



# 2023 REPORT ON JUDICIAL BRANCH GRANTS

G.S. 7A-350.1

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**About the North Carolina Judicial Branch**

The mission of the North Carolina Judicial Branch is to protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina by providing a fair, independent and accessible forum for the just, timely and economical resolution of their legal affairs.

**About the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts**

The mission of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts is to provide services to help North Carolina's unified court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

# INTRODUCTION

N.C.G.S. 7A-350.1 requires the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) to report on grant funds received or preapproved. Specifically, section G.S. 7A-350.1 provides as follows:

The Judicial Department shall report by May 1 of each year to the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety on grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by the Department. The report shall include information on the amount of grant funds received or preapproved for receipt by the 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. The 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.

This report includes grants which have been active in FY 2022-23 and reflects information that was available as of May 1, 2023. NCAOC respectfully submits this report pursuant to the legislative mandate.



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| B                                     | 2020 Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence                         | This grant provides funds for one staff attorney, travel, DNA testing, and other items related to the work of the N.C. Innocence Commission.                                       | 10-1-2020        | 9-30-2023      | \$390,504      | \$0            |                  |
| B                                     | 2022 Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence                         | This grant provides funds for one staff attorney, travel, DNA testing, and other items related to the work of the N.C. Innocence Commission.                                       | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2025      | \$550,000      | \$0            |                  |
| B                                     | Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Program | Office of Justice Programs grant to provide training and travel in support of Veterans and Drug Treatment Courts.  | 10-1-2020        | 9-30-2023      | \$749,000      | \$0            |                  |
| B                                     | Juvenile Justice System Enhancements                                | Funds a juvenile court resource prosecutor to aid and train ADAs statewide.  | 10-1-2020        | 9-30-2023      | \$500,000      | \$0            |                  |
| B                                     | OJJDP FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile Indigent Defense                   | This project funds a project attorney for the Juvenile Defense Equal Access Project (JDEAP) which trains attorneys in 28 counties on specialized youth defense.                    | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2024      | \$392,453      | \$0            |                  |
| B                                     | Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence                              | This grant provides funds for one staff attorney, travel, DNA testing, and other items related to the work of the N.C. Innocence Commission.                                       | 1-1-2020         | 12-31-2022     | \$180,001      | \$0            |                  |
| B                                     | Wake County DA Office Project Guardian                              | Provides a SAUSA to reduce violent crime in Wake County as part of the Project Guardian Initiative.  | 10-1-2020        | 12-31-2022     | \$332,876      | \$0            |                  |
| D                                     | Access & Visitation Program   | Provide six coordinators to oversee the access and visitation programs in Districts 6A, 12, 14, 20, 28 and NCAOC. Two coordinators are .95FTE and four are .90FTE.                 | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$349,355      | \$38,817       | 10% in-kind      |
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| D                                     | Foster Youth and Families Pandemic Act (Emergency Funds)    | This funding may be used to assist with: (1) technology investments; (2) training on remote hearings; and (3) programs to help families avoid delays in legal proceedings that have resulted from COVID-19; or (4) other purposes to assist courts, court personnel, or staff related to the public health emergency. | 10-1-2020        | 9-30-2022      | \$242,796      | \$0            |                  |
| D                                     | State Court Improvement                                     | This grant funds one project manager and one CMS; Funds for statewide training for child welfare judges, attorneys, staff, etc.; Other ancillary projects related to child welfare.   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2024      | \$742,857      | \$0            |                  |
| D                                     | State Court Improvement                                     | This grant funds one project manager and one CMS; Funds for statewide training for child welfare judges, attorneys, staff, etc.; Other ancillary projects related to child welfare.   | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$748,713      | \$249,571      | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2020-NCCDA Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor                  | This project provides a child abuse resource prosecutor to train and support NC prosecutors, law enforcement and other allied professionals in the pursuit of justice in the approximately 130,000 suspected cases of child abuse each year.  | 3-1-2021         | 9-30-2022      | \$208,586      | \$0            |                  |
| G                                     | 2021 - 15th Judicial District Domestic Violence Prosecution | This project would fund one DA legal assistant and one assistant district attorney to prosecute domestic violence offenses in Columbus, Brunswick, and Bladen Counties. The prosecutor would also work closely with law enforcement and victim services.  | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$139,824      | \$46,608       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2021 District 12 DV and Sexual Assault Team                 | This project funds an assistant district attorney and a district attorney legal assistant to continue serving Harnett and Lee County domestic violence cases effectively to assist victims of crime throughout the court process.   | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$139,500      | \$46,500       | 25% in-kind      |





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| G                                     | 2021 Indigent Defense Services Juvenile Defender Raise the Age Program | This grant provides 1/2 of a Juvenile Project Defender position that will lead training in jurisdictions throughout the state.  | 1-1-2022         | 9-30-2023      | \$78,000       | \$0            |                  |
| G                                     | 2021 Statewide Public Awareness Human Trafficking                      | This project, through invitation only, was opened to the NC Human Trafficking Commission for public awareness purposes. The 2021 project will build from the 2020 campaign entitled "SpeakUpNC," which primarily developed ads to different industries and a corresponding website for victim assistance.   | 4-1-2021         | 6-30-2023      | \$943,329      | \$0            |                  |
| G                                     | 2021/Forsyth County/DV Prosecution 2021                                | This project maintains an effective, specialized prosecution unit focusing on domestic violence, dating violence and stalking during a period of transition as a local Family Justice Center is established. It will enhance training and develop more effective prosecution protocols.   | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$115,136      | \$38,379       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2021-15th Prosecutorial District Juvenile Prosecutor                   | This grant will provide an ADA to facilitate the prosecution of juvenile crimes in light of Raise the Age implementation  | 1-1-2022         | 12-31-2023     | \$139,897      | \$46,632       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2021-2022 Statewide TTA Human Trafficking                              | This grant provides a training coordinator who will allow the NC Human Trafficking Commission to continue its goal of providing training across the state regarding human trafficking trends, typologies, and responses. In addition, the project will enhance the NC HTC's ability to provide technical support to different disciplines and agencies. | 10-1-2021        | 12-31-2022     | \$99,999       | \$0            |                  |
| G                                     | 2022 - 15th Prosecutorial District Domestic Violence                   | This project would fund one DA legal assistant to enhance services to DV victims in Columbus, Brunswick, and Bladen Counties; and to help facilitate the effective prosecution of DV offenses   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$66,464       | \$22,155       | 25% in-kind      |



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| G                                     | 2022 District 12 DV and Sexual Assault Prosecution Team                           | This project funds an assistant district attorney to continue serving Harnett and Lee County domestic violence cases effectively.   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$98,670       | \$32,890       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2022 NCCSC Statewide Advanced Technical Training-SA                               | This grant would provide funding for the National Crime Training DV/SA/Law Enforcement organization to train clerks of court.   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$63,389       | \$21,130       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2022 NCCDA Violence Against Women Statewide Prosecutor Program                    | This project funds most of a VAWA Resource Prosecutor and a .75FTE meeting planner that provides training, technical assistance and resources to prosecutors, law enforcement and other allied professionals. This VAWA Resource Prosecutor creates and implements the trainings and projects in another grant project. | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$172,391      | \$57,464       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2022/Forsyth County/DV Prosecution-31   | This project funds one 1.0FTE DALA and one .7FTE DALA focusing on domestic violence, dating violence and stalking during a period of transition as a local Family Justice Center is established. It will enhance training and develop more effective prosecution protocols.   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$100,902      | \$33,654       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2022-Cumberland County/14th Prosecutorial District - Human Trafficking Prosecutor | This grant provides an assistant district attorney for human trafficking offenses to combat human trafficking in Cumberland County, and to strengthen collaborative efforts of the current Human Trafficking Task Force.  | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$89,060       | \$29,687       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | 2022-NCCDA Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor Program                                | This project will fund the majority of a Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor that will provide training, technical assistance, resources and more to prosecutors, law enforcement, and other allied professionals across North Carolina   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2024      | \$209,511      | \$0            |                  |





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| G                                     | 2022-Special Victims Investigations-Pitt County                                   | This grant funds one DALA and one DA Investigator to have direct and frequent contact with victims of crime.  | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$125,827      | \$41,942       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | Alamance County Human Trafficking Prosecutor 2022-SA                              | This project provides a full-time, specialized prosecutor to focus on human trafficking and sexual assault cases. This prosecutor will collaborate with county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies on related investigations through the Alamance County Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Council.                | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$81,068       | \$27,023       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | Alamance County-Human Trafficking Prosecutor 2021                                 | This project provides a full-time, specialized prosecutor to focus on human trafficking and sexual assault cases. This prosecutor will collaborate with county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies on related investigations through the Alamance County Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Council.                | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$90,305       | \$30,102       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | AOC - Guardian ad Litem - Legal Services for Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect 2021  | This project will fund guardian ad litem program supervisors to guide 840 volunteers/2,464 child victims in district court, administrative support to make referrals/track required grant statistics, trainers to design/deliver volunteer training, and volunteer recruiters to ensure sufficient numbers of volunteers. | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2023      | \$2,282,153    | \$253,573      | 10% in-kind      |
| G                                     | AOC Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance to Court Communities 2021 | This project provides a full-time court management specialist to build capacity in state courts across all of North Carolina to identify and address all human trafficking involved incidents.  | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$118,961      | \$39,654       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | AOC Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance to Court Communities 2022 | This project provides a full-time court management specialist to build capacity in state courts across all of North Carolina to identify and address all human trafficking involved incidents.  | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$102,399      | \$34,133       | 25% in-kind      |



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| G                                     | AOC-Guardian ad Litem- Legal Services for Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect-Capacity Building and Training | This grant funds consultants and private attorneys for legal advocacy for victims served by the NC GAL program and provide specialized training conference during this period to support 6,000 child victims appointed to 1,700 volunteers.   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$523,323      | \$0            |                  |
| G                                     | Cumberland County Human Trafficking Prosecutor - 2021   | This grant provides an assistant district attorney for human trafficking offenses to combat human trafficking in Cumberland County, and to strengthen collaborative efforts of the current Human Trafficking Task Force.  | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$98,974       | \$32,991       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | Domestic Violence Resource/Training 2022  | This grant will fund one DV Resource/Training Coordinator designated to train court personnel to include judges, law enforcement, and victim agencies. The training is designed to provide up to date information, and share information about agency information about how to better serve victims of domestic violence. | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$75,544       | \$25,181       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | NC Innocence Inquiry Commission: Restorative Justice Pilot Program                                      | The Restorative Justice Pilot Program, led by the NC Innocence Inquiry Commission and Healing Justice, will provide crime victims whose cases involved wrongful convictions and exonerations with the opportunity to participate in restorative justice processes with others impacted by these cases.                    | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2024      | \$48,866       | \$0            |                  |
| G                                     | NCCCSC Advanced Technical Training OVW 2021   | This grant would provide funding for the National Crime Training DV/SA/Law Enforcement organization to train clerks of court.   | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$77,383       | \$25,794       | 25% in-kind      |



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| G                                     | NCCDA Combating Sexual and Domestic Violence 2020         | This project provides a VAWA Resource Prosecutor and meeting planner that provides training, technical assistance and resources to prosecutors, law enforcement and other allied professionals. This VAW Resource Prosecutor creates and implements the trainings and projects in another grant project.   | 10-1-2020        | 9-30-2022      | \$359,874      | \$73,296       | 20% in-kind      |
| G                                     | NCCDA Victims Rights and Financial Crimes Program 2020    | This grant will fund a Victim Service Program Coordinator and staff to assist financial crime victims statewide, and provide training to victim service providers.   | 10-1-2020        | 9-30-2023      | \$582,224      | \$0            |                  |
| G                                     | NCIIC Post Conviction Victim Education and Support - 2019 | This grant provides one victim support and services coordinator for the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission. This allows this state agency charged with neutral investigation of post-conviction claims of innocence to expand its services to victims of crime through the Commission process by victim support and opportunities for meaningful participation. | 10-1-2019        | 9-30-2022      | \$218,512      | \$17,089       | 10% in-kind      |
| G                                     | Pitt Co. Victims Rights Implementation 2021 - 3           | This grant funds one DALA and one DA Investigator to have direct and frequent contact with victims of crime.   | 10-1-2021        | 9-30-2022      | \$139,985      | \$46,662       | 25% in-kind      |
| G                                     | Robeson County Human Trafficking Victim Services 2022     | This grant will fund one DALA to assist women who are victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in Robeson County.  | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$53,266       | \$17,755       | 25% in-kind      |
| H                                     | Buncombe County DWI Treatment & Prevention Court          | Provide a legal assistant II to identify appropriate Level 1 and 2 defendants who would most benefit by DWI Court's quick assessment, intake, specialized intensive treatment and aftercare.   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$67,866       | \$0            |                  |



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| H                                     | NCCDA 2023 Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Project | Provides a traffic safety resource prosecutor, five regional traffic safety resource prosecutors, and an administrative officer I position for training and technical assistance for traffic-related cases. | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$1,210,065    | \$0            |                  |
| H                                     | eCitation Printers                                    | This grant provides printers for law enforcement agencies unable to purchase them and would therefore increase the number of law enforcement officers on eCitation.   | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$300,000      | \$0            |                  |
| H                                     | High Risk Traffic Offender Initiative                 | Funds one DA legal assistant to examine driving histories of high-risk driving offense defendants to alert the DA of repeat offenders.  | 10-1-2022        | 9-30-2023      | \$59,745       | \$0            |                  |
| H                                     | Emergency Judges for DWI Court Sessions               | Funds emergency judges to hold approx. 408 extra sessions of DWI court in Cabarrus, Buncombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Johnston, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, and Wake Counties.                                       | 4-1-2022         | 9-30-2022      | \$204,000      | \$0            |                  |

**\*Funding Source**

B: Bureau of Justice Assistance (U.S. Department of Justice)

D: NC Department of Health & Human Services

G: Governor's Crime Commission

H: Governor's Highway Safety Program

**\*\*Amounts rounded to the nearest dollar**

**\*\*\*Type of Match shows original match requirement, actual Match Amount may be impacted by partial waivers granted by funder.**



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