DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM STATE APPROPRIATION

State Authorization: G.S. 50B-9, 161-11.2 and 7A305(a2)

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Brief Description of Program:

The purpose of this program is to provide funding to centers for victims of domestic violence and to The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. The domestic violence center shall be a nonprofit corporation or a local government entity.

The General Assembly appropriates funds each fiscal year for operation of the Domestic Violence Centers throughout the State that offer basic core services including: hotline services, crisis services, transportation, shelter services, advocacy (legal, medical, court), individual counseling, support group, and community education. Domestic Violence Centers are expected to provide expanded services associated with the divorce filing fee funds. The expanded services include: job counseling, job training/placement, financial services, health education, and educational services.

The centers are responsible to operate each center per the program guidelines provided.

Program funds may be expended for costs incurred in providing direct services to victims of domestic violence through counseling, intervention, shelter, and community education programs. These functions must be performed on a continual basis. All funds must be expended as budgeted. They include staffing, training of staff and volunteers, travel, printing, supplies, rent, utilities, communications, transportation of clients, and shelter operation costs such as food and supplies. The purchase of equipment in excess of \$500.00-and contracts entered into for consultant services require prior written approval by the grant administrators. All line item transfers must receive prior written approval.

Grant funds may not be expended for loans, mortgage payments, taxes, entertainment costs, social activities, alcoholic beverages, flowers, bad debts, fines and penalties, cost of lobbying to influence legislators to support or vote for or against legislation or appropriations on any cost/expenditure not included in the approved budget.

| Organizations Funded: | [] Private | [] Local Government | [X]Both |
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| Source of Funds: | State <u>X</u> | Federal | |