



**NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY  
OF HEALTH CARE ATTORNEYS**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: NC Health Law Students, Employers, and Programs

From: Virginia Niehaus, Chair, Gifts and Grants Committee  
North Carolina Society of Health Care Attorneys

Date: August 18, 2023

Re: NCSHCA Grant Application – Fall 2023/Spring 2024

This memorandum is to announce the opening of the North Carolina Society of Health Care Attorneys (“NCSHCA”) grant application for 2023-2024. The NCSHCA is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide professional education and networking opportunities to North Carolina attorneys, who are interested in the field of health care law. The NCSHCA holds an annual meeting that offers thought leadership on the current and future health care legal trends and issues. It also sponsors seminars throughout the year on topics of interest to its members, including federal and state legislative and regulatory developments.

The NCSHCA, in its continued effort to expand opportunities for community outreach and practical experience in the area of health care law, is making available up to \$2,500 in grant funds for Fall 2023/Spring 2024 to be used by one or more programs, clinics, or students. The NCSHCA is seeking grant applications that focus on students providing assistance to clients and communities in North Carolina the area of health care law with a focus on addressing issues of health equity and access to resources and care. This may include funding a clinic or program to address community needs, a research project intended to highlight an issue and make recommendations, or an internship experience with a governmental entity or community partner engaged in this work. The NCSHCA also hopes that this grant program will facilitate mentorship by practicing health care attorneys around the State. The grant funds will be awarded to one or more clinics, programs, or students conducting health care law work in North Carolina.

The grant application is attached for your review and to share with potential applicants. The grant application is due **October 6, 2023** by the close of business *by e-mail* to Elizabeth Taylor, Assistant Executive Director, at [executivedirector@ncshca.org](mailto:executivedirector@ncshca.org). Applications will be reviewed by the NCSHCA Board’s Gifts and Grants Committee.

The recipient(s) will be notified shortly thereafter. The grant program will run through Spring 2024. Although the NCSHCA will maintain minimal involvement in the program, in furtherance of the applicant’s fiduciary obligation to the donor, the NCSHCA will require written updates over the course of the project at intervals to be determined at the time of the award describing how the project is meeting the goals, as outlined in its application. The NCSHCA also requests that grant recipients send a student representative and attorney advisor, if possible, to the NCSHCA’s annual meeting scheduled for **Fall 2024** in Chapel Hill, to give a brief overview of the project that received the grant and explain how such

funds have been used to educate students, benefit the community, and advance the mission of the NCSHCA.

Previous winners of the NCSHCA's grants have used the proceeds as follows:

1. Law school legal project that disseminated information on health care reform to HIV patients and Medicaid beneficiaries;
2. Law school health law society that informed and assisted residents with the execution of advance directives and health care powers of attorney;
3. Elder law clinic that hosted educational programs concerning legal-medical issues affecting the gay, lesbian and transgender community;
4. Community law clinic that assisted residents with legal-medical questions related to advance directives and Medicaid benefits.

As you can see, there is no formula for winning the grant. We encourage interested students, clinics, and programs to apply and ask that NC health law employers support student interns in pursuing this opportunity. If you have any questions, feel free to call or contact me by phone (919) 634-0184 or email [virginia.niehaus@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:virginia.niehaus@dhhs.nc.gov).

Attachment

## **NCSHCA GRANT APPLICATION - 2023**

Please complete this application, preferably in Word format, by answering the following questions and providing the requested information. We are not expecting professionally-prepared grant applications or even lengthy responses.

1. Provide the name of the clinic, program, or individual seeking funding and the supervising attorney for the project.
2. Indicate the amount of funds, up to \$2,500, requested for the funding period October 2023 – May 2024.
3. Provide answers to the following questions:
  - a. What is the mission or goal of your project?
  - b. How will your project use the funds requested to further your goals?
  - c. How will the project use the grant funds to provide practical experience in the field of health care law in North Carolina?
  - d. How will the project use the grant funds to promote health equity, increase access to resources and care, and/or promote community outreach in the field of health care law in North Carolina?
  - e. To the extent applicable, how will your project, program, or clinic incorporate the NCSHCA's logo, name, and/or attribution on any deliverables that are a part of the project?
  - f. Would you or your program or clinic be interested in mentorship assistance from the NCSHCA? If so, please explain.
  - g. Please provide any other details relevant to your application for the NCSHCA grant funds, which you have not had an opportunity to provide in your responses above.

*Thank you for your submission.*