal Liaison Prosecutor-2013	Provide an assistant district attorney to facilitate the prosecution of drug trafficking offenses	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$66,969		

G	District 3B Federal Drug Prosecutor 2013	Provide an assistant district attorney to facilitate the prosecution of drug trafficking offenses	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$93,343		
G	Alamance County Federal Drug Prosecutor	Provide an assistant district attorney to prosecute cases involving gun/drug violence	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$93,809		
G	District 28 Federal Drug/Gun Prosecutor-2013	Provide an assistant district attorney and 0.5 FTE victim/witness legal assistant to prosecute cases involving gun/drug violence	7-1-13 9-30-14	\$94,126		
G	Family Violence Justice Project	Provide a district attorney investigator and a victim/witness legal assistant to assist with prosecution of family violence and sexual assault cases	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$108,189	\$36,066	25% in-kind
G	Wake County-Federal Drug Liaison Prosecutor-2013	Provide a special prosecutor for drug trafficking offenses	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$66,781		
G	Pitt County-Federal Drug Prosecutor-2013	Provide a special prosecutor for drug trafficking offenses	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$83,756		
G	2012 NCCDA Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor	Provide a resource prosecutor to support and train N.C. prosecutors and other professionals to effectively identify, investigate, and prosecute cases of child abuse and neglect and conduct forensic interviews	7-1-12 6-30-14	\$329,022		
G	NCCDA Statewide Victim Services-2012	Provide a resource victim/witness legal assistant to provide support and training to district attorney support staff to effectively identify, assist, and work with victims of crime	7-1-12 6-30-14	\$236,838	\$78,946	25% cash
G	AOC-Juvenile Forms Re-Design - 2013	Fund two contract senior analyst programmers to re-design high usage juvenile forms, making them easier to use, reducing duplicate data entry, and ensuring that the forms comply with current and future legislation, and ensuring data quality	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$108,611		

G	Alamance Co - District 15A-Domestic Violence Victim-Witness/Legal Assistant 2012	Provide a victim/witness legal assistant to enhance services to domestic violence victims and help facilitate the efficient and effective prosecution to domestic violence related offenses	7-1-12 6-30-14	\$94,961	\$31,654	25% in-kind
G	Rowan County-District 19C-Unheard Voices-2013	Provide an assistant district attorney to enhance services to adult and adolescent female victims of domestic violence and facilitate the efficient and effective prosecution of these cases	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$56,611	\$18,870	25% in-kind
G	AOC District 13 - Domestic Violence Prosecution - 2012	Provide an assistant district attorney and a victim/witness legal assistant to enhance services to victims of domestic violence, and facilitate the efficient and effective prosecution of domestic violence offenses	7-1-12 6-30-14	\$278,034	\$92,678	25% in-kind
G	District 9A - Enhancing Services to Spanish-Speaking Victims - 2012	Provide a bilingual victim/witness legal assistant to enhance services to Spanish-speaking crime victims and help facilitate the effective prosecution of offenses frequently perpetrated against them	7-1-12 12-31-13	\$34,516	\$11,505	25% in-kind
G	District 9A - Enhancing Services to Spanish-Speaking Victims	Provide a bilingual victim/witness legal assistant to enhance services to Spanish-speaking crime victims and help facilitate the effective prosecution of offenses frequently perpetrated against them	2-1-14 1-31-15	\$38,883	\$12,961	25% in-kind
G	22B: Stop the Violence Against Women	Provide a district attorney investigator to assist in the creation and implementation of a protocol to provide comprehensive prosecution services for those crimes involving violence against women	10-1-12 6-30-14	\$101,834	\$33,945	25% in-kind
G	AOC Enhancing Language Access Service in the Courts	This project will provide a 0.75 FTE language access forms design specialist to format the design and layout of translated NCAOC forms and publications. This project will also fund the purchase of equipment to provide sustainable remote interpreting services to N.C. courts.	2-1-13 6-30-14	\$159,277		

G	Accuracy and Error in Decision Making in the Criminal Justice Process	This project will assemble prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, and legal scholars to discuss how decisions are made throughout the criminal justice process and increase understanding of decision-making.	11-30-12 12-31-13	\$23,101		
G	2013 Columbus/Bladen Domestic Violence Prosecution	This project will use funds to provide an assistant district attorney and a victim/witness legal assistant to enhance services to victims of domestic violence and facilitate the efficient and effective prosecution of domestic violence offenses.	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$129,159	\$43,053	25% in-kind
G	Rowan County-District 19C-Unheard Voices- VWLA - 2013	This project funds a victim/witness legal assistant to enhance services to adult and adolescent female victims of domestic violence and facilitate the efficient and effective prosecution of these cases.	6-1-13 6-30-14	\$36,701	\$12,234	25% in-kind
G	Veterans Treatment Court Pilot Project - 2013	This project provides a coordinator to implement a veterans court to offer comprehensive and individualized treatment to veterans guilty of committing misdemeanors or low level nonviolent felonies.	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$66,697		
G	2013-Administrative Office of the Courts - NCHIP Grant Award	In 2008, the NCAOC implemented reporting of special proceedings commitment cases to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Commitment cases were reported on a point forward basis starting in 2008. This grant would fund staff to index cases from 1966 - 2008.	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$311,571	\$34,619	10% in-kind
G	2013-Cumberland Co.-Domestic Violence Assistant District Attorney	Provide a domestic violence prosecutor to specialize in and facilitate efficient and effective prosecutions of all domestic violence crimes and to collaborate with court and community partners to ensure the provision of services to domestic violence victims	5-1-13 5-31-14	\$67,927	\$22,642	25% in-kind



G	2013-AOC-GAL Regional Training Conference	The Guardian Ad Litem program will host regional volunteer conferences in 2013 to celebrate the program's thirtieth anniversary and provide in-service training for the program's citizen volunteers.	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$14,477		
G	AOC-Criminal Justice Web Services Access to NCAWARE-2013	Provide a contract programmer to ensure NCAWARE collaboration with data sharing efforts such as Lynx and NDEX and also continue development of other web services such as offense text and code searches	7-1-13 6-30-14	108,610.80		
G	NCCDA - Caseload Management/Delay Reduction Project - 2013	This project will employ a Court Management/Delay Reduction program to enable district attorneys to explore and implement innovative case processing techniques and court management programs by providing two two-day training programs.	7-1-13 6-30-14	\$107,565		
G	2013-Alamance Co.-District 15A-Domestic Violence Prosecutor	Provide a domestic violence prosecutor to specialize in and facilitate efficient and effective prosecutions of all domestic violence crimes and to collaborate with court and community partners to ensure the provision of services to domestic violence victims	7-1-13 6-30-15	\$180,450	\$60,150	25% in-kind
G	Brunswick Adult Drug Treatment Court	Provide coordinator to supervise long-term treatment of nonviolent substance-abusing offenders	7-1-11 9-30-13	\$165,867		
G	Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Center	Provide director and other positions as funds permit to oversee parent-child contact in cases of domestic violence, abuse, and neglect	7-1-10 8-31-13	\$183,740	\$45,935	20% cash
G	2012-AOC-Elder Protection and Adult Guardianship Training	Provide funds for a coordinator and an administrative assistant to create written guidelines, procedures, and training for clerks on the topic of guardianship and incompetency proceedings	7-1-12 8-31-13	\$162,117		

H	Harnett DWI Prosecution	Provide an assistant district attorney and a victim/witness legal assistant to expedite the disposition of DWI cases	10-1-12 9-30-13	\$115,514		
H	eCitation/NCAWARE Arrestables Interface	Provide two senior programmer analyst contractors to automate the transmission of arrestable offenses	10-1-12 9-30-13	\$133,572		
H	The Ledger	Provide a victim/witness legal assistant to help expedite the disposition of DWI cases in New Hanover County	10-1-12 9-30-13	\$57,018		
H	Pitt DWI Legal Assistant	Provide a victim/witness legal assistant to help expedite the disposition of DWI cases	10-1-12 9-30-13	\$49,162		
H	Forsyth DWI Prosecution	Provide an assistant district attorney, victim/witness legal assistant, and a deputy clerk to expedite the disposition of DWI cases	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$155,671		
H	Wake DWI Court	Provide an assistant district attorney, victim/witness legal assistant, and a deputy clerk to expedite the disposition of DWI cases	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$149,273		
H	Buncombe County DWI Treatment & Prevention Court	Provide a victim/witness legal assistant to identify appropriate Level 1 and 2 defendants who would most benefit from a DWI treatment court	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$49,515		
H	NCCDA Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor	Provide a traffic safety resource prosecutor and a legal assistant to provide training and technical assistance for traffic-related cases	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$527,156		
H	eCitation Printers	This grant provides printers for law enforcement agencies unable to purchase them and therefore increases the number of law enforcement officers on eCitation.	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$267,500		
B	DNA Testing Assistance Program	Provide a staff attorney and two legal investigators to work on cases involving claims of actual innocence	1-1-13 12-31-14	\$761,111		

B	Capital Training Improvement Project II	Provides funding for capital case training to both prosecutors and defense counsel	10-1-13 9-30-15	\$169,714		
B	Union DWI Treatment Court	Provide a case coordinator to oversee operations of a DWI Treatment Court for repeat DWI offenders	10-1-10 9-30-14	\$350,000	\$119,938	25% in kind
B	Wake Family Court DV Case Coordinator	Provide a domestic violence case coordinator to ensure effective management of domestic violence cases in civil, criminal, and family court	9-1-10 8-31-14	\$259,376		
D	State Court Improvement-Basic Program	Provide a project manager and 0.5 FTE training coordinator to provide technical assistance to juvenile court judges and court community	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$271,212	\$90,404	25% in kind
D	State Court Improvement-Data Program	Provide two programmers and a 0.25 contract position to refine data systems for juvenile court proceedings	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$242,840	\$80,947	25% in kind
D	State Court Improvement-Training Program	Provide a court management specialist, business systems application trainer, and 0.5 FTE curriculum developer to provide training on juvenile issues to judges and staff	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$239,992	\$79,997	25% in kind
D	Bridges for Families (Robeson)	Provide a coordinator for Family Drug Treatment Court to improve permanency and well-being of children of substance-abusing parents	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$81,154	\$33,891	25% in kind
D	Access & Visitation Program	Provide five coordinators to oversee the access and visitation programs in Districts 6A, 12, 14, 20, 28	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$288,371	\$32,041	10% in-kind
C	Youth Advocacy State grant	This project will fund a two-month targeted statewide volunteer recruitment media campaign to raise the public's awareness, equip a corps of 12 experienced guardians ad litem to serve as "on-demand" volunteer training facilitators, and it will increase a 0.875 FTE training administrator position to full-time.	6-1-13 5-31-14	\$30,000		

C	Statewide Training & Recruitment	This project will allow the Guardian Ad Litem state office to better support the volunteer recruitment and retention work of local offices throughout the state through increased advertising, outreach activities, and trainings to gain new volunteers and recruitment skills.	10-1-13 9-30-14	\$37,000		
O	Court Continuity of Operations	Provide funds for statewide travel to update/enhance the emergency Courts Continuity of Operations Plan that has been developed for each county	10-1-11 8-31-14	\$20,345		

#### **FUNDING SOURCE**

B: Bureau of Justice Assistance  
 C: Court Appointed Special Advocates  
 D: Department of Health & Human Services  
 G: Governor's Crime Commission  
 H: Governor's Highway Safety Program  
 O: Other

\* Amount rounded to the nearest dollar