GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
-Department of Health & Human Services—Victims of Human Trafficking—Services and Outreach (VTF-501 Program) – ACF Region 4 
http://grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html and search “human trafficking” to find the details of each grant.

The deadlines for the following funding opportunities have been extended to April 16 for

-OVC FY 2021 Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking
-OVC FY 2021 Field-Generated Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement
-OVC FY 2021 Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Human Trafficking
-OVC FY 2021 Preventing Trafficking of Girls
-OVC FY 2021 Services for Minor Victims of Labor Trafficking
-OVC FY 2021 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking
-OVC FY 2021 Training and Technical Assistance for Human Trafficking Service Providers

Click here for more information on the deadline extension.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
Below, please find the legislation discussed at the State Task Force’s March 2021 meeting.

While not all of the legislation is directly related to human trafficking, the topics addressed intersect with the crime and may provide useful tools to reduce victimization.

KEY DATES
Budget Debate—Mid-March
~April 10, 2021
~This is the last day a bill can be passed in either chamber and still be considered this calendar year in the opposite chamber.

LEGISLATION
H. 223 Victims-Domestic Violence Designated Areas (Address Confidentiality)

Author: Shealy, Lexington
Status: Senate Judiciary
H. 3237 Drug Schedules (Data-Drug Rape/Crimes and Related Penalties)

Author: King, York
Status: House Judiciary (Similar to S. 3572, 2021)
H. 3425 Online/Digital Sex Trafficking of Minors (Sex Casualty Penalties)

Author: H. 3425 Online/Digital Sex Trafficking of Minors (Sex Casualty Penalties)

Author: H. 3328 Sex Offender Registration, Parenting Rights, and Related Penalties

Author: Turpie, Richland
Status: House Judiciary
H. 3489 Confidence of Victims (Address Confidentiality)

Author: Robinson, Greenville
Status: House Judiciary
H. 3572 Local Human Trafficking & Humanitarian Aid Act

Author: Griffith,3572, King
Status: House Judiciary (Similar to S. 3572, 2021)

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Willis, Senior Advisor to the Attorney General, at mattwillis@sog.ca.gov.

REGIONAL MEETINGS
South Carolina AC receives 2020 Human Trafficking Annual Report
The South Carolina Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition (SCHATC) and the South Carolina Human Trafficking Commission recently received the 2020 Annual Report and a press conference honoring Senator Lindsey Graham on National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

The first quarterly State Task Force Meeting as Administrators will be held on March 5, 2021. At the meeting, Airbnb’s Public Policy and Trust & Safety team discussed new trafficking strategies implemented to reduce risk in Airbnb properties. Nancy Hagan from the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission also shared data and research regarding labor trafficking in the agriculture sector.

Relevant legislation discussed was by Matt Willis, Senior Advisor to the Attorney General. If you were unable to attend this meeting, you can access the recording on the Task Force website under “Videos and Updates.”

On April 14, the State Task Force will launch their Lunch and Learn Series to introduce virtual human trafficking training opportunities throughout the spring. Training topics will include myths surrounding human trafficking, trauma-informed care and mental health, and sector-specific labor trafficking research. Additional scheduling and registration information will be emailed out to the Task Force via the listserv and will be posted to the website under the “Calendar” section.