

March 24, 2020

Christine Holmes  
State Bar of California  
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Dear Christine,

OneJustice seeks to change one of the subgrantees for our 2020 Bank Grant. Through this grant, OneJustice's goal is to help create community redevelopment in the Inland Empire by working with two local organizations to provide pro bono transactional law clinics to small businesses. Part of the success of this grant depends on the ability of these Inland Empire organizations to have enough resources, staff, and organizational security to complete their deliverables. OneJustice chose organizations within the Inland Empire that, to the best of OneJustice's knowledge, had this track record. OneJustice was very excited to be working with two amazing organizations and was fully confident of completing the grant deliverables and goals.

However, none of us expected COVID-19 to have such a devastating impact on every aspect of non-profit organizations -- from operations to service delivery -- and OneJustice has found that certain organizations have been harder hit than others, including some organizations in the Inland Empire. One of OneJustice's Inland Empire subgrantees, Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association (IELLA), recently reached out to OneJustice to let us know that IELLA was no longer able to carry out their 2020 Bank Grant deliverables. Their Executive Director explained that IELLA's offices are on lockdown and many staff members do not possess the technological infrastructure to work from home. Additionally, with their offices closed, less clients are calling, and the organization is not in a position to take on additional work going forward. With this considered, IELLA made the very hard decision to back out from this grant to ensure that OneJustice has a dedicated partner able to do the work.

Accordingly, OneJustice has had to pivot to consider other Inland Empire organizations, in order to ensure that this banner project is a success. Prior to COVID-19, OneJustice was already in conversation with Inland Counties Legal Services (ICLS) about an informal collaboration on this grant. ICLS was very open to this idea and OneJustice staff members were going to check back in with ICLS once the clinic model had been finalized. Upon learning about IELLA, OneJustice and ICLS spoke about a formal partnership and ICLS was enthusiastic about this possibility. OneJustice would now like to bring in ICLS as a formal partner on this project to replace IELLA.

OneJustice and ICLS have worked together for many years in different capacities. For years, OneJustice has coordinated the California Project Directors Association, a meeting of the Legal Service Corporation funded legal aid organizations in California. ICLS is a prominent member of that association and OneJustice has always had a positive relationship with them through that work. Most recently, OneJustice's Healthy Nonprofit Team trained ICLS's Board of Directors on governance and



is currently in the final stages of finalizing an organizational strategic plan. Additionally, OneJustice has consulted with ICLS in the past on building their pro bono program, and their pro bono director is currently part of OneJustice's Pro Bono Accelerator -- a project highly complementary to the Inland Empire Community Development project. Finally, many past and current ICLS staffers have been members of OneJustice's Executive Fellowship program, which teaches nonprofit management to legal aid staff.

In conclusion, OneJustice respectfully requests the State Bar to adopt the proposed change to OneJustice's 2020 Bank Grant. This will allow OneJustice to continue its work to create pro bono infrastructures and provide pro bono transactional legal assistance to small businesses in the Inland Empire, which is more important now than ever before.

Thank you for considering this request. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bashan  
Director, Pro Bono Justice

**2018 - 2020 Bank Grant Budget Revision and Carry-Over Requests - 2019**
**As prepared for the Bank Grant Committee Meetings, July 20, 2020**

No.	Organization Name	Date Submitted	2019 Grant Amount	Carryover/Budget Revision Total	Carryover/Budget Revision %	Staff Recommendation or Action	Grantee explanations for material budget deviations and/or Carry-Over request
1	California Rural Legal Assistance	4/24/2020	\$ 275,000	\$ 77,842	28.3%	Approve	CRLA continued to see an increase of homeowners facing foreclosure due to Second Loans foreclosing and evicting homeowners without satisfying the First Loan. Project Staff continued to bring awareness to this practice throughout the year through outreach events, along with providing information on this issue during a 1-hour radio talk show on Radio Bilingue. The talk show also provided information to homeowners regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and explained how it can result in increased impound accounts, possibly causing mortgages to become delinquent. The project is on target to meet its goals projected under this grant term.
2	Impact Fund	3/4/2020	\$ 130,000	\$ 55,919	43.0%	Approve	The Clean Water Project re-granted \$27,630 in the 2019 calendar year. An additional \$4,868 was approved in December 2019 and paid in January 2020. Staff conducted outreach with several organizations who are interested in applying for funds but, due to the nature of our process, are scheduling their requests for this year (2020). We are confident that we will be able to disburse the remaining funds in the final year of the project.
3	Legal Assistance for Seniors	3/6/2020	\$ 25,562	\$ 8,541	33.4%	Approve	Meeting our goals during 2019, we have ramped up our services for 2020. We have enhanced our Community Education "menu" to include basic housing rights, ways and policies covering home care and remaining safely in the community and home. Already we have expensed more time, both attorney and paralegal time as well as intake/administrative time to ramp up and document future CE events and outreach. This includes more printing of handouts and the CE menu. We propose however to reallocate Outreach fee in the Other expense line to be equally distributed to Supplies and Printing & Postage. (Note: Outreach fees include reservations for exhibition booths and tables.)
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4	Affordable Housing Advocates	3/9/2020	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,233	24.9%	Approved	Oral argument was not held in the 2019 grant year. Instead of preparing for and attending oral argument, and pursuing the case on remand, time was spent on updating research, client communication, and review, organization and analysis of the evidence from 7 of the 17 jurisdiction's regarding their inclusionary housing obligations. This will assist on remand should we prevail on appeal, and/or provide the basis for publishing information about affordable housing to assist current and future housing residents, should we not win the appeal.
5	Central California Legal Services	3/6/2020	\$ 335,434	\$ 80,285	23.9%	Approved	Personnel costs variances were due to year-one attorney attrition causing carryover into year-two. Additionally, the loss of our Project Team Lead, Clovis litigation lead attorney and loss of Lead Attorney for two of the Cities identified for the Housing Element Project caused additional carryover into year three. CCLS has worked to staff these positions and recruit and train additional attorneys in this specific area of law. The year three funds, including the carryover, will be spent on these same positions. CCLS maintains open recruitments to keep the attorney positions fully staffed and continues to train/ cross train staff in this area of law.
6	Family Violence Law Center	3/9/2020	\$ 91,153	\$ 12,236	13.4%	Approved	Legal Salaries were reported at just under 5% of the budgeted amount for the year. The Executive Director reported under-budget and Staff Attorney was over budget due to organization wide 3% COLA. Unbudgeted expense for Library was due to purchase of The Green Book (HUD Housing Programs: Tenant Rights). Subgrantee has not submitted reporting for years one & two. All other line variations are less than 5%.
7	Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance	3/9/2020	\$ 291,673	\$ 63,713	21.8%	Approved	There are no major changes in our work plan for services, with the exception of our decreasing focus on Kern County Code Compliance policies. The project is on schedule to meet its goals and be completed by the end of the grant period.