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# NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION GRANTS

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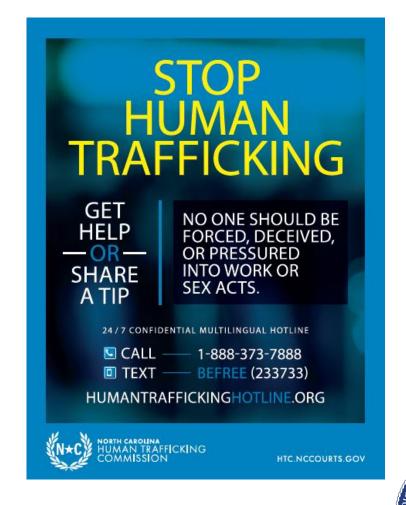




### Human Trafficking Commission Background

- Created by the General Assembly in 2012 and established as a permanent commission in 2013.
- Received one-time appropriation for operating money in 2018 to issue direct service grants.
- Received recurring operating funds last year for the commission's two full time staff.
- Dedicated SBI Agents to lay the groundwork for better response to tips and beginning structure of a task force.

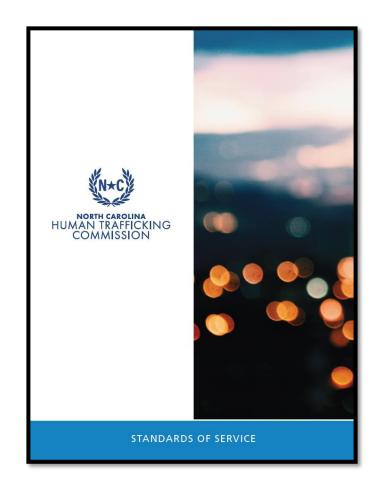
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# Landscape of Anti-Human Trafficking Agencies in North Carolina

- Different types of providers / organizations.
- Limitations of services provided, especially comprehensive services and 24/7 response to referrals.
- Need for statewide standards and prudent application of tax dollars.
- Training and assistance tailored on multiple levels for numerous organizations.
- Effect of grant appropriation.



## DETAILS OF GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

2021 Appropriations Act, S.B. 105, S.L. 2021-180

Section 16.20A - Section 16.23

#### 5 grant programs –

- Human Trafficking Victim Service Grants noncompetitive (2)
- Human Trafficking Victim Service Grants competitive (1)
- Facility Improvement Grants for Nonprofits Serving Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (State Funded)
- Economic Assistance Grants for Nonprofits Serving Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



- Federal Appropriations: \$23,800,000 NR
- State Appropriations: \$4,800,000 NR
- Total Appropriations: \$28,600,000 NR
- Federal = State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

# State and federal Grant Requirements

- State grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2023.
- Federal grant funds must be obligated or expended by December 31, 2024.
- All federal grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.
- Compliance with monitoring, audit, and reporting rules.



State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds





# GRANT ADMINISTRATION TIMELINE

- November 18, 2021 Budget becomes law and staff work on implementation begins.
- November 29, 2021 Meeting with NCCWYI to discuss partnership and efforts.
- **January 24, 2022** First meeting of the Commission's Appropriations Committee. (11 to date)
- March 3, 2022 Federal grant funds reclassified as "revenue replacement" by OSBM.
- March 22, 2022 Pangram set up complete.
- April 22, 2022 Memorandum of Understanding signed with OSBM/NCPRO for federal funds.
- June 1 30, 2022 RFP process for state-funded grants opened for 30 days and closed.
- August 10, 2022 Second round RFP issued for state-funded grants.
- August 15, 2022 U.S. Treasury updates Compliance and Reporting Guidance for federal funds.
- August 23, 2022 Two grant manager positions started their positions.
- **September 7, 2022** State facility grant agreements distributed, begin signing.
- **September 19, 2022 -** RFP process for federal economic assistance grants opens.

**Goal:** Complete state and federal grant RFPs and administer majority of funding in 2022.



### GRANT WORK BY NCAOC & THE COMMISSION



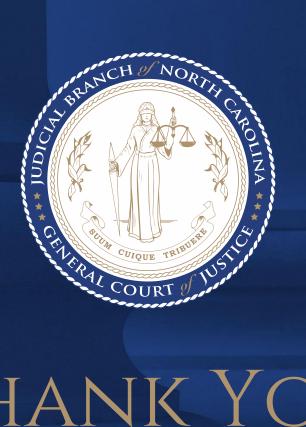
- Website creation for distribution of information
- Drafting grant terms, RFPs, reports, etc.
- Applying new state and federal guidance
- Reviewing and approving grant proposals
- Convening the Appropriations Committee
- Hiring new, time-limited positions
- Contracting management resources (Docusign, NCDOT)
- Meeting reporting requirements
- Submitting estimated budgets to NCPRO
- Preparing for monitoring and compliance
- Attending grant workshops

## GRANT PRIORITIES OF THE COMMISSION



- Planning for long-term success
- Full legal compliance
- Effective monitoring of funds
- Transparent oversight
- Raising standards statewide
- Helping victims, preventing victimization
- Empowering eligible organizations
- Collaboration with state partners





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