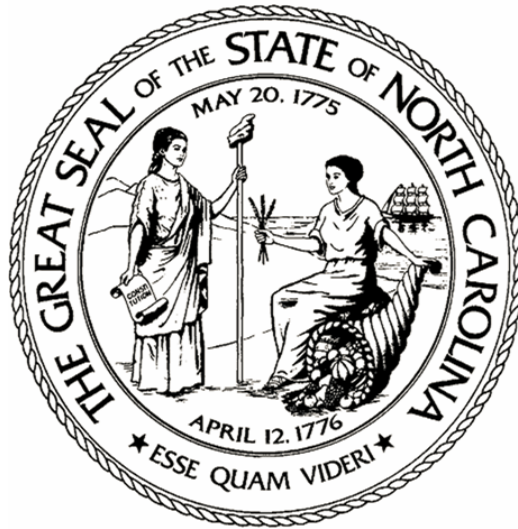


Report on Competitive Grants / Nonprofit Organizations

Session Law 2021-180, Section 9B.9.(c)



**Report to the
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
Human Services**

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Introduction

SECTION 9B.9.(c) of SL 2021-180, requires the Department of Health and Human Services (Secretary) to announce no later than July 1 of each year, as applicable, the recipients of the competitive grant awards and allocate funds to the grant recipients for the respective grant period pursuant to the amounts designated under subsection (a) of this section. After awards have been granted, by September 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the grant awards that includes at least all of the following:

- (1) The identity and a brief description of each grantee and each program or initiative offered by the grantee.
- (2) The amount of funding awarded to each grantee.
- (3) The number of persons served by each grantee, broken down by program or initiative.

Further, Section 9B.9.(b) (6) requires the Department to implement a process that allows grants to be awarded to nonprofits for up to two years. As such, the following report addresses recommended grantees and amounts for the SFY 2023-2025 biennium contingent upon enactment of an Appropriations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium that continues the funding and special provision language that supports this process.

DHHS Competitive Grant Program for Statewide Health and Human Services Initiatives to Nonprofit Organizations Awarded per SL 2021, Section 9B.9.(a) - (e):

SECTION 9B.9.(b) The Department shall continue administering a competitive grants process for nonprofit funding. The Department shall administer a plan that, at a minimum, includes each of the following:

- (1) A request for application (RFA) process to allow nonprofits to apply for and receive State funds on a competitive basis. The Department shall require nonprofits to include in the application a plan to evaluate the effectiveness, including measurable impact or outcomes, of the activities, services, and programs for which the funds are being requested.
- (2) A requirement that nonprofits match a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the grant award.
- (3) A requirement that the Secretary prioritize grant awards to those nonprofits that are able to leverage non-State funds in addition to the grant award.
- (4) A process that awards grants to nonprofits that have the capacity to provide services on a statewide basis and that support any of the following State health and wellness initiatives:
 - a. A program targeting advocacy, support, education, or residential services for persons diagnosed with autism.
 - b. A system of residential supports for those afflicted with substance abuse addiction.
 - c. A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness, substance abusers, or the elderly.
 - d. Supports and services with children and adults with developmental disabilities or mental health diagnoses.
 - e. A food distribution system for needy individuals.
 - f. The provision and coordination of services for the homeless.
 - g. The provision of services for individuals aging out of foster care.
 - h. Programs promoting wellness, physical activity, and health education programming for North Carolinians.
 - i. The provision of services and screening for blindness.
 - j. A provision for the delivery of after-school services for apprenticeships or mentoring at-risk youth.
 - k. The provision of direct services for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and those diagnosed with the disease.
 - l. A comprehensive smoking prevention and cessation program that screens and treats tobacco use in pregnant women and postpartum mothers.
 - m. A program providing short-term or long-term residential substance abuse services. For purposes of this sub-subdivision, "long-term" means a minimum of 12 months.
 - n. A program that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with disabilities.

Competitive Grant Funding - Session Law (PENDING) :

	Year 1	Year 2
State Appropriations	\$ 10,653,911	\$ 10,653,911
SSBG	\$ 4,774,525	\$ 4,774,525
State\SSBG Funding	\$ 15,428,436	\$ 15,428,436
Total Availability	\$ 15,428,436	\$ 15,428,436

SECTION 9B.9.(c) No later than July 1 of each year, as applicable, the Secretary shall announce the recipients of the competitive grant awards and allocate funds to the grant recipients for the respective grant period pursuant to the amounts designated under subsection (a) of this section. After awards have been granted, by September 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the grant awards that includes at least all of the following:

- (1) The identity and a brief description of each grantee and each program or initiative offered by the grantee.
- (2) The amount of funding awarded to each grantee.
- (3) The number of persons served by each grantee, broken down by program or initiative

Following are the recommended grantees to receive an award contingent upon enactment of an Appropriations Act that continues funding at current levels and provision language:

Grantees and Amounts Awarded Through Competitive Process					DHHS Funding Recommended		Year 1		Year 2	
Grantee Name	Target Pop/Number Served	Program Title	Description of Grantee Initiative	Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	SSBG	State	SSBG	State
TROSA		TROSA	Residential Program that enables substance abusers to be productive, recovering individuals by providing comprehensive treatment, work-based vocational training, education, and continuing care. As a multi-year residential program, TROSA helps substance abusers become productive, recovering individual by providing comprehensive treatment, counseling, vocational training, leadership training, education, and continuing care. The requested funds would be used to support resident services and mission.	B: A system of residential support for those afflicted with substance abuse addiction; and C: A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness, substance abusers, or the elderly.	\$ 1,625,000	\$ 1,625,000	\$ -	\$ 1,625,000	\$ -	\$ 1,625,000
Boys Club of Wake County, Inc		Boys & Girls Clubs Statewide Health & Human Service Initiatives	Boys & Girls Clubs will focus on improving health and safety outcomes for youth who are eligible for services because they are either currently "experiencing health and safety needs," or are demographically identified as being at risk of comprised health and safety." using two of the eligible initiatives listed in the Request for Application: 1) Program promoting wellness, physical activity, and health education programming for North Carolinians, and 2) Provision for the delivery of after school services for apprenticeships or mentoring at-risk youth. To do this, Boys & Girls Clubs organizations throughout the state will implement a three-pronged approach to address the essential components of a healthy and safe youth and ultimately adult: 1) healthy mind; 2) healthy body, and 3) healthy sense of self and respect for others.	G. The provision of services for individuals aging out of foster care; H: Programs promoting wellness, physical activity, and health education programming for North Carolinians	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 2,750,000	\$ -	\$ 2,750,000	\$ -	\$ 2,750,000

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Big Sister Big Brother		Big Brothers Big Sisters	Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. By partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and others in the community we are accountable for each child in the program achieving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships • Avoidance of risky behaviors • Educational success 		\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ -
Cross Trail Outfitters for purposes of promoting wellness and physical activity for youth 7 to 20 years of age.		Cross Trail Outfitters	Promoting wellness and physical activity for youth 7 to 20 years of age and provides mentorship, training and assets for kids to go hunting and fishing, while ensuring a wholesome and fun environment.		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
North Carolina Senior Games for purposes of promoting health and education for North Carolinians 50 years of age and better.		North Carolina Year-Round Health Promotion Program for persons 50 and Better	Provide a year-round health promotion program for persons age 50 and older through 53 local senior games and at State Finals.	H. Programs promoting wellness, physical activity, and health education programming for North Carolinians.	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Special Olympics North Carolina, Inc. to promote training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities		Statewide Community Health Program for People with Intellectual Disabilities	The project goal is to improve health and wellbeing of the vulnerable and otherwise underserved population of people with intellectual disabilities through targeted outreach, and disease prevention through a community health program centered around physical activity and sports. All new and current participants will be provided inclusion in a sports program that addresses health risks, healthcare accessibility challenges, and bullying faced by people with intellectual disabilities.	N. A program that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with disabilities.	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
ALS Association, NC Chapter		Care Services Delivery to ALS Population in Every North Carolina County	To assist patients and caregivers, thereby easing the burden of ALS and improving quality of life and to provide necessary support for Persons Living with ALS (pALS), assistance to caregivers.	K. The provision of direct services for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -	\$ 380,000	\$ -	\$ 380,000
North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness		Systems Change and Support to End Homelessness in North Carolina	Ensure that individuals and families experiencing homelessness return to permanent housing within 30 days. To move North Carolina towards this goal, staff works with communities transform crisis response systems that can reduce the time households remain homeless by offering appropriate and adequate financial and service supports. Transformed systems use best practice housing and service interventions that both shorten homeless episodes and save money.	F. The provision and coordination of services for the homeless	\$ 158,275	\$ 158,275	\$ -	\$ 158,275	\$ -	\$ 158,275
NC Housing Coalition		Bringing it Home: Ending Homelessness in NC Conference and Technical Assistance	The goal of the Bringing it Home; Ending Homeless in North Carolina Conference and Technical Assistance program is to strengthen organizational and service delivery capacity within the homeless and housing services arena throughout North Carolina. The North Carolina Housing Coalition (NCHC) will take the lead in offering a two-day conference for homeless service providers across the state of NC.	F.The provision and coordination of services for the homeless.	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Residential Services, Inc.		RSI-Aberdeen Home Autism	RSI-Aberdeen has been a transitional home for youths with autism who require a highly structured and supportive environment since 2000. The goals of the program are to promote the health, safety, and continued developmental achievement of its residents, to ensure their ability to safely live in the community as children, and to continue to successfully transition to community based adult services.	A:A program targeting advocacy, support, education or residential services for persons diagnosed with autism. C: A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness, substance abusers, or the elderly; D: Supports and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities or mental health diagnoses.	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Autism Society of North Carolina		Advocacy, support, education and residential services for persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder in North Carolina	Enhance healthy life outcomes for people diagnosed with autism by keeping them healthy and safe and ensuring their ability to live successfully in the communities of their choice in the most cost-effective way for North Carolina. There is a clear need for additional advocacy, education, support, and residential services to be made available and coordinated statewide for individuals with autism and their families. These goals will be accomplished by providing advocacy, education, support, and residential services to meet the needs of individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work with them.	A: A program targeting advocacy, support, education or residential services for persons diagnosed with autism.	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 2,541,392	\$ (166,392)	\$ 2,541,392	\$ (166,392)
The Arc of NC		Guardianship, Restoration, and Alternative Project	The Arc of North Carolina provides advocacy and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.	C. A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness, substance abusers, or the elderly.	\$ 281,511	\$ 281,511	\$ 271,074	\$ 10,437	\$ 271,074	\$ 10,437

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The Arc of NC		The Arc of North Carolina-Self Direction-Supported Living	The NC Innovations Waiver Amendment was implemented which as mentioned above for the first time offered Supported Living, a new service to support individuals who want to live more independently in their community. The service would foster planning for an individual to take responsibility for as much of their life as they can manage. As the provider, we would begin by listening to the individual and those people he/she wants us to work with in supporting him/her. By incorporating people outside of the service delivery system but knowledgeable of the individual, the thinking would be more creative when planning supports around the person who wants to take on more control of their life choices.	A: A program targeting advocacy, support, education or residential services for persons diagnosed with autism.	\$ 55,718	\$ 55,718	\$ -	\$ 55,718	\$ -	\$ 55,718
Oxford House		Oxford House Development - To Include Collegiate Housing Initiative	Maintain and expand the number of Oxford Houses (OH) in North Carolina to serve recovering individuals and provide more of them the opportunity for long-term sobriety without relapse in a time-tested and evidence-based program. OH will open five new Oxford Houses, Develop and implement an initiative for collegiate Oxford Houses with several colleges/universities, manage the revolving loan fund, and foster the development of a strong state Oxford House network.	B: A system of residential support for those afflicted with substance abuse addiction.	\$ 187,842	\$ 187,842	\$ -	\$ 187,842	\$ -	\$ 187,842
ABC of NC Child Development Center		Autism Early Intervention Model Program	To provide an early intervention model program for early and intensive treatment/education to young children with or at risk for developing autism spectrum disorders and to transition these students to less restrictive and intensive programs such as local public school districts.	A: A program targeting advocacy, support, education or residential services for persons diagnosed with autism.	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
Easterseals UCP NC & VA, Inc.		NC START	To provide statewide services to promote effective community-based crisis intervention and prevention services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and co-occurring complex behavioral health issues. Easterseals UCP START provides crisis prevention and intervention services to individuals with I/DD and complex behavioral needs through crisis response, training, consultation, and therapeutic respite. The goal is to create improved capacity in order to better respond to crisis needs at the community level. START does not replace any element of the person's current service but rather works in conjunction with other services the person may receive. Easterseals UCP START ensures person-centered supports are in place to enable an individual to remain in their home or community.	NC Start Program: C. A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness, substance abusers, or the elderly.	\$ 197,842	\$ 197,842	\$ -	\$ 197,842	\$ -	\$ 197,842
Easterseals UCP NC & VA, Inc.		Achieving Better Days - Wellness, Community Living and Development Gains	Easterseals UCP will provide critical services to children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) and mental illness (MI) to ensure delivery of multiple services including residential community living, employment, integrated healthcare, developmental supports for young children, autism services, psychiatric services and assistive technology to people across North Carolina; who would otherwise be unserved or underserved, and at risk for experiencing inadequate levels of care to achieve and maintain health, safety, continuity of care, recovery and community living.	A: Advocacy, Support, Education or residential services to persons diagnosed with autism; C: Advocacy Supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; D: Supports and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities or mental health diagnosis; H: Programs promoting wellness, physical activity, and health education programming for North Carolinians.	\$ 1,518,527	\$ 1,518,527	\$ 1,612,059	\$ (93,532)	\$ 1,612,059	\$ (93,532)
St. Gerard House		Advancing Solutions for Autism Community in Crisis	The Grotto Therapeutic Center specializes in delivering Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) through three therapeutic day programs: The Grotto offers early intervention for ages 2 1/2 – 71; The Grotto Extension offers older children and youth (8-21) a day program involving applied academics, functional life skills training, and opportunities for inclusion in the community; the Integration affords Grotto clients as they are ready, partial or full inclusion with typical peers in mainstream school settings.	A: A program targeting advocacy, support, education or residential services for persons diagnosed with autism.	\$ 183,381	\$ 183,381	\$ -	\$ 183,381	\$ -	\$ 183,381
Prevent Blindness		Star Pupils/Kenneth Royal Vision Screening Improvement Program	Star Pupils provides ongoing vision screening training, certified screening, and free eye exams and glasses for medically indigent children within the NC public and charter school system annually. Funds will be used to support training and materials for school nurses and staff, high school health sciences students, Lions Clubs, PTA, college nursing students, and other community partner organizations. Funds will also support PBNC voucher programs, which leverage a large network of donated professional goods and services for referred school children who cannot afford eye exams following referral from screening.	I. The provision of services and screening for blindness	\$ 461,997	\$ 461,997	\$ -	\$ 461,997	\$ -	\$ 461,997

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First in Families of NC		First in Families of NC	First In Families of Eastern NC (FIF-ENC) Chapter with Quillo Connect will provide resource and referrals, system navigation, future planning support, advocacy opportunities, and the direct provision of needed goods to support greater independence and stability of families. Eligibility Requirements to Receive Service - Individual in household has a diagnosis of Intellectual or Developmental Disability or Traumatic Brain Injury (or at risk, or delayed as defined 122 C-3, (12a), or a diagnosis of Severe and Persistent Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder, or complications related to aging. - Individual is not living in a licensed facility. - Individual/Family lives in one of the 26 counties of the FIF-ENC catchment area. - Income after taxes and medical expenses does not exceed \$65,000 per year.	C. A program of advocacy and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities or severe and persistent mental illness, substance abusers, or the elderly.	\$ 208,095	\$ 208,095		\$ 208,095		\$ 208,095
Food Bank - Albermarle*		Meeting the Needs of the Hungry	Bridging the gap of food insecurity by serving those in greatest need in their catchment area by purchasing and distributing food to eligible non-profit partner food assistance programs serving individuals in crisis.	E: A food distribution system for needed individuals.	\$ 526,043	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043
NC Association of Feeding America Food Banks *		Farm to Food Banks fresh Produce acquisition	Bridging the gap of food insecurity by serving those in greatest need in their catchment area by purchasing and distributing food to eligible non-profit partner food assistance programs serving individuals in crisis.	E: A food distribution system for needed individuals.	\$ 38,990	\$ 38,990	\$ -	\$ 38,990	\$ -	\$ 38,990
Manna Food Bank *		Competitive Grant Program for State-wide Health and Human Service Initiatives	Bridging the gap of food insecurity by serving those in greatest need in their catchment area by purchasing and distributing food to eligible non-profit partner food assistance programs serving individuals in crisis.	E: A food distribution system for needed individuals.	\$ 526,043	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043
Action Pathways *		Second harvest Food Bank/Action Pathways, Inc.	Bridging the gap of food insecurity by serving those in greatest need in their catchment area by purchasing and distributing food to eligible non-profit partner food assistance programs serving individuals in crisis.	E: A food distribution system for needed individuals.	\$ 526,043	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043
Food Bank -Central and Eastern North Carolina *		State Food Purchase Program	Bridging the gap of food insecurity by serving those in greatest need in their catchment area by purchasing and distributing food to eligible non-profit partner food assistance programs serving individuals in crisis.	E: A food distribution system for needed individuals.	\$ 526,043	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043
Second Harvest Food Bank of North West *		Food Purchase and Distribution to Individuals and Families at Risk for Hunger	Bridging the gap of food insecurity by serving those in greatest need in their catchment area by purchasing and distributing food to eligible non-profit partner food assistance programs serving individuals in crisis.	E: A food distribution system for needed individuals.	\$ 526,043	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043
Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina *		Food Purchase and Distribution to Individuals and Families at Risk for Hunger	Bridging the gap of food insecurity by serving those in greatest need in their catchment area by purchasing and distributing food to eligible non-profit partner food assistance programs serving individuals in crisis.	E: A food distribution system for needed individuals.	\$ 526,043	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043	\$ -	\$ 526,043
Total Funding Competitively Awarded					\$ 15,428,436	\$ 15,428,436	\$ 4,774,525	\$ 10,653,911	\$ 4,774,525	\$ 10,653,911