



Frequently Asked Questions Concerning

ANNUAL COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNDER § 7A-354.1.

State Administrative Agency:

North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission
901 Corporate Center Drive
Raleigh, NC 27607
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Is this a reimbursable grant?

Yes, grantees will submit documentation of expenses for reimbursement.

Is this grant only for one year?

No, this award can be for up to two years. These grants are awarded according to the state fiscal years biennium. [§ 7A-354.1](#) only allows for \$50,000 in funds to be awarded to an agency each year. If an agency is selected for award, they will provide a second-year budget at a later time.

Must an agency be a current provider of direct services to trafficking victims in order to be a grantee?

Yes, providing services at the time of application is among the stipulations of [§ 7A-354.1](#). A non-exhaustive list of direct services that nonprofits could provide to trafficking victims under this grant include case management,

client safety, client well-being, and other services, including health, transportation, housing, education, and employment assistance.

Trafficking awareness and general outreach to the public are not considered direct services. These are also not allowable costs under this grant.

Are domestic violence and sexual assault agencies eligible for this grant?

[§ 7A-354.1](#) stipulates that grantees of this award must be ineligible for a grant under the provisions of [G.S. 50B-9](#) (“Domestic Violence Center Fund”) and [G.S. 143B-394.21](#) (“Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Center Fund”). In plain language, this means agencies receiving funds from the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement for domestic violence or sexual assault programs are ineligible for award.

This annually reoccurring grant is possible because of House Bill 259, Session Law 2023-134, Section 16.23. Does this mean that this grant shares any requirements of Section 16.23: Economic Assistance Funds for Organizations that Provide Services to Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, one of the grants that the HTC has awarded in the past?

No, [Section 16.23: Economic Assistance Funds for Organizations that Provide Services to Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#) was possible because of legislation passed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year distributing federal pandemic relief funds that passed through the state.

This annual reoccurring grant stems from Section 16.23 of a different legislative statute, [§ 7A-354.1](#), appropriating state funds and is not connected to the other grant. The HTC has been referring to this grant as § 7A-354.1. or the annual grant to avoid confusion with the previous grant.

I’ve submitted another grant application to the HTC recently. Is it necessary to have the notarized forms signed again?

If the notarized forms were signed within a year of the application due date, they will be accepted. These forms are:

- [Conflict of Interest form](#)

- [Sworn Statement of No Overdue Tax Debt](#) (text should be placed on agency letterhead and include the date signed)

What is an allowable cost under this grant?

Allowable costs under this grant are quite broad. Generally, if the item, personnel, or activity goes directly toward supporting victim services it is an allowable cost.

Administrative costs are also allowed up to 15% of the overall project budget, unless your agency has a federally negotiated indirect cost rate; in which case please include the negotiated rate agreement within your application.

See this [Sample / Example budget](#) for specific examples of allowable costs. *The example exceeds the \$50,000 maximum but serves as a tool to give examples of allowable costs and line items within appropriate categories.*

What other application preparation tools has HTC prepared?

- [Grant Management System Instructions for the Online Application Portal](#)
- [Blank Budget Template for planning purposes](#)