



March 2025 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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Submitting Entity:

The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission



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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:

Appropriations Act: Session Law 2021-180

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

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Summary of Activities:

These 17 grantees have all been through 6 quarters. Two agencies have ended their periods of performance and are either closed or in closing status.

Given the limitations on Administrative Costs for 16.20, we are re-evaluating the remaining funds allocated for a Grant Manager position. Initial assessment indicates the administrative funding will not last the life cycle of the grant awards. Oversight of these agencies will be assigned to existing grants managers.

HTC is completing the process to enable a Grants Management System to begin early spring 2025.



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The 16.20 agencies have been awarded a total of \$3,039,975.16 in funding from Section 16.20A and \$1,140,000 from Section 16.20B. The distribution from Section 16.20A shows that most agencies have received 95% of their allocated funds, with five agencies already having received 100%. Section 16.20B has also disbursed 80% of its funds, which aligns with expectations given the two-year performance period. Grant staff have received all reports from quarters 1 through 5 and are currently conducting primary, secondary, and final reviews. Closeout process with two agencies was completed and scheduling necessary site visits. Implementing of the Grants Management System will greatly enhance our ability to track detailed spending, streamline the reports from agencies, and create reports on basic data. Our goal is to have the system fully operational and in use by agencies by July 2025. Currently using Smartsheet for reporting. The vendor is working with us to meet our goal is to have the system operational by July 2025. Currently using Smartsheet for reporting. The Grant Management System will be utilized for all SFRF funding.

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Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking

(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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16.20A

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 serve 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 of victims YTD served	14
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 of victims YTD served	23
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 of victims YTD served	90



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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 of victims YTD served	91
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 of victims YTD served	303
Agency:	Five14 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 Five14 vehicle, and supplies for operating the program.
Total of victims YTD served	95



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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 of victims YTD served	32
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 of victims YTD served	238
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 of victims YTD served	70



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	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 of victims YTD served	30
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 of victims YTD served	263
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 of victims YTD served	330



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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 of victims YTD served	12
Agency:	Triad Ladder of Hope (Closed 06/30/2024)
Location:	Triad Ladder 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 of victims YTD served	18
Agency:	Wayne Pregnancy Care Center, Inc (Closed 12/31/2024)
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 of victims YTD served	133



16.20B

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 of victims YTD served	256

Agency:	North Carolina Institute Against Human Trafficking
Location:	NC Institute Against Human Trafficking focuses on the Charlotte Designated Market Area
Award Amount, pending year two:	\$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 of victims YTD served	7