



NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

MARCH 2024 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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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):

Among the 23 designated agencies, 15 agencies received funding. You may view a thorough explanation in the conclusion section of this report.

Over the past six months risk assessments have been completed as well as updated and site visits occurred with the following agencies:

- A Fresh Start CLT, Inc.
- Haven House, Inc.
- Hyde County Hotline, Inc.
- JusticeMatters, Inc.
- On Eagles Wings

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES (16.20B):

Second-year budget revisions were made to 16.20B contracts with Compassion to Act fully executed and NC Institute against Human Trafficking in the process of updating their budget.

Site visits occurred with the following agencies:

- Compassion To Act, Inc.
- North Carolina Institute Against Human Trafficking

Currently grant staff are reviewing financial and progress reports. There are 23 reports in various stages of the approval process.





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(1) The number of applications received.	23
(2) The number of grants awarded.	17
(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





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AGENCY: Haven House, Inc.	
Location:	Haven House is in Wake County, Raleigh NC, the geographic center of the state, at the crossroads of I-85, I-95 and I-40. Haven House services serves youth in Wake County, North Carolina. Our target population in the Wrenn House and Street Outreach programs may travel to Wake County from other North Carolina counties, or out of state/country.
Award Amount:	\$159,348.00
Description or program initiatives:	This award is supporting our agency's capacity to strengthen our service provision for youth who are victims of human trafficking and those that are at higher risk for victimization due to experiencing homelessness and those who are on runaway status, we have been able to designate staff time to plan for and implement best practices around our response to victims of human trafficking.
Total victims served year to date	2
AGENCY: A Fresh Start CLT, Inc.	
Location:	A Fresh Start Clt serves the state of North Carolina. In the following counties we are serving are Mecklenburg, Wayne, Guilford, Robeson, Brunswick, Union, Cabarrus, Haywood, Duplin.
Award Amount:	\$208,664.80
Description or program initiatives:	Trauma Case Management/Counseling and resources i.e., Clothing, food, baby needs etc. for them to get back on their feet.
Total victims served year to date	12
AGENCY: Beloved Haven, Inc	
Location:	Beloved Haven operates in Northeastern North Carolina.
Award Amount:	\$208,558.72
Description or program initiatives:	Grant funds were used to set up a residential program where women who have been trafficked can have a safe place to stay as they heal and learn new skills. This program is in Hyde County.
Total victims served year to date	30



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AGENCY: Christian Recovery Centers, Inc.	
Location:	Christian Recovery Services Inc. (CRCI), in a joint venture with our Stand Against Trafficking USA, will meet the needs of women, men, and children who have been trafficked in Brunswick Columbus, Pender, New Hanover, and New Brunswick counties. We will also work with survivors of trafficking who have been referred to us from other counties.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Open a Resource Center under the established "hub and spoke model" to meet the needs of trafficked individuals. In geographic terms, the "hub" will be created through the addition of 6000 square feet of space onto the recently opened CRCI Thrift Store to support survivors with a range of services, including medical care, individual and group counseling, job training and case management. It will meet the need for "safe spaces" for those escaping trafficking.
Total victims served year to date	65
AGENCY: Crossroads: Sexual Assault Response & Resource Center	
Location:	Crossroads: SA Response & Resource Center serves the rural counties of Alamance, Caswell, and Person.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	At this point, we are in the early stages, but we plan on multiple outreach events with the Alamance County Health Department and working with law enforcement and the school system to do educational programming.
Total victims served year to date	148
AGENCY: Five 14 Revolution, Inc.	
Location:	Five 14 Revolution is in the heart of the hotel district at Kerr & Market where regular exploitation occurs.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	Grant funds were used for Program initiatives in New Hanover and Brunswick counties. Initiative will be used for Direct Service Personnel salary & wages, travel as related to Five 14 vehicle, and supplies for operating the program.
Total victims served year to date	137



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AGENCY:		Help, Incorporated: Center Against Violence
Location:	Help Incorporated: Center Against Violence provides services to Rockingham County but will accept clients fleeing from any other county	
Award Amount:	\$207,652.98	
Description or program initiatives:	Agency provided crisis services, emergency shelter, forensic interviews, and case management to human trafficking clients during this time frame.	
Total victims served year to date	14	
AGENCY:		Hyde County Hotline, Inc
Location:	Engelhard, NC	
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98	
Description or program initiatives:	The funding will be used largely for HT victims, providing long term safe shelter, counseling, job training, educational needs, clothing, financial assistance with transitional housing, transportation, court and medical advocacy in Hyde County (Including Ocracoke Island) NC	
Total victims served year to date	227	
AGENCY:		JusticeMatters, Inc.
Location:	JusticeMatters serves victim-survivors of sex and/or labor trafficking across North Carolina.	
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98	
Description or program initiatives:	This grant has funded the provision of direct legal services and related victim support services by JusticeMatters to victim-survivors of human trafficking in North Carolina.	
Total victims served year to date		



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AGENCY: On Eagles Wings	
Location:	On Eagles Wings residential and community-based services initiatives are available to serve girls from all 100 counties. The services take place in numerous counties. This quarter has included survivors referred to us from Cabarrus, Union, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Anson, Buncombe, and New Hanover in NC, and York County SC.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	New 2023 Kia Forte vehicle was purchased in June 2023 (to replace older Honda with high mileage) to transport young female survivors to medical-dental and therapeutic appointments, therapeutic recreation activities, schooling activities, and life skills program activities such as grocery shopping, banking, community service, and fun community activities to build a sense of community.
Total victims served year to date	75
AGENCY: Randolph County Family Crisis Center, Inc	
Location:	Randolph County Family Crisis Center Inc, services the Randolph County area, which includes 3 major highways, and is the intersection between several large cities.
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	We have case management, shelter, therapy, and other services available and tailored for human trafficking victims base on their needs. The services were provided in Randolph County.
Total victims served year to date	1377
AGENCY: Resources, Education, Assistance, Counseling, and Housing of Macon County, Inc.	
Location:	
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	This grant has allowed REACH the ability to provide critical services to HT victims without gaps. This has ensured continuity of services and the ability for REACH to accept referrals from sister agencies within our region and state.
Total victims served year to date	369



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AGENCY: The Salvation Army	
Location:	The Salvation Army geographic area proposed to be served is primarily Mecklenburg and Union Counties.
Award Amount:	\$208,680.00
Description or program initiatives:	HTC grant funds are now being used to fund a full- time Human Trafficking Case Manager who can cover Mecklenburg, Union, and Anson Counties.
Total victims served year to date	18
AGENCY: Triad Ladder of Hope	
Location:	Triad Latter of Hope 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:	Assist local law enforcement on a STING operation, advocating for clients through this process. Connect clients with mental health services. Help clients with relocation.
Total victims served year to date	63
AGENCY: Wayne Pregnancy Care Center, Inc	
Location:	Wayne Pregnancy Center resides in Goldsboro, NC serving the entire state of NC
Award Amount:	\$208,686.98
Description or program initiatives:	We provided services to the entire state through our hotline and our outreach teams have been available to all the counties to provide intakes and case management for victims.
Total victims served year to date	193



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AGENCY: Compassion to Act, Inc.	
Location:	Compassion to Act services all North and South Carolina. We currently serve the Greater-Charlotte area through our outreach initiatives and community driven events.
Award Amount:	\$500,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	We are implementing programs that allow us to serve the Greater-Charlotte and surrounding areas throughout North Carolina. It will include the counties of Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, Cleveland, and more.
Total victims served year to date	100
AGENCY: North Carolina Institute Against Human Trafficking	
Location:	NC Institute Against Human Trafficking focuses on the Charlotte Designated Market Area
Award Amount:	\$320,000.00
Description or program initiatives:	Entered into lease agreement for physical location in Mt. Holly, North Carolina. Entered into agreements with various service providers. Hire full-time Executive Director and contract employee to administer programming. Hire accounting firm for reporting purposes.
Total victims served year to date	0





CONCLUSION

Funding for 16.20A went to 15 of the 23 designated agencies. Among the 23 designated agencies, one entity identified itself as a distinct agency not specified among the named agencies and, subsequent to discussions with our legal counsel and Appropriations Committee it was determined ineligible to fund. The remaining seven agencies did not apply due to the following reasons: one agency identified itself as an education and training agency and declined funding along with four other agencies that declined funding for reasons of staffing changes, identified no human trafficking program, and another not operating their human trafficking program due to house renovations and one agency declined funds with no explanation. One agency stated they do not accept federal, state or local government funds, another agency stated they have already received federal funding for their human trafficking program and declined these funds.

As of the present, agencies have received a total of \$1,639,791.82 of funding from Section 16.20A and \$284,907.50 of funding from Section 16.20B. This distribution of funds in Section 16.20A indicates that the majority of agencies have received 50% of their allocated funds, with one agency having already received 100% of its funds. Section 16.20B have received 25% of their funds, in line with expectations given a two-year performance period. The grants manager will continue collecting and approving quarterly reports but will also shift focus towards preparing the closeout process and setting site visits. Grant staff received all reports from quarter 1 and quarter 2 and are presently conducting primary, secondary, and final reviews of these reports. This process will enable us to allocate additional funds to the agencies. The funds disbursed enabled agencies to assist 3,000 survivors of human trafficking to date.

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