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Via E-mail: Doan.Nguyen@calbar.ca.gov

Doan T. Nguyen, Grants Administration
Legal Services Trust Fund Program

Re: Final Report Community Redevelopment Grant "Strengthening Tribal Communities through Economic Development" and Request for Surplus Grant Funds Transferred to the "Native American Record Clearing Project" (NARC.)

Dear Ms. Nguyen;

California Indian Legal Service (CILS) is submitting its Final Report for its "Strengthening Tribal Communities through Economic Development" with attachments. While we were granted a six month extension, we were successful in meeting our grant deliverables and actually provided three additional trainings beyond the six initially proposed in our grant application. The training project was and is extremely important to our tribes and CILS is committed to carrying on the project. We want to thank you and your staff for your understanding and patience's in working with us and allowing us to complete our project.

To follow up on our telephone discussion this week, our Controller has determined that our grant surplus is \$11,928, higher than previously thought. In light of this surplus, we would like to request that all or no less than \$5,000 be transferred to our NARC project for the purchase of a LiveScan machine. Our NARC project desperately needs the LiveScan to fulfill its goals under the NARC project. Having a LiveScan readily available to assist low income Native Americans in accessing their RAP sheet so that it can then be analyzed to determine if there are any prior conviction that can be expunged is critical to the central purpose of the project. While we are providing no direct representation to any Native American participant, we must be able to educate them on how to read and understand their RAP sheet and what steps they can take to clear their record if possible. We appreciate the previous assistance you and staff have provided CILS and hope we can rely on your generosity one final time.

We would happy to discuss our request with you further if you or the Commission has any questions. Thank you again for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Alther

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