



**NC Human Trafficking Commission: Appropriations Committee  
Meeting  
Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
WebEx through the NC Judicial Center / Long Leaf Pine (B-1-032)**

**1:00 PM – Call to Order & Roll Call Attendance**

**Committee Chair, Angelica Wind**

Committee Chair Wind opened the meeting and read the required ethics statement. She then conducted a verbal roll call to document attendance. Committee members in attendance at the meeting were Amy Auth, Caitlin Brooks, Danielle Carman, Nancy Hagan, Deana Joy, Joseph Kyzer, Marc Nichols, and Angelica Wind. Jasmine McGhee joined the meeting (1:01 pm). Also in attendance were Commission Executive Director, Christine Long and Lauren Amato. Members of the public were also able to view or listen to the meeting via WebEx. Jasmine and Danielle exited at 2:00 pm.

**1:05 PM – Approval of the Minutes 7/11/22**

**Angelica Wind**

Committee Chair Wind thanked all in attendance and asked if there were changes to the minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Christine stated there were a few corrections within the attendance – a couple of public members listed as committee members. No other corrections were noted. Committee member Carman motioned to pass the minutes and Committee member Nichols seconds. The minutes were passed by roll call.

**1:10 PM – Section 16.22 Facility Improvement: Applications**

**Angelica Wind**

Committee Chair Wind discussed a few updates related to the facility grants including the amount that may be awarded and what is remaining to award for round 2, a little over \$2.1 million. There is a slate of agencies (63) ready for approval and these were presented before the committee. Per the committee's guidance, the agencies had 5 business days to make corrections and resubmit them. We ended up awarding a little bit over \$2.6 million. There was also a list of 5 agencies that had late or no corrections turned in that were presented before the committee for voting as well. These agencies either didn't submit their corrections on time or did not return corrections at all. The Human Trafficking Commission staff reached out to the programs with reminders. Chair Wind opens the floor for discussion. What will happen to the money if not spent? Will any money go to waste? Chair Wind explained we weren't sure how many applications we were going to receive in round one which is why the committee voted to have a second round. The funds that don't get awarded will not go to waste. Any funds that are not awarded would revert on June 30<sup>th</sup> of next year (2023) as they are state funds only for the facility grants. We expect to be able to commit all those funds due to the second round. Who can apply for the second round? All eligible organizations through NCCWYI can reapply, regardless if they applied, were awarded, or were unable to be awarded in the first round. A new application would need to be submitted for the second round. In the first round, there was a program that submitted their application late and the committee agreed they could submit a new application when the second round of funding opened. Committee member McGhee supports allowing the organizations to submit in round 2 but

brings up different points: they did submit the requested information, summer is typically busy, if the wrong person was emailed, and corrections are different than an initial application deadline. You wouldn't necessarily know the questions or required corrections are coming. Committee member Joy stated in the chat that she would need to abstain from any votes involving a CAC or umbrella organization that also houses a CAC. Those are: CrossRoads, Family Resources Rutherford, Family Services, Allegheny Partnership, Help Inc, Randolph Family, Safelight, and Turning Point. It would be good to consider that we didn't allow REACH of Cherokee after being 7 minutes late so we should hold the same standards to everyone. The general consensus of the committee seems to be to keep our deadlines and treat everyone fairly. The programs that did not submit the corrections in a timely manner are invited to apply in the second round. Committee member Nichols motions to invite the 5 agencies that did not submit their corrections in time to apply in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding. Committee member Joy seconds the motion. The committee votes on the matter and it is passed. Committee member Auth motions to award the 63 agencies and Committee member Nichols seconds. The committee votes on the matter, except for committee member Joy who abstains from the above named agencies, and it is passed.

### **1:30 PM – Section 16.22 Facility Improvement: Second Round**

**Christine Long**

Committee chair Wind states that we will update the amount that we have for round 2. The big difference in the first RFP and the second RFP was that we added in a line how much we awarded in the first round. Total funding to award in round 2 is \$2,116,186.83. The NC HTC staff plan to issue the second round on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for the applications will be September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Will we receive more applications that exceed the amount of money available? How should we award the funding? We have a longer timeline for this RFP than the first. We want to ensure that we expend all the funds even if there isn't a cap. No cap on the amount requested and excluding a match were approved the last meeting. All of the eligible organizations are able to apply again. We have about 60 agencies approved for the first round and about 70 agencies that applied in the first round. Christine suggests that we can put a general sentence in the RFP saying that the committee will make determinations about awards at its discretion and preference may be given to agencies who have not applied in round one. In a future meeting, we could figure out how to prioritize the awards if there are too many of them. The Q &A, scope of work, RFP, terms and conditions, and coversheet have been updated for the second round of funding.

### **1:45 PM – Section 16.23 Request for Proposals / Terms**

**Joseph Kyzer / Christine Long**

Christine discusses how it was easier to issue the terms and conditions for 16.23 and the terms are almost ready to be sent to the committee. We hope to be able to approve everything for section 16.23. This is the \$15 mil for economic assistance to domestic violence and sexual assault agencies that have been approved with the NCCWYI. Joseph has discussed the 16.23 grant at length with NCPRO and OBSM and their council. This section of funding is a little different than all the others. The language says that the non-recurring funds shall be used to reduce the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on organizations that provide these services. It goes on to provide a specific amount of funding and says that all of the eligible recipients shall receive an equal amount. These are important indicators for the definitions of the types of grants under the state budget act and under the federal guidelines since section 16.23 includes and is all federal funding, as opposed to the facility grants that we just finished discussing that are state only. Committee member Kyzer says they looked at the language and the way that the organizations are receiving funds and have determined that the non-profit groups in this section are defined as beneficiaries which are the endpoint recipients of the funding. For facility grants, the non-profits are recipients and then the victims that they serve with that funding are beneficiaries. The reporting requirements and the audit and compliance rules flow to the recipients but not to the beneficiaries. The interpretation of NCPRO and AOC is that the

non-profits are beneficiaries pursuant to the state and federal regulations that we have to comply with which will affect the language of the terms and conditions, the way they are audited and report and must comply. Ultimately it will lead to better oversight of the funding. Christine verified that in the Terms & Conditions for section 16.23 we do not have to ask the agencies for any specific proof of any economic loss or impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She also verified that there is no limit on administrative costs. If the agency's economic loss that they want to recover was all administrative, they can. Elizabeth believes the date can go as far back as July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 but will verify that. Our RFP will look different for section 16.23 and we will do our best to have all of these sections and different forms to the committee before the next committee meeting.

**2:00 PM – ARPA / SFRF: Update (federal funds)**

**Christine Long**

Christine stated that we really want to get to section 16.20. We have a lot of human trafficking-specific agencies that are asking so hopefully the general counsel can draft those next. There will be some additional decisions for the committee to make for that section in the upcoming meeting. In the last meeting, we talked about the grants management system with DOT. AOC has entered into a scope of work but no contract has been signed. The purpose of the scope of work was to get a price estimate so we are still waiting on that estimate. Three grant managers have officially been offered positions and accepted which we can't announce yet as they haven't given their notice. They will all be starting this month. The grant administrator position is now posted and closes this week. We still need to create, post, and hire the last position for the data/reports. As soon as the AOC is able to close out the end of the quarter, we will be working on submitting a budget to the NCPRO office for all of the ARPA money as well as a risk assessment and monitoring plan. They estimate once we enter into a contract, it will take about 6 months to create that whole system. Lastly, we will still have 16.21 to look at after we've taken care of the other items.

**2:10 PM – Other Business Update**

**Angelica Wind / Committee**

No other business updates. Committee chair Wind opened the floor for questions and discussion.

**2:20 PM – Public Comment**

**Angelica Wind**

No public comment at this time.

**2:06 PM – Adjournment**

**Angelica Wind**

Committee Chair Wind adjourned the meeting. The Committee will plan to meet in two weeks.