



NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

APRIL 2025 REPORT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANTS

Competitive Grants for Nonprofit Organizations Providing Direct Services to Victims of Human Trafficking Under § 7A-354.1.

Annual Competitive Grant for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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Receiving Entities: Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety

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Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Research Division

Submitting Entity: The North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission

I. Summary of Activities

The time-limited Grant Manager for the current fiscal year began employment in October 2024 to manage the grant process. This position is only allocated through June 30, 2025, but is needed on a recurring basis in order to adequately monitor grantee spending.

The NC Human Trafficking Commission (HTC) began procurement for a grant management system in April 2024 and it was updated to accommodate the recurring grant cycle. This new system will be used for managing the annual competitive grants from application, to scoring, to award, and to monitoring.

The Request for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 was released December 23, 2024, and the application period closed at 5pm, February 7, 2025. The applications were reviewed for completeness, and the Appropriations Committee discussed and voted for awardees on March 6, 2025. Award agreements are now in place and first reports will be coming in shortly.

The Request for Proposals for the next fiscal biennium of 2025-2027 was released March 24, 2025. Applications are due by midnight April 25, 2025.



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(1) The number of applications received.	24
(2) The number of grants awarded.	9
(3) The names and locations of the grant recipients.	* Reference table
(4) The Amount of each grant awarded.	\$45,777.77
(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.	First reporting due on 5/2/25



AGENCY		Haven House
Location:		1008 Bullard Ct. Raleigh, NC. 27615. Raleigh area.
Description or program initiatives:		Haven House serves runaway and homeless youth and youth involved with or at high risk for juvenile justice involvement, populations known to be at significant risk of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Proposed initiative focuses on continuing this work, prioritizing the implementation of the QYIT (human trafficking screener) to the remaining 8 Haven House programs so that they are increasingly effective in identifying youth and young adult victims of human trafficking, then providing them with services.
AGENCY		The Salvation Army/Project FIGHT
Location:		1863 Capital Blvd Raleigh, NC 27604. The Salvation Army serves individuals and families residing in Wake and Lee County.
Description or program initiatives:		Proposed initiative aims to enhance and expand our comprehensive services for victims of human trafficking by directly addressing the critical needs outlined above. The initiative will focus on providing immediate safety, trauma-informed care, legal assistance, and economic empowerment to victims through case managers.
AGENCY		True Justice
Location:		1401 Park Avenue New Bern, NC 28560. True Justice primarily serves eastern North Carolina, while also accepting referrals from across the state and, as well as from other states for individuals requiring relocation.
Description or program initiatives:		Funding to assist in essential repairs and maintenance of their safe house, a historic residence located in downtown New Bern, which serves as a sanctuary for survivors of human trafficking. Given the building's age and its location within a designated historical district, these repairs are crucial to comply with specific regulatory requirements and to ensure the facility remains a secure and supportive environment for our residents.

AGENCY		Present Age Ministries
Location:		5701 Executive Center Drive; Suite 108 Charlotte, NC 28262. Serves the Charlotte Metro Area, including Mecklenburg County and Cabarrus County.
Description or program initiatives:		Proposed initiative will enhance our existing program by expanding and improving our ability to provide critical support to victims of human trafficking in the Charlotte Metro Area, particularly in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties. The funds will allow us to address key needs identified in our service areas—specifically, the transportation barriers and access to vital services like counseling, tutoring, and assessments.
AGENCY		Florence Crittenton Services, Inc.
Location:		3350 Holabird Ln. Charlotte, NC 28208. Crittenton serves young women from across North Carolina, however, most of the clients served are from Mecklenburg and surrounding counties.
Description or program initiatives:		Crittenton's clients are at-risk young women who live at their residential facility: they are pregnant and homeless/housing insecure or in foster care, they are young mothers in foster care at risk of being separated from their child or they are teenage girls in foster care at high-risk for a multitude of negative life outcomes. Crittenton provides residential services, educational programming, access to physical and mental health care, and referrals to community support services. Foster care youth and homeless women face a significantly higher risk of human trafficking due to limited support systems and being disconnected from community resources. Education, prevention and self-empowerment are the core of their programs, equipping clients with the skills and resources they need to be successful while building their self-confidence to help them accomplish their goals.

AGENCY		Safe House Project Inc
Location:	Safe House Project operates nationally, but we maintain a strong focus on serving survivors in North Carolina, where human trafficking remains a critical issue. The majority of the survivors served in North Carolina come through a combination of direct outreach and partner referrals.	
Description or program initiatives:	Human trafficking victims in North Carolina face significant barriers to identification, safe exit, and access to essential services such as emergency housing, medical care, legal support, and trauma-informed case management. This funding will enhance the direct service capacity of Safe House Project, ensuring that more survivors can safely exit trafficking situations and receive the immediate and long-term support necessary for recovery.	
AGENCY		Thompson Child and Family Focus
Location:	6800 Saint Peter's Lane. Matthew, North Carolina 28105. Thompson serves youth from throughout NC in its residential mental health programs.	
Description or program initiatives:	Grant allows Thompson to train and support case management staff in all of our residential programs with enhanced training in screening tools, resources and service modalities specific to human trafficking best practices available in NC. Enhancing the existing case managers' expertise in this area will help the young people and their families (as applicable) access support as they transition back into the community and into adulthood so that they might remain safe.	
AGENCY		Gate Beautiful
Location:	3901 Raeford Rd Fayetteville, North Carolina 28304. Cumberland County.	
Description or program initiatives:	With these funds, they plan to transition their Director into a paid full-time position, enabling them to effectively oversee and expand services to survivors of human trafficking. This will be crucial as they have been launching two new programs: a minor's program offering life-skills, entrepreneurship classes, art therapy, and mentorship, and an adult program focused on life-skills and professional development.	

AGENCY		Lantern Project
Location:	57 Union Street, Suite #124. Concord, NC. 28025. The Lantern Project serves the greater Charlotte area.	
Description or program initiatives:	The Lantern Project serves survivors who are 18 years or older, including mothers with children. Grant funds are to be used to employ individuals to assist with increasing client load of sex trafficking/exploitation survivors. This would include intake, general supervision, transportation, administration and job placement training.	

