

# THE GIST

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## Subrecipient Highlight - LGBTQ Center of Durham

During Pride month, GCC is highlighting the LGBTQ Center of Durham, whose mission is to support LGBTQ+ people through services, programming, resources, and support networks that center their wellbeing and allow them to thrive. Such services include the VOCA-funded Southern Queer Survivor Network that provides queer and trans North Carolinians who are experiencing domestic violence with tools and resources such as advocacy services, emotional support, safety planning, support and therapy groups; and legal system support. In addition to SQSN, the center also offers other anti-violence programming such as their youth center that offers sexual assault response services and youth-oriented consent education within the center. Their housing and therapeutic services program has a domestic violence rapid rehousing initiative that currently serves approximately 10 households. The LGBTQ Center of Durham is doing wonderful work to support underserved victims of violence in North Carolina. Visit the [LGBTQ Center of Durham website](#) or the [Southern Queer Survivor Network website](#) to learn more.



## SCIP Funding

The appointed members of the State Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board convened a series of meetings in 2023-24 to hear testimony from experts and identify priorities around firearm relinquishment/storage, behavioral health/deflection and court related programs. This culminated in a March 13th meeting in which the committee voted to fund the following statewide priorities:

- School based safe gun storage campaigns.
- Educating Kids about gun safety and these local priorities: Five projects to expand existing or funding new specialty courts.
- Direct assistance to ten domestic violence intervention programs.
- Two regional threat assessment team feasibility studies.
- Two behavioral health community violence intervention projects in high violence areas.

## Print Function Added to EBS for Subrecipients

As of Friday, June 20th, EBS users can print their grant agreement details directly from the grants management system. Users will notice a button in the top right-hand corner of each agreement, with a printer icon and the agreement number. Simply press the button to access the print options. This will allow you to create physical copies of your digital grant content. Please provide feedback on EBS to your grant manager or email [gcc\\_business\\_operations@ncdps.gov](mailto:gcc_business_operations@ncdps.gov)

## Robeson County Community Safety Initiative

Robeson County has consistently ranked near the top statewide in per capita violent crime rate and incidents of emergency room admissions for firearm injuries. A coalition of over 100 community members and stakeholders gathered to identify the challenges presented and to create a community-based solution to stem the violence Representative from social services. They convened in Lumberton at the Southeastern Agricultural Center on April 8th for a listening session on public safety. Representatives from social services, UNC health, non-profits, UNC-Pembroke and public health heard the experiences and concerns of citizens across Robeson County. Breakout groups of crime, public health and traffic safety shared an assessment of needs and existing resources during a moderated closing session. The unified will for change and momentum harnessed in April was followed up May 14th with a second meeting of over 60 stakeholders hosted by UNC-Pembroke in which improving networking among those engaged in relevant work, grant opportunities and an assessment of existing assets and gaps were prioritized. Next steps in this campaign to create a more thriving Robeson will involve assigning stakeholders to working groups that will separately convene and report findings to a third coalition wide meeting sometime in July.



Picture of the crowd in Lumberton on April 8.