



2024 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 2023-24 and reflects information that was available as of May 1, 2024. NCAOC respectfully submits this report pursuant to the legislative mandate.



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Judicial Branch Grants (FY 2023-2024)							
#Source	Project Name	Summary	Award Start Date	Award End Date	Award Amount**	Match Amount**	Type of Match***
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 two staff attorneys, travel, DNA testing, and other items related to the work of the N.C. Innocence Commission.	10-1-2022	9-30-2026	\$796,309	\$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	9-30-2024	\$749,000	\$0	
B	Juvenile Justice System Enhancements	Funds a juvenile court resource prosecutor to aid and train ADAs statewide.	10-1-2020	9-30-2024	\$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	BJA National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative	Funds one ADA and one DA legal assistant to prosecute SAKI cold cases in DA-16.	10-1-2023	9-30-2026	\$1,150,000	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
D	Access & Visitation Program	Provide five coordinators to oversee the access and visitation programs in Districts 10, 12, 14, 26, and 28. One coordinator is 0.75FTE and four are 1.0FTE.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$349,355	\$38,817	10% in-kind
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	



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G	2022-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.	10-1-2022	9-30-2024	\$209,511	\$0	
G	15th Prosecutorial District Domestic Violence DALA	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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$79,422	\$26,474	25% in-kind
G	District 12 Domestic Violence Prosecution 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, and to assist victims of crime throughout the court process.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$156,092	\$52,031	25% in-kind
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	2023/Forsyth County/DV Prosecution-31	This project funds one 1.0FTE DALA and one .74FTE 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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$106,116	\$35,372	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	2022 NCCCSC 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



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G	NCCDA Providing VAW Training and Resources Statewide	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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$205,832	\$68,611	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-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	2023 Alamance County Human Trafficking Prosecutor	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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$88,819	\$29,606	25% in-kind
G	AOC - Guardian ad Litem - Legal Services for Victims of Child Abuse/Neglect	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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2025	\$1,999,756	\$0	



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G	AOC Human Trafficking Training	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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$135,647	\$45,216	25% in-kind
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	12-31-2023	\$523,323	\$0	
G	2023 Mecklenburg County DV Resource Training Coordinator	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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$88,256	\$29,419	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	2023 NCCDA A Focus on Victims' Rights and Underserved Victims	This grant will fund a Victim Service Program Coordinator and staff to assist financial crime victims statewide, and provide training to victim service providers.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$170,000	\$0	



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G	AOC Guardian ad Litem Children Justice Act - Trauma Informed Enhancements for Abused and Neglected Children	This grant will establish child friendly resources in GAL local offices across the state including, establishing child waiting areas that contains appropriate toys, books, or video monitors within local GAL offices - which will help children to participate in court or meetings in an environment that is child friendly.	10-1-2023	9-30-2025	\$417,857	\$0	
G	2023-DA 35-Domestic Violence Team	This grant funds two DA legal assistants to assist victims of domestic violence in prosecutorial district 35.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$156,030	\$39,007	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 DA 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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$70,101	\$0	
H	NCCDA 2024 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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$1,309,395	\$0	
H	Brazos Printers	This grant provides printers for law enforcement agencies unable to purchase them and would therefore increase the number of law enforcement officers on Brazos (eCitation).	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$301,000	\$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.	10-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$68,076	\$0	
H	Emergency Judges for DWI Court Sessions	Funds emergency judges to hold approx. 434 extra sessions of DWI court in Cabarrus, Forsyth, Johnston, Mecklenburg, and Wake Counties.	11-1-2023	9-30-2024	\$207,018	\$0	



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I	Dispute Resolution Commission IOLTA Grant	Funds mediation centers to conduct mediations under N.C.G.S. 7A-38.7.	1-1-2024	12-31-2024	\$100,000	\$0	
N	Safe Baby Courts	This grant from the Dogwood Health Trust provides for statewide training and Safe Baby Court Team meetings, one Community Coordinator position, and one part-time data entry clerk position, both in district court district 35.	7-1-2023	6-30-2026	\$1,003,654	\$0	
N	Safe Baby Courts	This grant from the Duke Endowment Fund provides for consulting fees from Zero-To-Three, travel, training, and three Safe Babies Court Team Court Coordinator positions.	7-1-2023	6-30-2026	\$2,329,534	\$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

I: Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA)

N: Non-profit

****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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