

**LEGAL SERVICES TRUST FUND COMMISSION
PARTNERSHIP GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Summary and Action Items**

Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
State Bar of California (Conference Call via Zoom)

Roll Call		
Committee Members	Advisors	Staff
Chair Christina Vanarelli	Hon. Lisa R. Jaskol	Christal Bundang
Kim Bartleson	Hon. William J. Murray	Brady Dewar
William Boschelli		Christine Holmes
Debra Meyers	Liaisons	Elizabeth Hom
Christian Schreiber	Bonnie Hough	Dan Passamaneck
	Public Members	
	Stephanie Haffner (Legal Aid of Marin)	

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

II. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Haffner, Executive Director of Legal Aid of Marin, introduced herself and offered to answer any questions the Committee might have related to Legal Aid of Marin's Partnership Grant application.

III. CONSENT

A. Approval of Action Summary from July 19, 2019 Meeting

The Partnership Grants Committee (Committee) approved the June 26, 2020 meeting summary and action items, as amended, by roll call vote (Bartleson moved, Boschelli seconded).

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss 2021 Grant Applications

Assistant General Counsel Brady Dewar reported that his research had determined that the State Budget Act and existing approved policy require Partnership Grants to be used for assistance with civil litigation. There is some lack of clarity as to whether matters related to fines, fees, and expungements can be considered civil litigation; at least under existing regulations and policy, they are likely properly characterized as criminal in nature. Given this uncertainty and associated risks, his recommendation was therefore that the Partnership Grant Committee encourage grantees not to request funding for such matters, and that the Codification Committee consider this issue further.

Staff reported that four organizations had requested 2021 Partnership Grant funding for projects referencing services relating either to expungement or fines and fees; three projects had revised their proposals to clarify that Partnership Grant funds will not be used to support those services, and one has revised its proposal to address entirely different services (relating to unlawful detainers).

B. Approve Funding Recommendations for 2021 Grants

Senior Program Analyst Dan Passamaneck reported on the status of funding recommendations. The actual amount available for distribution, previously estimated to be \$2,550,000, had been finally determined to be \$2,423,410; the reduction was due to a decline in revenues from filing fees, which partly fund these grants. The Committee had already tentatively identified \$2,470,000 of recommended funding at its June 26 meeting, so it reduced each of those recommended grants proportionately to match the amount actually available. As updated in the attached Final Funding Recommendations document, the Committee approved the 2021 Partnership Grant recommendations, by roll call vote (Schreiber moved; Bartleson seconded).

V. ADJOURN

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

ATTACHMENT:

FINAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (AUGUST 11, 2020)

2021 Partnership Grants Committee - Final Funding Recommendations

Estimated Available Funding: \$2,423,410

PROGRAM	PROJECT NAME	COUNTY(IES)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	JUNE 26 TENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION	PRO RATA CUT	AUGUST 11 FINAL RECOMMENDATION
Bet Tzedek	Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult RO Clinic	Los Angeles	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$1,509	\$78,491
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	\$73,000	\$60,000	\$1,132	\$58,868
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	\$71,000	\$70,000	\$1,320	\$68,680
Central California Legal Services	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop	Tulare	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$1,320	\$68,680
Community Legal Aid - SoCal	Orange County Community Court Clinic	Orange	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$660	\$34,340
Community Legal Aid - SoCal	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop	Orange	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$434	\$22,566
Community Legal Aid - SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Norwalk	Los Angeles	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$1,320	\$68,680
Elder Law & Advocacy	Unlawful Detainer/Elder Abuse Restraining Order Self-Help Clinic	Imperial	\$71,000	\$71,000	\$1,339	\$69,661
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$472	\$24,528
Housing and Economic Rights Advocates	Probate Clinic	San Mateo	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$792	\$41,208
Inland Counties Legal Services	Consumer Clinic Partnership	San Bernardino	\$95,000	\$94,000	\$1,773	\$92,227

Justice and Diversity Center / Bar Association of San Francisco	FLASH-CARE	San Francisco	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$754	\$39,246
Justice and Diversity Center / Bar Association of San Francisco	Shriver-SASH Self-Help	San Francisco	\$74,000	\$74,000	\$1,396	\$72,604
LACBA Counsel for Justice	Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	Los Angeles	\$97,000	\$91,000	\$1,716	\$ 89,284
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Day of Court Project	Alameda	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$566	\$29,434
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Status Conference Project	Alameda	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$1,226	\$63,774
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Torrance Self-Help Center	Los Angeles	\$100,000	\$90,000	\$1,698	\$88,302
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Legal Resource Center Partnership	Santa Barbara	\$126,000	\$117,000	\$2,207	\$114,793
Legal Aid of Marin	Community Court Expansion / Mandatory Settlement Conferences for Homelessness Prevention	Marin	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$1,509	\$78,491
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	Caregivers Accessing Justice	San Bernardino	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$1,886	\$98,114
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Name/Gender Marker Change Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$1,603	\$83,397
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion	San Diego	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$1,509	\$78,491
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	Alameda	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$1,226	\$63,774
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigants	Alameda	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$1,226	\$63,774

Legal Services of Northern California	Mother Lode Pro Per Project	AM, CL, ED, PL, NV, Sierra	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$1,792	\$93,208
Legal Services of Northern California	Small Claims and Guardianship Self-Help Project	Yolo	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$1,169	\$60,831
Neighborhood Legal Services	Consumer Technology Project	Los Angeles	\$126,000	\$90,000	\$1,698	\$88,302
Neighborhood Legal Services	Housing Cases Continuum of Services	Los Angeles	\$113,000	\$81,000	\$1,528	\$79,472
Neighborhood Legal Services	Stabilizing Families	Los Angeles	\$113,000	\$100,000	\$1,886	\$98,114
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$566	\$29,434
Public Law Center	De Facto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project	Orange	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$943	\$49,057
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	Orange	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$754	\$39,246
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estates Assistance Program	Riverside	\$105,000	\$100,000	\$1,886	\$98,114
San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	San Diego	\$130,000	\$100,000	\$1,886	\$98,114
San Luis Obispo Legal Aid Foundation	Rental Clinic	San Luis Obispo	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$1,886	\$98,114
			\$2,696,000	\$2,470,000	\$46,590	\$2,423,410

	6/26/2020		8/11/2020
Estimated Available Funding:	\$2,423,410		\$2,423,410
Allocation	\$2,470,000		\$2,423,410
Difference	\$(46,590)		\$0