



The State Bar of California

DATE: June 18, 2021

TO: Members, Partnership Grants Committee
Members, Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

FROM: Christal Bundang, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

SUBJECT: 2022 Partnership Grant Funding Recommendations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the 2022 Partnership Grants application cycle, 36 proposals were submitted from 26 Qualified Legal Services Projects (QLSPs) requesting a total of \$3.094 million in funding. The Partnership Grants Committee (Committee) utilized Review Teams comprised of committee members and staff to review and evaluate all proposals using the new scoring rubric and developed tentative funding recommendations at its May 7 meeting. The purpose of the June 18 meeting is to finalize the 2022 Partnership Grant funding recommendations.

The total funding amount available for the 2022 grant year is \$2,580,574.

The purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of the 2022 application review process and relevant updates for the Committee's consideration.

BACKGROUND

The Partnership Grants program is established by the State Budget Act, which annually provides that "[t]en percent of the [Equal Access Fund] ... shall be for joint projects of courts and legal services programs to make legal assistance available to pro per litigants." (Attachment A) Funding is allocated through the Budget Act to the Judicial Council, and the Judicial Council has authority for final approval of grants. The State Bar administers the grant selection and distribution process through a contract with the Judicial Council. The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (Commission) oversees the administration of these grants, delegating primary responsibility for review and recommendations to the Partnership Grants Committee (Committee).

To be considered for funding, all applicants and proposed projects must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in the 2022 Partnership Grant RFP Requirements, Priorities, and Policies (Attachment A).

DISCUSSION

2022 PARTNERSHIP GRANT REVIEW AND RUBRIC SCORING PROCESS

An overview of the 36 funding proposals received is described in Attachment A. New this year was the implementation of the 2022 Partnership Grants scoring rubric, approved by the Commission on January 5. Several processes were developed to ensure consistent scoring and interpretation of the rubric categories by the Review Teams, which were comprised of two Partnership Grant Committee members and one staff member. Another change was that instead of one Committee member being the sole reviewer of a small subset of proposals, each Review Team reviewed the same assigned subset of proposals.

Following the application deadline, staff confirmed that all projects met threshold eligibility requirements. As discussed during the January 5 Committee meeting, one important step in implementing the rubric was calibration. During the initial calibration process, staff reviewed and scored the same proposal independently. Staff then met to compare scores, discuss reasoning for assigning scores, and to ensure that each reviewer was utilizing the rubric similarly. Based on this discussion, staff determined a calibrated score.

This process was replicated with the same proposal in each Review Team, where the staff calibrated score was shared as an additional data point for comparison. As with staff calibration, the focus of these sessions was to discuss the reasoning for assigning scores to ensure that each reviewer was utilizing the rubric consistently. Following the calibration sessions, the Review Teams reviewed and scored the remaining proposals and met to determine a calibrated score for each proposal. To address any scores that did not reach a consensus on a particular section, the Review Teams took the average of each team member's score in order to calculate a final score. These scores were highlighted at the May 7 Committee meeting.

TENTATIVE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 7, the Committee reviewed all final rubric scores and developed tentative funding recommendations. Based on past practice and in consideration of the criteria outlined in the rubric, staff recommended the Committee consider the following in making grant award recommendations:

- Maintain a historical grant award funding range but increase the top of the range to \$120,000.
- Fund fully or fund up to the maximum range amount for all new projects.
- Utilize 2021 award allocations as a starting amount for funding recommendations and a tapered funding approach of incremental 5 percent deductions for each year funded for

continuing projects.

- Use 70 points as a threshold score to determine larger or smaller award deductions. Projects with rubric scores of 70 points or more indicated that the projects met or exceeded expectations across rubric categories, whereas projects that scored less than 70 points indicated they were below expectations in one or more of the rubric categories.
- Make additional deductions for the lowest scoring projects or projects with the lowest funding priority scores.

The Committee utilized this approach and made additional adjustments to recommended award amounts, prioritizing projects serving rural counties and projects in substantive areas with anticipated increased need for 2022. Because the funding is intended to be seed funding for projects, the Committee also took into consideration the requested Partnership Grant funding amount in relation to the total project budget. Since applicants are required to provide total project budget information from all funding sources, the Committee was able to identify what percentage of the project would be funded by Partnership Grants funds. Generally, smaller percentages indicated strong continuity planning because it demonstrated the organization's ability to secure alternative funding to sustain the project

Following the meeting, staff reached out to all applicants to share final rubric scores, tentative funding recommendations, and to follow up on any pending questions from the Committee. Applicants were provided an opportunity to provide feedback about the potential impact of the tentative funding amount on their proposed project and to ask follow-up questions about the application review process.

Overall, there were no follow-up questions from applicants about their rubric scores or the updated review process. Projects with tentative funding recommendations that matched requested amounts did not anticipate any application updates. There were 15 projects with tentative funding allocations less than their requested amounts that indicated that they would need to revise their application to reflect changes in current staffing levels and decreased deliverables such as services, workshops, and overall goal numbers (Attachment B). None of these projects indicated that they would not be able to operate without Partnership Grant funding, and these reduction in deliverables were generally in proportion to the decrease in funding compared to the requested amount.

Because the Committee used a systematic and objective approach to ensure equitable allocation of available grant funding, staff does not believe there were any compelling responses from applicants that would warrant a change in the recommended funding amounts. Therefore, staff does not recommend any updates to the tentative funding recommendations (Attachment C).

NEXT STEPS

Following the June 18 meeting, the 2022 final allocation recommendations will be presented to the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission for approval on June 25.

RECOMMENDATION

Should the Partnership Grants Committee concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Partnership Grants Committee approve the list of 2022 Partnership Grant allocation recommendations, as finalized during the Committee's June 18 meeting.

Should the Legal Services Trust Funding Commission concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, that the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission approve the list of 2022 Partnership Grant allocation recommendations, as recommended by the Partnership Grants Committee.

ATTACHMENT LIST

- A.** May 7, 2021 Partnership Grants Committee Agenda Item and Attachments
- B.** Applicant Responses to 2022 Tentative Funding Recommendations
- C.** 2022 Partnership Grant Committee Funding Recommendations (to be completed on June 18)



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DATE: May 7, 2021

TO: Members, Partnership Grants Committee

FROM: Christal Bundang, Senior Program Analyst, Office of Access & Inclusion

SUBJECT: 2022 Partnership Grants Proposals and Tentative Funding Recommendations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For 2022 Partnership Grants application cycle, 36 proposals were submitted from 26 Qualified Legal Services Projects (QLSPs) requesting a total of \$3.094 million in funding. The Partnership Grants Committee (Committee) utilized a subset of Committee members in Review Teams to review and score all proposals using the new scoring rubric, which was approved by the Legal Services Trust Fund Commission in January. The purpose of the May 7 meeting is to review all proposals and rubric scores and to develop tentative funding recommendations. For the 2021 grant year, a total of \$2.42 million was awarded; the funding amount available for 2022 distribution is still pending.

The purpose of this memo is to provide background information and an overview of the 2022 proposals received for discussion by the Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Partnership Grants program is established by the State Budget Act, which annually provides that "[t]en percent of the [Equal Access Fund] ... shall be for joint projects of courts and legal services programs to make legal assistance available to pro per litigants." (See Attachment A.) Funding is allocated through the Budget Act to the Judicial Council, and the Judicial Council has authority for final approval of grants. The State Bar administers the grant selection and distribution process through a contract with the Judicial Council. The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (Commission) oversees the administration of these grants, delegating primary responsibility for review and recommendations to the Partnership Grants Committee (Committee).

To be considered for funding, all applicants and proposed projects must meet eligibility requirements as outlined in the 2022 Partnership Grant RFP Requirements, Priorities, and Policies (Attachment A).

DISCUSSION

2022 PARTNERSHIP GRANT OUTREACH EFFORTS

After the 2022 Partnership Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on January 29, the State Bar held a webinar on February 2 to review the 2022 RFP requirements, the new scoring rubric, and updates made to the application to align with the scoring rubric categories. This webinar was attended by more than 60 participants, including current grantees, potential applicants, and judicial staff from various Self-Help Centers.

Staff and Judicial Council also developed targeted outreach to QLSPs serving counties not currently funded by Partnership Grants or where Courts had expressed interest in a potential partnership. As a result of these increased outreach efforts, over 50 proposals were initiated in advance of the March 18 deadline.

2022 PARTNERSHIP GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

New this year was the implementation of the approved 2022 Partnership Grants scoring rubric. Several processes were developed to ensure consistent scoring and interpretation of the rubric categories by the Review Teams, which were comprised of two Partnership Grant Committee members and one staff member. Another change was that instead of one Committee member being the sole reviewer of a small subset of proposals, each Review Team reviewed the same assigned subset of proposals.

Following the application deadline, staff confirmed that all projects met threshold eligibility requirements. As discussed during the January 5 Committee meeting, one important step in implementing the rubric was calibration. During the initial calibration process, staff reviewed and scored the same proposal independently. Staff then met to compare scores and discuss reasoning for assigning scores and to ensure that each reviewer was utilizing the rubric similarly. Based on this discussion, staff determined a calibrated score.

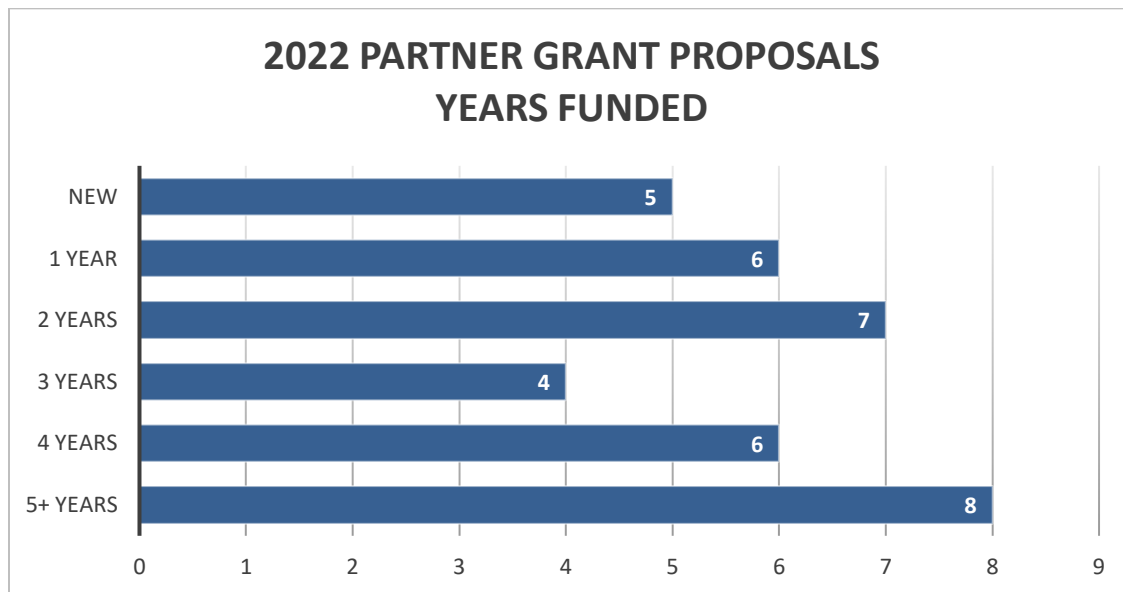
This process was replicated with the same proposal in each Review Team, where the staff calibrated score was shared as an additional data point for comparison. As with staff calibration, the focus of these sessions were to discuss the reasoning for assigning scores to ensure that each reviewer was utilizing the rubric consistently. Once calibrated, the Review Teams reviewed and scored the remaining proposals and met to determine a calibrated score for each proposal during subsequent calibration sessions. In order to address any scores that did not reach a consensus on a particular section, the Review Teams took the average of each team member's score in order to calculate a final score; each of these proposals will be reviewed during the Committee's May 7 meeting. The Review Teams also discussed substantive concerns in these meetings and staff followed up with applicants as appropriate.

2022 PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROPOSALS OVERVIEW

Thirty-six proposals were submitted by 26 QLSPs for a total requested amount of \$3,094,000. Attachment B contains the Profile Sheets of all submitted proposals and Attachment C indicates prior funding history for all projects. In addition to the scoring rubric with specific criteria to evaluate proposals, the following breakdown of various factors is provided as additional points of consideration by the Committee.

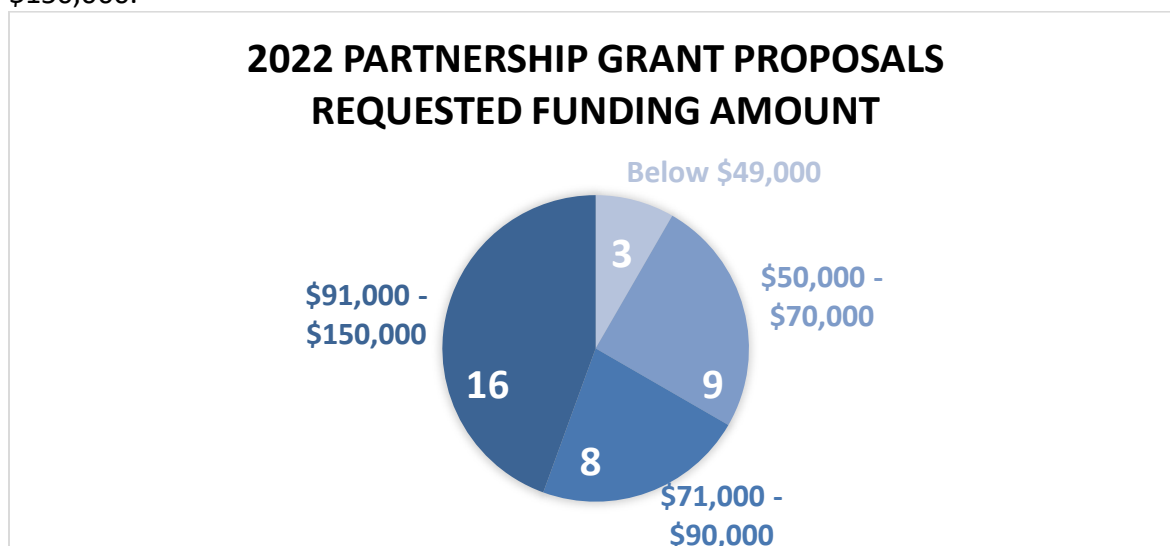
Years Funded

The majority of the 2022 proposed projects are currently funded. Five proposals are seeking funding for new projects and eight projects are seeking funding for over five years.



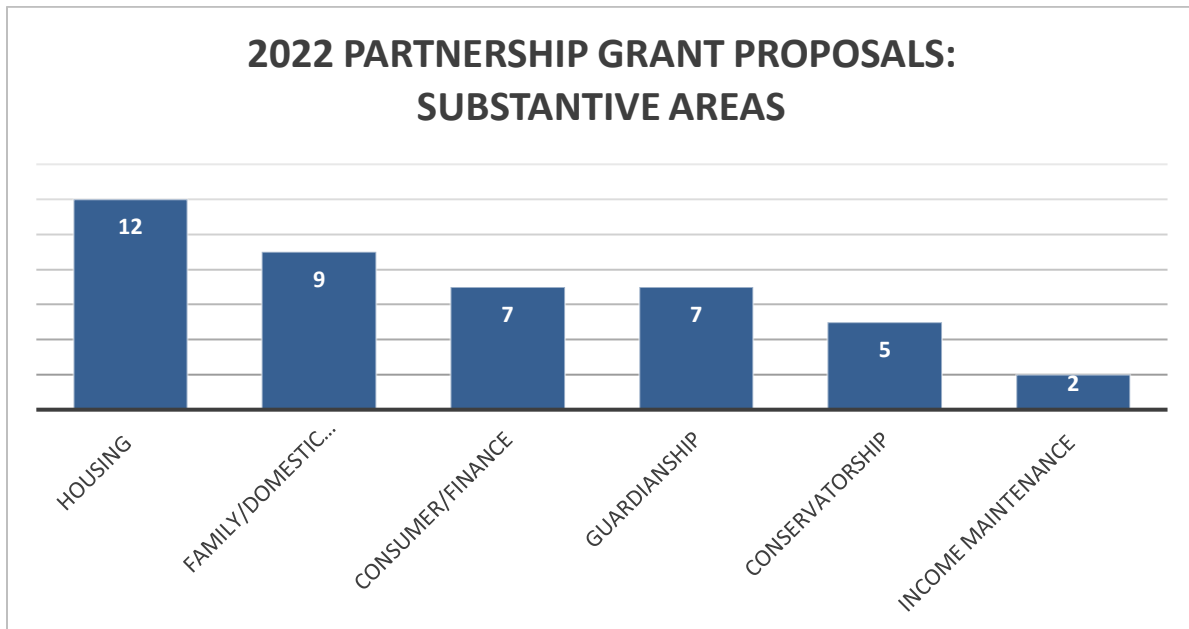
Funding Amounts

Requested funding amounts for the 2022 Partnership Grant year range from \$25,000 to \$150,000.



Substantive Areas

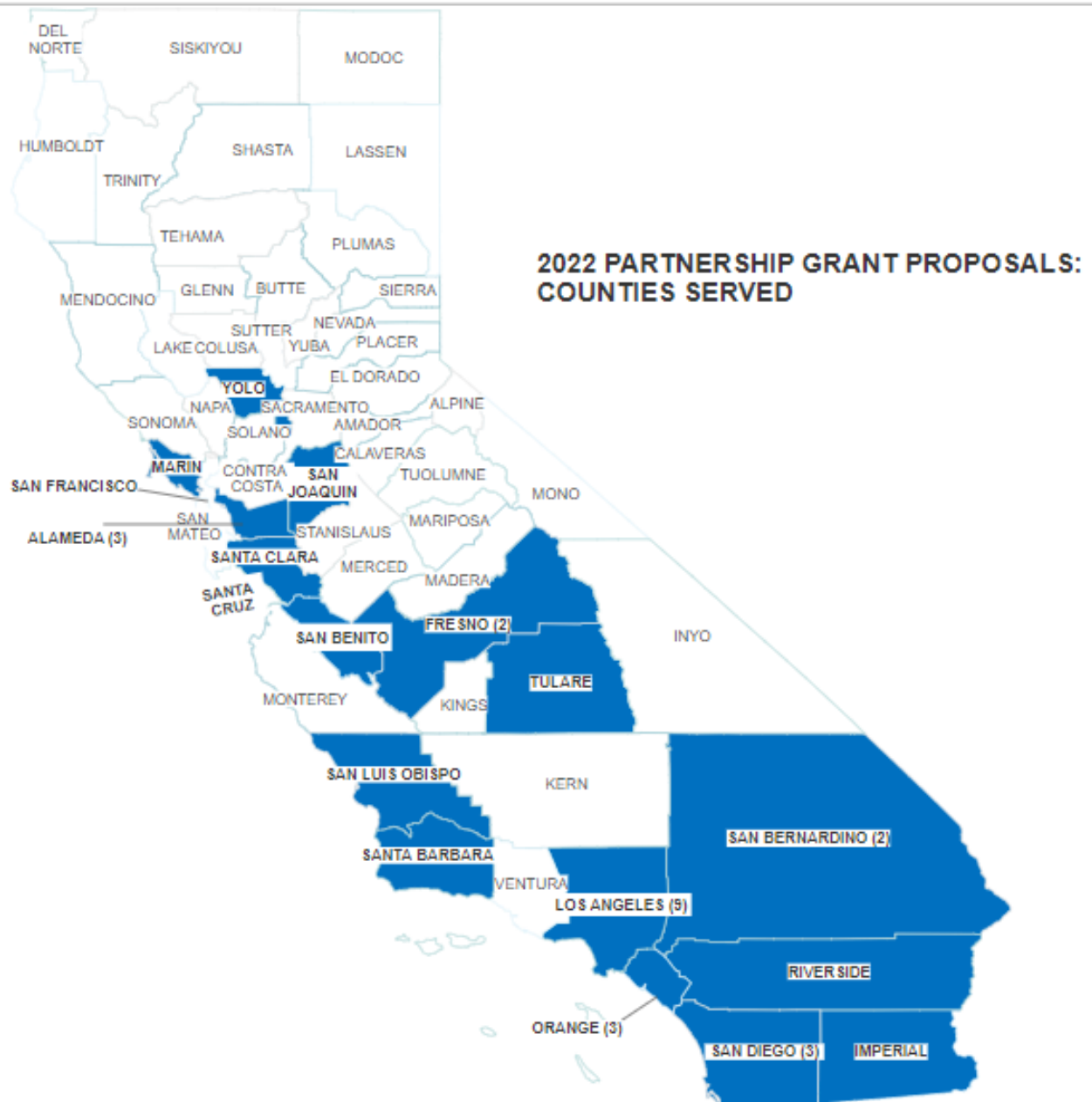
The proposed projects would address 13 substantive areas, with majority of projects providing services in Housing and Family/Domestic Violence.



Additional Areas: Juvenile (1); Name Change & Gender Marker Change (1); Probate of Small Estates (1); Small Claims Debt Assistance (1); Distribution/Administration of Decedent's Estate (1); Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Orders (1); Civil Complaints (1).

Counties Served

The proposed projects span across 18 counties in California, with majority of projects in Los Angeles and Alameda.



NEXT STEPS

The scoring rubric serves as a tool in the application review process, and the Committee maintains discretion in determining all funding recommendations. The Committee will meet on May 7 to determine tentative funding recommendations and identify any follow up needed from applicants. Final recommendations will be discussed and approved at the June 18 Committee meeting.

ATTACHMENT LIST

- A.** 2022 Partnership Grant RFP Requirements, Priorities, and Policies
- B.** 2022 Partnership Grant Project Profile Sheets
- C.** Partnership Grant Funding History (2016 – Current)
- D.** 2022 Partnership Grant Committee Rubric Scores and Tentative Funding Recommendations (to be completed on May 7)



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THE PARTNERSHIP GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: REQUIREMENTS, PRIORITIES, AND POLICIES

This document provides information for organizations interested in submitting proposals for Partnership Grants. Organizations should review this document to ensure that the proposed projects are eligible for this funding, and that their proposals describe those activities in a manner that best addresses the principal concerns of the funding authorities.

Partnership Grants are competitive and discretionary. Project proposals must be submitted on SmartSimple by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please contact Christal Bundang at christal.bundang@calbar.ca.gov.

BACKGROUND

The State Budget Act establishes the Equal Access Fund “to improve equal access and the fair administration of justice.” The Equal Access Fund is allocated to the Judicial Council and administered by the State Bar of California, through its Legal Services Trust Fund Commission (Commission). Ten percent of the Equal Access Fund is reserved for “joint projects of courts and legal services programs to make legal assistance available to pro per litigants.”

Partnership Grants are awarded through a competitive process. The Commission reviews and compares all eligible proposals and makes funding recommendations to the Judicial Council. Grants are awarded for a one-year period commencing January 1. Decisions of the Commission, as approved by the Judicial Council, are final; there is no appeals process. Due to the limited availability of funding, all proposals may not be funded. Historically, projects have been funded in a range from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Grant award allocations also vary based on available funding. For the 2021 grant year, a total of \$2.42 million was awarded to 35 eligible projects.

Partnership Grants are primarily intended to support new projects. Consideration will also be given to ensure that this funding supports projects serving a diverse range of geographic areas, substantive issues, and client constituencies. Projects seeking funding beyond five consecutive years will be more closely reviewed by the Commission in terms of overall project strength and other selection criteria.

At the conclusion of each grant year, Partnership grantees must submit a comprehensive report and evaluation on the use and impact of these funds. Partnership Grant funding is typically awarded for no more than five consecutive years of support, and applicants must describe their plans for obtaining funding from other sources to support these projects after the termination of Partnership Grant support.

2022 PARTNERSHIP GRANTS SCORING RUBRIC

In an effort to provide transparency and equity in the review process, the Committee will be using a new scoring rubric as a tool to help guide review of all eligible proposals. As this is the first time implementing a rubric for Partnership Grants, the Commission will revisit during the codification process and solicit feedback from applicants.

The rubric is comprised of four sections - Eligibility Requirements, Selection Criteria, Funding Priorities, and Innovation. Initial rubric scores will be shared with applicants, who will have an opportunity to improve their scores, by providing additional information or addressing initial concerns. Note that the Commission still maintains its discretion when determining funding recommendations.

Eligibility Requirements

This section is not weighted. Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to submit a proposal:

- Qualified Legal Services Projects (QLSPs): Pursuant to Business & Professions Code 6210 et seq., only QLSPs are eligible to apply for Partnership Grants.
- Joint Court/Qualified Legal Services Projects: Proposals must be for projects jointly developed and implemented by California State courts and QLSPs, and, except in rare circumstances, services must be delivered at or near the courthouse.
- Indigent Persons: Use of Partnership Grant funds is restricted to the provision of services to indigent persons as defined under Business and Professions Code §6213(d).
- Self-Represented Civil Litigants: Partnership Grant funding is restricted to providing assistance to individuals who are or expect to be engaged in civil litigation without representation by counsel. These funds cannot be used to make court appearances on behalf of litigants.

If the proposed project will be serving non-indigent persons or if individuals will be engaged in civil litigation, the project must identify non-Partnership Grant funds that will be used to cover this work.

Selection Criteria (80 points)

Based on responses provided in the proposal, the Committee will score each sub-section as “Exceeds Expectations,” “Meets Expectations,” or “Below Expectations” with corresponding multipliers for a maximum of 80 points.

Generally, responses that provide relevant and detailed information, such as metrics or specific examples would be scored favorably. Responses that do not appear responsive to the selection criteria's description may be considered "below requirements."

Funding Priorities (20 points)

In 2018, the Commission approved the following policy regarding funding priorities:

"Historically, Partnership Grants have been awarded as "seed funding," with an initial expectation of funding reductions after the first three years and termination of funding after the fifth year. This model can sometimes lead to valuable, high functioning projects making major changes to their substantive focus or operational model for the purpose of retaining eligibility for Partnership Grant funding beyond the initial five-year period.

While the Commission continues to prioritize innovative programs, it also seeks to support existing projects that provide valuable services to underserved communities. The following considerations are intended to assist applicants in setting reasonable expectations regarding the expected timeframe for the duration of Partnership Grant support.

Matters to be taken into consideration when determining whether to renew Partnership Grant funding include:

- That Partnership Grants will continue to be awarded with the principal intention of providing seed funding for new projects, which may be renewed annually over an initial five-year period.
- That Partnership Grant funding may or may not be reduced from year to year during that time, taking into account project strength, demonstrated success, and funding availability.
- That the discretionary nature of Partnership Grants, under which the Commission's decisions on continued funding may be contingent upon projects meeting programmatic, administrative, and financial expectations The Commission retains discretion not to renew funding within the initial five-year timeframe should projects be unable to meet basic expectations.
- That funding beyond a fifth-year cycle be considered on a case by case basis. Particular consideration should be given to projects supporting unmet rural needs, program that have evolved to respond to a recent emergency or disaster, and high functioning and heavily utilized projects that have been unable to secure alternate funding despite documented efforts. The foregoing examples are illustrative, not exclusive.
 - Applicants seeking funding beyond a fifth year into a second cycle must demonstrate the effectiveness of the project and provide additional justification such as documentation of their pursuit of alternate funding sources, narratives

and quantitative data on local needs or circumstances, and/or additional project evaluation such as court feedback, case file review or other such evaluative processes.

- Projects seeking funding beyond a fifth year will be reviewed with respect to the factors cited above, as well as in comparison to new and other renewing applicants in the areas of program strength, demonstrated success, and funding availability.”

The Commission will exercise its discretion and score the project 1-5 based on funding priorities. That number will be multiplied by 4 for a maximum section score of 20 points.

Optional – Innovation (up to 10 points)

The Commission encourages innovative projects and may award up to 10 bonus points for innovation.

Examples of innovation may include:

- Projects that involve courts that have not had projects in a long time
- Projects with models that were tried/successful in other jurisdictions, but are new to the court
- Initial projects in a case type (first consumer program, first conservatorship program, etc.)
- Projects testing new ways of providing services.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS			
Please select “yes” or “no” for each requirement.			
Applicant is a Qualified Legal Services Project	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Proposal is jointly developed and implemented by a California State court and services are delivered at or near the courthouse.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Proposed services will be provided only to indigent persons, as defined under Business and Profession Code §6213(d).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If NO, has the project identified non-Partnership Grant funds that will cover this work?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Proposed services will be provided only to self-represented litigants (individuals who are or expect to be engaged in civil litigation without representation by counsel).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If NO, has the project identified non-Partnership Grant funds that will cover this work?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

DEFINITIONS	
Exceeds Expectations	Response is very high quality, addressing all questions in the request for proposal and all elements of the selection criteria. The identified strengths in the category are substantial with no or minimal weaknesses or additional questions identified. Any identified weakness has minimal effect on the overall quality of the response.

Meets Expectations	Response is good, effectively addressing most questions in the request for proposal and the selection criteria. Strengths and weaknesses are identified that may balance each other in significance. Overall quality of response is satisfactory
Below Expectations	Response is weak, neglecting to address questions in the request for proposal and the elements of the criteria. The responses identified weaknesses hold significant weight, overshadowing the identified strengths. Overall quality of response is inadequate, with significant flaws in key elements.

SELECTION CRITERIA (80 PTS) Checkmark the appropriate ranking for each category, and then multiply by the number below. Add sub-scores from A and B to get the total points for this section.			
CATEGORY & DESCRIPTION	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Below Expectations
<u>Court Involvement</u> A successful proposal will indicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> significant cooperation between the partner court and legal services organization, integration with other court-based services and if the project's services are to be reserved for only one litigant role, such as petitioners but not respondents, that this has been thoroughly explored with the court, and alternate legal resources that can provide meaningful if not equivalent levels of assistance to the opposing parties have been identified. 			
<u>Project Impact</u> A successful proposal will clearly address the needs of the targeted population with meaningful and timely outcomes.			
A. Number of Check Marks	X20=	X15=	X10=
Subtotal (A)			
<u>Administration</u> A successful proposal will have adequate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> staffing, leadership, and oversight of project monitoring, outreach and resource development. 			
<u>Project Budget</u> A successful project will clearly reflect how Partnership Grant funds are tied to actual project expenses or directly related costs.			

Continuity Planning A successful project will adequately describe meaningful continuity planning efforts, such as pursuing other sources of funding, recruitment of volunteers, and in-kind support.			
Evaluation A successful proposal will incorporate meaningful evaluation plans and metrics that effectively demonstrate how the project's planned goals will be achieved.			
B. Number of Check Marks	X10 =	X6 =	X3 =
Subtotal (B)			
Selection Criteria Total (A+B)			

FUNDING PRIORITIES (20 PTS)

Keeping the funding priorities in mind, determine the number points you wish to score this project and then multiply by the number below.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership Grants will be awarded with the principal intention of providing seed funding for <u>new projects</u> and projects in their second to fifth year of funding. Projects requesting funding beyond their fifth year that serve rural areas, are responsive to a recent emergency or disaster, or are high-functioning and heavily utilized projects but have been unable to secure alternate funding despite documented efforts are prioritized. Projects seeking funding beyond a fifth year that are not in these priority areas are considered for funding only after proposed awards have been allocated for all prioritized projects. The State Bar retains discretion to waive this policy. 	5 4 3 2 1
Funding Priority Total Score	X4 =

OPTIONAL - INNOVATION (up to 10 PTS)

The Committee may exercise discretion in awarding points for innovation. Based on your review of the proposal, determine if wish to score additional points for innovation and provide your reason(s) below.

Additional points will be awarded to successful proposals that demonstrate innovation.	YES	NO
Bonus Points Awarded (1-10 pts)		
Reason(s) for awarding bonus points for innovation:		

OTHER POLICIES REGARDING ADMINISTRATION OF PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

The Commission has made policy determinations with regard to certain substantive issues that have arisen repeatedly, as guidance for applicants seeking to strengthen their proposals, and to help ensure the consistency of its own deliberations and recommendations regarding Partnership Grants. The following statements of Partnership Grants policies were each approved by the Commission, on the dates indicated in parentheses after their titles:

Self-Representation and Attorney-Client Relationships (July 2017)

Self-represented litigants receiving services under a Partnership Grant are not prohibited from forming a confidential relationship with a lawyer, so long as they remain unrepresented when they appear in court. While we [the Commission] will ultimately defer to the court's own determination as to whether the litigant is self-represented, factors impacting this determination include where any attorney's participation takes place, and whether the attorney's name appears on pleadings or in the records of proceedings in court. So long as no appearance is made on the record and no representational activity occurs in court, formation of an attorney-client relationship in and of itself is not inconsistent with the "self-represented" status of a litigant.

Overhead, Administration, and Audit (August 2018)

Partnership Grant funds should pay for actual project expenses or directly related costs – to fund the project, but not the organization. Some programs have used individual line items to identify administrative costs. Others use an Allocated Cost Ratio, which is often based on a standardized formula; however, it is sometimes unclear how a formula-based allocation relates to the proposed activities.

- Some non-personnel costs which may be appropriately tied to the project include malpractice insurance and attorney licensing fees.
- As Partnership Grant-funded services should typically be performed primarily at or near the courthouse, which reduces the need for program space and equipment, costs allocated to these lines should be clearly justified in the budget narrative.
- Programs using formula-based allocated cost ratios must clearly explain what these comprise and how they are calculated, for purposes of Partnership grant budgeting.

Use of Partnership Funding as a Sub-grant Covering Wages of Court Staff (August 2018)

An organization receiving Partnership Grant funding is expected to be the primary service provider under that grant. However, greater efficiencies can sometimes be attained by sub-granting some of that funding to a court partner. The following considerations have been identified as relevant in determining whether to approve discretionary funding for such a request:

- The contract governing the relationship between the grant recipient organization and the court must clearly specify that grant-funded court staff will only work on project activities, not on other duties that might be assigned by the court.
- The contracted staff must follow the Guidelines for the Operation of Self-Help Centers, with particular regard to ensuring the court's neutrality as to the fact that services are

being provided, the manner in which they are provided, and the persons to whom they are provided.

- The services funded would not otherwise be provided by the court, but for the Partnership Grant. The Partnership Grant shall not supplant existing funding or services.
- The project budget must include additional funding sufficient to assist litigants who do not qualify to be served with Partnership Grant funding.
- In these and all cases, the court must participate in providing feedback and in developing evaluative data. Where funding is sub-granted to the court partner for payment of court staff, this evaluative data will include information on the number of litigants using the service who do not meet the definition of “indigent” found at Business & Professions Code §6213.

Funding of Supervised Settlement Services through Partnership Grants (July 2019)

Partnership Grants may be used to support supervised settlement services to assist litigants in settling their litigation, so long as the settlement services are a component of court-based litigation and are overseen by an attorney.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Bet Tzedek Legal Services		
Project Name	Decedent's Estate Self-Help Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$235,285.00	\$120,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
No			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>In Los Angeles County, there is no free assistance for the heirs of people who were unable to complete an estate plan before their death to probate the estate. Probate is a time-consuming and expensive process, but one that—like conservatorship—lends itself to a self-help model. Decedent estate administration requires one to complete standard forms and meet statutory deadlines – things that can be overwhelming and challenging for those unfamiliar with the court system, but straightforward for trained advocates.</p> <p>Under this project, Bet Tzedek and the Los Angeles Superior Court seek to establish the County's only court-based Clinic providing free self-help services to pro per litigants in decedent estate matters. The project's goals are to increase access to self-help services in such matters and to improve the court's processes. Bet Tzedek staff attorneys and pro bono volunteers will triage decedent's estate cases referred by the courthouse and provide either legal information, self-help assistance, or referrals; help litigants determine if they need a full probate, summary probate procedure, or can use a probate alternative; and provide self-help assistance with out-of-court procedures for small estates and summary court procedures for transferring property. Litigants who need to probate a decedent's estate will be referred to the private bar. Bet Tzedek will also assess the need for clearing probate notes for litigants who have filed pro per probate petitions and determine if and how to assist. With the court, the Clinic will continually assess community need for other probate-related procedures and develop practicable self-help services.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Stanley Mosk	111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012	TBD	TBD

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Directing Attorney	0.1	0.06
	Staff Attorneys	1.6	0.94
	Lawyers Total	1.7	1
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	Legal Secretary	0.1	0.06
		0	0
	Other Total	0.1	0.06

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	60	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	10	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	30	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	10	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	10	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			N/A

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>Bet Tzedek will conduct extensive outreach to communicate the availability of Clinic services to litigants and the community. We will post informational fliers about the clinic at the courthouse as well as long-time Bet Tzedek partner organizations, including City and County of Los Angeles Senior Centers and APS. Fliers will be posted on-site and, with permission, on these organizations' websites. We will also post the flier on Bet Tzedek's website and social media and provide the Clinic's information on our intake phone line. We will send out fliers in email blasts to all other legal service providers and every courthouse in the Southland.</p> <p>In addition, Bet Tzedek will offer educational webinars to Court staff, pro bono attorneys and other Clinic volunteers, staff at court-based self-help clinics, and community partner agencies, informing them about issues related to probating a decedent's estate, the Clinic's services, and how to refer clients.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	As a self-help clinic operating within the courthouse, Bet Tzedek has made a commitment to the court to serve all litigants who request assistance so long as the services requested are within its scope of services. Clinic staff will use a subject matter screening tool to determine whether assistance with a full probate, summary probate procedure, or a probate alternative is necessary in assessing eligibility for services. The Clinic's primary beneficiaries will be individuals who are seeking self-help assistance to probate small estates because their financial situation or the size of their estate precludes hiring a private attorney.
Alternative Services	For those litigants whose cases are more legally complicated or who are deemed ineligible, meaningful referrals will be made to the Los Angeles County Bar's Legal Referral and Information Service. Referrals will be made by Clinic staff or volunteers at the time of service.

Court's Role	<p>As noted above, the Court will make available rooms and computers for self-help litigants. Other resources to be provided by the court, if any, will be determined as the project is launched. For example, in the case of our Elder Abuse Restraining Order clinic, the court created an email account so that we can file for litigants via email; the court may provide similar resources for this Clinic.</p> <p>In its first year, the project will operate remotely from Stanley Mosk Courthouse. In subsequent years, our goal would be to expand to the Antelope Valley Courthouse, the only other court in the County that hears probate cases. Bet Tzedek's Elder Abuse Restraining Order Clinic is currently expanding to the Antelope Valley and we will leverage those existing relationships to bring the Decedent Estate Self-Help Clinic to that court as well.</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Bet Tzedek Legal Services		
Project Name	Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$414,802.00	\$150,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
No			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>Faced with the unexpected challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bet Tzedek's Self-Help Conservatorship Clinic (SHCC) and Elder Abuse Restraining (EARO) Clinic transformed their best practices, court-based clinics to a fully remote model virtually overnight. This experience proved that fully remote pro se assistance is not only possible, but done right, can significantly expand access for everyone, even after the pandemic has ended.</p> <p>Bet Tzedek and the Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) are joining forces to launch the Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative to improve and expand remote infrastructure created during the pandemic to further increase access to justice for litigants seeking elder abuse restraining orders and conservatorships in Los Angeles County. Program components include continuing remote SHCC and EARO Clinic services, developing online video tutorials to complement remote aid, coordinating with LASC to improve court technologies that support remote assistance, conducting outreach to publicize remote services, and launching remote EARO kiosk intake at Stanley Mosk. This initiative will not only increase access to justice at the nation's largest county court but will provide a model for effective remote services throughout California.</p> <p>The Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative will be staffed by SHCC and EARO Clinic staff. In addition, a Pro Se Clinic Coordinator will be hired to bridge both clinics, providing intake and follow-up services. Remote SHCC assistance will be available Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. Remote EARO Clinic assistance will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Stanley Mosk Courthouse	111 North Hill Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	Remote	Remote

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Directing Attorneys	0.21	0.09
	Staff Attorneys	0.8	0.36
	Lawyers Total	1.01	0.45
Paralegals	Paralegals	0.75	0.34
	Paralegals Total	0.75	0.34
Other	Clinic Coordinator	1	0.45
	Legal Secretary	0.2	0.09
	Other Total	1.2	0.54

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	450	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	450	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	450	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	450	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	450	0	0
Other	0	0	0

Explain Other	<p>The long-term goal of Bet Tzedek's Remote Pro Se Initiative is to create a best practices remote pro se service model that can be replicated throughout California. In 2022, the project goal is to improve and expand remote infrastructure created during the pandemic to further bridge the digital divide and increase access to justice for litigants seeking elder abuse restraining orders and limited conservatorships in Los Angeles County. The Initiative will achieve this goal through the following objectives:</p> <p>Building Remote Clinic Capacity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Providing remote assistance to 150 litigants seeking elder abuse restraining orders. 2) Providing remote assistance to 300 litigants seeking limited conservatorships using Guide and File exclusively. 3) Launching remote EARO kiosk intake at Stanley Mosk (litigant at Stanley Mosk, Bet Tzedek remote). 4) Creating and launching video tutorials on conservatorship and remote hearings for pro se litigants. 5) Working with Court Technology Staff on Guide and File improvements. 6) Launching an outreach campaign to publicize remote services. 7) Collaborating with LASC to improve court technologies that support remote access. <p>Evaluating Remote Clinic Effectiveness:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Evaluating and assessing the quality and quantity of limited conservatorship and elder abuse restraining orders filed remotely. 2) Using survey data, evaluate and assess litigants' remote service experience. 3) Using usage data from Court Technology Services, evaluate and assess Guide and File user improvements. 4) Using litigant feedback and usage data, evaluate and assess video tutorials.
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Community Engagement – Outreach	The initiative will launch an outreach campaign to publicize the Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative in 2022. Information on remote clinics will be added to the more than 50 presentations members of Bet Tzedek's Elder Law team provide to law enforcement, social service agencies, and community partners annually. In addition, information on our remote clinics will be posted on our website at www.bettzedek.org and we will work with the court to include information on the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov .
Attorney-Client Relationship	No
Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A

Income Eligibility Guidelines	As a self-help clinic operating in partnership with the court, Bet Tzedek has made a commitment to the court to serve all litigants who request assistance so long as the request is within its scope of services. Clinic staff screen all litigants to determine eligibility for services at the time of intake.
Alternative Services	For those litigants whose cases are more legally complicated, who are deemed ineligible, or who cannot self-represent due to disability, meaningful referrals will be made to Bet Tzedek's in-house Elder Law or Caregiver Program or the Los Angeles County Bar's Legal Referral and Information Service. Referrals will be made by clinic staff or volunteers at the time of service.
Court's Role	<p>The Judicial Council and LASC developed several web-based platforms that facilitate remote access, including Guide and File document preparation software that allows litigants to remotely fill out and file forms, Justice Partner Portal for partner agencies to remotely access court documents, and LACourtConnect for remote hearings. The pandemic created an opportunity to test the capacity of these technologies and even prompted LASC to develop new technologies in response to unmet needs. LACourtConnect, for example, was developed in direct response to the pandemic and fills a tremendous accessibility gap for those unable to travel to court for hearings.</p> <p>The Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative will refine and significantly augment existing court technologies to expand remote access in 2022. As part of the initiative, we will work with the court on user improvements to Guide and File so litigants can more easily file limited conservatorships. The initiative will also create online video tutorials for pro se litigants on LACourtConnect to expand access to remote hearings.</p> <p>In addition, LASC will provide kiosks equipped with computer terminals and phones for walk-in litigants to remotely connect with Bet Tzedek attorneys (who will be off-site) for assistance. LASC will also provide Justice Corps volunteers to staff kiosks at Stanley Mosk, answer questions, help litigants remotely connect, and print paperwork. This option fills a critical accessibility gap for litigants without computer access or needing space away from an abuser to safely file paperwork.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.		
Project Name	San Joaquin Housing Helpline Court Clinic Partnership		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$137,000.00	\$137,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
No			
Project Abstract	<p>California Rural Legal Assistance's San Joaquin Housing Helpline will provide one-on-one legal advice and/or information to San Joaquin tenants with housing concerns, focusing on housing retention and prevention of homelessness. In addition to individual phone consultations with tenants, Helpline staff will offer weekly answer and trial preparation clinics, available to all San Joaquin tenants and landlords. Although most services will be delivered virtually through phone and Zoom, we will offer weekly clinics in person at CRLA's Stockton office located across the street from the court. Helpline staff will be available to meet in person with tenants with disability-based needs to access services. Participants can elect to attend the group clinics in person or via Zoom link. San Joaquin tenants not eligible for CRLA services will be given legal information, know your rights (KYR) print and video resources in multiple languages, referrals, and access to our weekly clinics. Landlords will be offered information, KYR resources, access to our clinics, and referral back to the San Joaquin Court Self-Help Center and the San Joaquin Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service for additional assistance. Providing services via phone and Zoom provides greater access to clients with disabilities, health concerns during COVID-19 and beyond, and transportation barriers to accessing services located in a brick and mortar office or courthouse. The CRLA San Joaquin Housing Helpline will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. Answer and trial preparation clinics will be held once a week.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
San Joaquin County Superior Court		800 number Helpline	MWF 9 AM-12PM and 1-4PM	165 hours/month (including 78 hrs Helpline services)

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Housing Helpline Staff Attorney	1	1
	Housing Helpline Managing Attorney	0.1	0.1
	Lawyers Total	1.1	1.1
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	Administrative Legal Secretary	0.1	0.1
	administrative staff (Finance Director, Grants Director)	0.13	0.13
	Other Total	0.23	0.23

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		300	50	350
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		300	50	350
Document Preparation and Review		100	50	250
Filing or Services Assistance		100	0	100
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		50	0	50
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	<p>The default judgment rate in San Joaquin County is extremely high at 46%. Many of the tenants who defaulted likely had defenses to the unlawful detainer filed against them, but simply failed to respond due to ignorance, mistake, or just being overwhelmed regarding how to respond. Post-COVID UD complaints are complex and often contain fifty pages of documents, including the various civil coversheets and attachments. Our experience is that receipt of the UD paperwork causes paralysis in many tenants. Furthermore, the UD answer form has grown from two pages to five pages with inclusion of COVID defenses. In addition to a much more complicated Answer form, the litigant has to fill out two fee waiver forms, optional COVID-declaration forms, and the proof of service. The Answer form's checklist of available defenses is confusing to advocates, and even more confusing to self-represented litigants. As shown by the high default rate, many tenants give up. The Helpline hopes to significantly decrease the default rate by providing tenants sufficient information and assistance to timely file answers and then determine whether they should go to trial, negotiate for a moveout date, or take other action.</p>			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>The Court Self-Help Center will publicize the availability of the San Joaquin Housing Helpline on the Court website and will make available a brochure for self-represented litigants who come to the Helpline or who are identified as needing assistance at the Civil Clerk's window. CRLA will provide a brochure to Court staff to distribute to self-represented litigants who need assistance.</p> <p>CRLA's Stockton office houses its Rural Justice Unit and its Agricultural Worker Program. Reception staff there will refer Stockton residents with private landlord-tenant issues to the San Joaquin Housing Helpline. The local office prioritizes subsidized housing tenants and mobilehome owners renting space in mobilehome parks and can help those individuals directly. In addition, the Helpline Staff member will reach out to local organizations such as San Joaquin Fair Housing Association, Tracy Community Connections, 211sj, Homeless Prevention – Rapid Re-Housing Agency, and California Human Development Corporation to advise them of the availability of services through the new Helpline. Because of CRLA's long-standing presence in the San Joaquin county community and its established network of partners, and because hundreds of self-represented litigants already contact the Court, CRLA's Stockton office, and partner organizations, we do not expect a problem ensuring that the community is informed of the existence of the new Helpline.</p>
	Attorney-Client Relationship
Yes	

Conflict of Interest Protocols	<p>All San Joaquin Housing Helpline callers will complete an intake over the telephone. CRLA uses an online client management system which will screen for indigency and residency to determine eligibility for legal services to be provided on a one-on-one basis through the Helpline (or in person to address disability or technology barriers). As part of that intake process, demographic, income, asset, and immigration status information are entered into the case management system. That process also requires intake staff to obtain information about the adverse party and will determine whether there is a conflict prior to providing legal assistance.</p> <p>CRLA staff working on the Helpline will only provide legal advice to tenants who meet Legal Services Corporation eligibility criteria of indigency and residency. Tenants who do not meet eligibility criteria and landlords will be advised that CRLA will provide legal information, referrals to community partners, and invitation to attend our group clinics.</p> <p>Any tenants who have been identified in our client management system as having a conflict with another CRLA current or past client and landlords who need more assistance than general legal information and referrals, will be referred back to the San Joaquin Superior Court Self-Help Center with direction to notify Self-Help Center staff that CRLA was unable to provide one-on-one assistance. All callers will be invited to the appropriate live answer and trial preparation clinics and be provided with links to CRLA's library of know your rights videos and printed materials.</p>
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>CRLA will use its existing eligibility criteria to determine eligibility for one-on-one legal services. All callers will be eligible for legal information, referrals, and able to attend our answer and trial preparation clinics, and receive links to our library of self-help KYR videos and printed materials.</p> <p>CRLA will use its existing case management system to screen for eligibility and track the demographics of callers to the San Joaquin Housing Helpline. In order to be eligible for one-on-one legal advice, the caller's household income must be below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, the household's assets total (excluding their home, vehicles, work equipment, and retirement accounts) must fall below a maximum threshold, and the caller must generally be a U.S. Citizen, legal permanent resident, or have other specific immigration status allowed by the Legal Services Corporation.</p> <p>As noted above, the caller must also be a tenant. Landlords and tenants who do not meet the above eligibility factors will be advised that CRLA can provide legal information, referrals, and access to the clinics and KYR materials.</p>

Alternative Services	<p>All self-represented litigants will be eligible and invited to attend CRLA's weekly live clinics. Everyone with email or a texting phone number will be provided links via email or text to CRLA's on-demand clinics and robust library of KRY videos. In order to serve as many self-represented litigants as possible, CRLA is currently creating new videos on a wide variety of housing topics and will continue to create and update this library during the grant period. CRLA is transforming its existing large selection of printed materials to be more accessible and shortening videos given the changing way that our society receives and digests information. All materials will be available in English and Spanish at a minimum.</p> <p>CRLA's San Joaquin Housing Helpline will also refer all self-represented litigants who are not eligible for CRLA's one-on-one legal advice to the Court Self-Help Center and to the San Joaquin Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service. The Self-Help Center can provide additional legal information and direction. The San Joaquin lawyer referral service can mirror the services provided by CRLA's Helpline staff by providing a low-cost (and sometimes free) avenue for legal advice to self-represented litigants not eligible for CRLA's one-on-one advice. Through the local lawyer referral service, ineligible self-represented litigants may be able to receive free advice in subject areas that may have a personal injury component. Those with no personal injury component may be matched to a prescreened attorney for a \$40 consultation fee.</p>
Court's Role	<p>Because the San Joaquin Housing Helpline will provide the majority of services virtually, there is no need to use court space. The availability of the San Joaquin Housing Helpline will be advertised on the Court's website and printed materials provided by Court staff to self-represented litigants with housing issues. As part of this court partnership that relieves the burden on Self-Help Staff and Court Clerks by providing services to a large number of unrepresented litigants without burdening the Court's resources, and in lieu of physical space in the courthouse, the San Joaquin Court is looking into whether it can provide San Joaquin Housing Helpline CRLA staff with emailed access to a self-represented litigant's unlawful detainer court filings at no cost if provided (1) a release of information from the party seeking records and (2) proof of eligibility for a fee waiver.</p> <p>Although the 800 number and live Q&A totals 86 hours/month, the staff attorney will work full-time assisting San Joaquin callers. When not staffing the 800 number or doing live clinic Q&A, the staff attorney will research and draft documents for eligible callers and create and update KYR materials. For example, the staff attorney may do an hour-long intake, but then spend 1-3 additional hours researching the indigent individual's issues or drafting an in pro per document for that caller. This adds an additional 64 hours per month. Furthermore, CRLA's Housing Managing Attorney will supervise the staff attorney, which is estimated conservatively at 15 hours per month.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Central California Legal Services		
Project Name	Guardianship Project		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$87,790.00	\$65,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>This project enjoys a successful record of assisting eligible self-represented litigants obtain guardianships for minor children, many placed with family or referred by Child Protective Services. COVID closures disrupted services during 2020; both parties anticipate that, by 2022, the project will be operational. Staff from the Fresno Superior Court Probate Division, the Fresno County Public Law Library, and CCLS will participate in twice-monthly workshops presented on the first and third Friday mornings; however, as the format of the workshops remains fluid due to COVID-19 social-distancing and gathering-size restrictions, the Court cannot commit at this time to in-person workshops.</p> <p>During the workshops, the forms are explained to participants as they follow along on their own forms, filling in the required information and/or taking notes to complete the forms at a later time. This allows the presentations to proceed within the workshop's timeframe, leaving sufficient time to respond to questions litigants may have. Once the forms are completed, litigants may contact CCLS and/or Probate Court staff for final review prior to submitting the forms to the Court for filing. This further ensures the forms are properly completed. The project serves all parties; however, those opposing a guardianship rarely attend or inquire about services.</p> <p>The Court supports the partnership and values the direct benefit provided for those navigating the Guardianship process. Participants accurately complete and timely file their documents, saving money and frustration. Court staff is engaged throughout this process; they see the direct time-saving benefit it provides.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Fresno Superior Court	B.F. Sisk Courthouse	1130 "O" Street, Fresno, CA 93721	1st/3rd Fridays 8:30am to 12:30pm	8 hrs. clinic does not include individual assistance provided

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Supervising Attorney	0.03	0
	Lawyers Total	0.03	0
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.7	0.6
	Paralegals Total	0.7	0.6
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		58	22	170
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		58	22	170
Document Preparation and Review		58	22	58
Filing or Services Assistance		48	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		48	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	No other goals are identified, at this time.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>The Court's support is critical to our success in reaching out to litigants. Informational flyers are available at the Fresno County Library and the Fresno County Public Law Library, as well as numerous community-based organizations. Residents of Fresno County who contact our Legal Advice Line (LAL) are referred to the guardianship workshops. Other referrals come from law enforcement, Child Protective Services (CPS), Juvenile Court, Fresno County Victims' Services, Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC), foster family agencies and foster parents' support groups.</p> <p>Two years ago a formal partnership was formed with the Fresno County Library system to make self-help materials available throughout the county, with training provided to the library staff to refer for services. Other CCLS staff conduct year-round outreach activities and distribute informational materials on the Guardianship Project at various sites such as health fairs, cultural events and community forums.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>Each self-represented litigant is required to complete the eligibility screening form used to determine income eligibility (125% FPL) for the project's services. Litigants must list all sources of monthly income for each household member. Everyone who qualifies for services is also eligible to obtain a fee waiver, which is signed under the penalty of perjury. Additionally, each matter is reviewed for subject matter eligibility and only those whose income and subject matter fall within the project's scope receive assistance from the staff.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>Those determined not eligible for the project's services are referred to the Fresno County Bar Association Attorney Referral Service, the Fresno County Public Law Library, or the Court's Probate Division staff, and provided information regarding the available on-line resources. The Probate Examiners are available, virtually or by telephone, to assist those who have attended the workshops but who do not qualify for the project services. Other community providers include the United Way's 211 Referral Line, which provides information regarding relevant community resources, including cash assistance, public benefits, etc.</p>

<p>Court's Role</p>	<p>Statement From the Fresno Superior Court:</p> <p>Post-COVID, the court will be functioning under a new “normal” and does not anticipate returning 100 percent to operations as they were pre-COVID. We hope to begin a phased reopening of the physical courthouses sometime later in 2021, but definitely not before all Court staff have had an opportunity to get vaccinated.</p> <p>All services are currently being provided remotely, with the exception of certain criminal matters. Most Court staff are currently working onsite, and our collaborative relationships are all currently being conducted through the use of virtual platforms.</p> <p>The Court is willing to continue to work collaboratively with CCLS on the Landlord/Tenant and Guardianship programs in providing services to unrepresented members of the public, although those services may vary due to COVID and any future operational changes at the Court. In addition, the Court is willing to continue to share the same types of data that have been shared in the past, as long as the Court continues to track the specific data types in question.</p> <p>At this time, the Court is not in a position to expand our collaborative relationship with CCLS; however, if CCLS has ideas or proposals they would like to make to the Court, we are open to reviewing and considering the information.</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Central California Legal Services		
Project Name	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$91,998.00	\$72,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>In partnership with the Fresno County Superior Court, CCLS's Project has for years successfully provided legal information and self-help assistance to unrepresented litigants in Unlawful Detainer (UD) matters. COVID closures disrupted services during 2020; the Court and CCLS anticipate that, by 2022, the project will be operational.</p> <p>Litigants are screened for eligibility before receiving assistance. Self-represented litigants—tenants and landlords—obtain assistance with completing required Judicial Council forms; legal information about tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities, the UD process, and preparing for trial; and referrals to social service providers.</p> <p>In the past, the project provided four weekly sessions on Tuesday and Thursday, mornings and afternoons, at the Sisk Courthouse; however, as the format of the sessions remains fluid due to COVID-19, the Court cannot commit to in-person workshops. The Thursday afternoon session focuses on trial preparation and is open to all parties scheduled for trial. Information packets on rights and responsibilities are updated for distribution at the clinic, online, and with community partners. When litigants are educated about the eviction process, the required “pro per” legal paperwork is more accurate, and litigants are in a better position to self-advocate during settlement and at trial.</p> <p>The project has expanded access to the courts, providing self-represented litigants with information giving them a better understanding of the UD process, its requirements, short timeframes, and available resources. The project has supported the Court's neutral role, providing all parties access to legal information and assistance; however, during the pandemic, these sessions have been suspended, although there are forms available on the Court's website.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Fresno County Superior Court	B.F. Sisk Courthouse	1130 "O" Street, Fresno, CA 93721	4 - 2hr. clinics on Tuesdays & Thursdays	32 hours

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Supervising Attorney	0.03	0
	Staff Attorney	0.45	0.45
	Lawyers Total	0.48	0.45
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.6	0.6
	Paralegals Total	0.6	0.6
Other		0	0

	Other Total	0	0
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Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		525	200	525
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		525	200	525
Document Preparation and Review		525	200	525
Filing or Services Assistance		525	200	525
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	No other project goals have been identified, at this time. Staff will work with the partners to implement all activities referenced in our proposal.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>Informational flyers are available at the Fresno County Public Law Library and distributed to community-based organizations. Residents of Fresno County who contact our Legal Advice Line (LAL) are referred to the housing law clinic.</p> <p>To reach other low-income residents, the staff works with multiple community partners, presenting legal educational sessions on rights and responsibilities, including tenants' rights, utility shut-offs, health care, protective orders, and senior concerns. Since early 2020, many of these presentations have been moved to Facebook Live, Zoom, and similar platforms. Prior to COVID, CCLS staff conducted many of these outreach activities and distributed informational materials on the project at various sites such as health fairs, cultural events, and community forums. Two years ago, a formal partnership was formed with the Fresno County Library system to make self-help materials available and to provide training to the librarians; as of this writing, the libraries remain closed to the general public.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Each self-represented participant is required to complete an eligibility screening form used to determine their income eligibility (125% FPL or below); litigants must list all sources of monthly income for each household member. Clinic staff interview each litigant seeking the clinic services to determine subject matter eligibility; only those for whom both income level and subject matter fall within the project's scope will receive assistance from the project. Everyone who qualifies for services is also eligible to obtain a fee waiver, which is signed under penalty of perjury.

Alternative Services	<p>Those determined not eligible for the project's services are referred to the Fresno County Bar Association Attorney Referral Service, the Fresno County Public Law Library, or the Better Business Bureau; clinic staff also provide information about available on-line resources, including on-line document help at the Court's website. Other providers include the United Way's 211 Referral Assistance for information on relevant community resources, such as cash assistance, public benefits, etc. Depending upon a litigant's specific needs, they may be referred to the various homeless assistance providers for financial assistance, access to emergency shelter, case management, and other supportive services.</p>
Court's Role	<p>Statement from The Fresno Superior Court:</p> <p>Post-COVID, the Court will be functioning under a new "normal" and does not anticipate returning 100 percent to operations as they were pre-COVID. We hope to begin a phased reopening of the physical courthouses sometime later in 2021, but definitely not before all Court staff have had an opportunity to get vaccinated.</p> <p>All services are currently being provided remotely, with the exception of certain criminal matters. Most Court staff are currently working onsite, and our collaborative relationships are all currently being conducted through the use of virtual platforms. The Court is willing to continue to work collaboratively with CCLS on the Landlord/Tenant and Guardianship programs in providing services to unrepresented members of the public, although those services may vary due to COVID and any future operational changes at the Court. In addition, the Court is willing to continue to share the same types of data that have been shared in the past, as long as the Court continues to track the specific data types in question.</p> <p>At this time, the Court is not in a position to expand our collaborative relationship with CCLS; however, if CCLS has ideas or proposals they would like to make to the Court, we are open to reviewing and considering the information.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Central California Legal Services		
Project Name	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$95,344.00	\$75,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The project is designed to offer trial preparation workshops to eligible self-represented litigants who have a scheduled court hearing for their eviction related matter. In 2020, CCLS was unable to implement this newly funded project due to COVID 19 and staffing challenges. The project will assist litigants achieve fairer outcomes, saving court personnel and judicial officers significant time otherwise expended in refereeing proceedings in which novice pro per litigants attempt to navigate the unlawful detainer (UD) process.</p> <p>The proposed services, in partnership with the Self-Help Center (SHC), bolster the assistance SHC provides to litigants (both tenants and landlords) in UD's. With support from SHC staff, the project attorney and paralegal will assist eligible litigants who are referred to the trial preparation workshops when litigants request a hearing and/or are scheduled for trial.</p> <p>Six trial preparation sessions will take place monthly, four at the Porterville courthouse and two at the SHC (Visalia). Workshops are designed to prepare litigants for their UD trials. Litigants will be taught how to successfully present their cases, including proffering demonstrative evidence, eliciting witness testimony, and cross-examination basics. Litigants will receive training in how to make best use of the Court's mediation process, the precursor to every UD trial in Tulare County.</p> <p>Both SHC and CCLS are anxious to launch the project, and have been in communication with court staff. In the interim, the SHC continues to refer litigants to the CCLS Legal Assistance and Referral Line (LAL) for appropriate legal assistance.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Tulare County Superior Court	South County Justice Center	300 E. Olive Ave., Porterville, CA 93257	Four 2hr. workshops/mo.	8 hrs.
Tulare County Superior Court	Visalia Division	3400 W. Mineral King, Ste. C, Visalia, CA 93291	Two 2hr. workshops/mo.	4 hrs.

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Supervising Attorney	0.03	0
	Staff Attorney	0.6	0.48
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.63	0.48
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.5	0.4
		0	0

	Paralegals Total	0.5	0.4
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		0	70	460
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		0	70	460
Document Preparation and Review		0	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance		0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	While CCLS and SHC have not currently identified other goals, we anticipate that the workshops will help us to identify additional necessary services to be delivered. With a recent change in court rules, SHC anticipates an increased volume of UD cases and as this collaboration evolves, additional needs may become apparent, such as innovative service delivery initiatives through enhanced technology platforms for self-represented litigants.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>The SHC will continue to provide pre-filing assistance for individuals (e.g., for tenants with 3-day notices), separately from this project. When their answer to the UD is filed, the clerks will provide the workshop informational flyer and refer litigants who have requested a court hearing. The SHC will further advertise the availability of the workshops with the UD packets they distribute to litigants through their existing services.</p> <p>Informational flyers will be posted at the library branches, the public law library, and placed throughout the community with partners that serve low-income residents. CCLS staff works with multiple partners where legal educational sessions on rights and responsibilities are presented on topics such as tenants' rights, utility concerns, health care, protective orders, and senior concerns. Information will be posted at the CCLS website, the Court's website, and on social media platforms. The project will also work with the Department of Real Estate (DRE) which just established a site where individuals can sign up on-line for rental assistance; they will be routed to their local agency providing a viable resource for project information.</p> <p>As the Court staff identify litigants in need of legal advice, they will make referrals to the CCLS Legal Advice Line (LAL) for advice or representation. CCLS advocates and other staff can also refer litigants to the workshops. CCLS staff (not project funded) will conduct the majority of the program's outreach activities and distribute materials on this project at various sites such as health fairs, cultural events, community forums, and other venues.</p>
	Attorney-Client Relationship
	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Each self-represented participant is required to complete an eligibility screening form to determine their income eligibility (125% FPL or less); litigants must list all sources of monthly income for each household member. Clinic staff will interview each litigant seeking clinic services to determine subject matter eligibility. Only those for whom both income level and subject matter fall within the project's scope will receive assistance from the project. Everyone who qualifies for services is also eligible to obtain a fee waiver, which is signed under penalty of perjury.
Alternative Services	<p>Those determined not eligible for the project's services are referred to the Tulare County Bar Association, the Tulare County Public Law Library, or the Better Business Bureau. Project staff will also provide information about the available on-line resources, including the on-line document help available at the Court's website.</p> <p>Other providers include the United Way's 211 Referral Assistance for information on relevant community resources, such as cash assistance, public benefits, etc. Depending upon a litigant's specific needs, they may be referred to the various community groups for financial assistance, access to emergency shelter, case management, and other support services.</p>
Court's Role	<p>Through the SHC, the Court is providing classroom space for the four monthly workshops at the Porterville courthouse and the twice monthly workshops at the SHC office in Visalia. SHC staff will provide UD litigants an informational flyer with each UD packet they distribute, alerting the litigants to the availability of trial preparation workshops. CCLS will work with the Court to post the workshop information at the website. On the dates workshops are scheduled, SHC clerks will pre-screen litigants, register them into the workshop, and distribute the workshop materials. The Managing Attorney for the SHC will participate with project staff in the preparation of the workshop materials.</p> <p>The Tulare Courts remain open to the public on a limited basis. As part of the safety protocols implemented due to COVID-19, litigants and witnesses are required to wait outside courtrooms until their case is called. The Court has started to use Zoom for remote hearings. There is presently no scheduled date for the Court to return to regular operations. With some exceptions, SHC staff is working on-site providing intake and assisting self-represented litigants with completing complaints and answers at the SHC offices located near the Visalia courthouse. SHC provides similar services at the Porterville courthouse, where two paralegals are assigned to assist tenants.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Community Legal Aid SoCal		
Project Name	Compton Self-Help Economic Expansion Project		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$108,566.00	\$92,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
No			
Project Abstract	<p>The Compton Self-Help Center Economic Expansion Project (EEP) would expand capacity for consumer debt issues and small claims issues at the Compton Superior Courthouse Self-Help Center (SHC). As COVID-19 protections expire, we anticipate a flood of cases concerning these economic issues over the next several years. One area of particular concern is the impact to the LA Court's Small Claims system once it is opened for back rent claims on August 1, 2021.</p> <p>The EEP seeks to help the Court weather the crisis by educating self-represented litigants about the small claims and consumer debt processes. It is a critical service for the Compton Courthouse, which serves communities that are home to significant economic and health disparities that have been worsened by COVID. As a result, there will be an increase in local residents who must engage with the civil legal system through collections and small claims cases.</p> <p>With a 1.0 FTE Attorney, this project would allow Legal Aid staff to consult with, and/or provide educational workshops to, self-represented litigants who are at the Compton Courthouse or who are being helped remotely. Primary goals are to help litigants understand the legal process, and correctly complete and submit documents. Litigants who would benefit from additional services, would be referred to the County of Los Angeles' Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) or Legal Aid.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Compton Courthouse	200 W Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220	Mondays - Fridays 9am-12; 1:30-4:30	120

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Directing Attorney	0.02	0
	Staff Attorney	0.01	0
	Staff Attorney (EEP Project)	1	1
	Lawyers Total	1.03	1
Paralegals	None	0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	Grants and Evaluation Manager	0.01	0
	Development Associate	0.03	0
	Other Total	0.04	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		450	246	550
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		450	246	550
Document Preparation and Review		500	246	275
Filing or Services Assistance		225	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	In all areas that CLA SoCal provides information and education to litigants at the Compton SHC, we hope to be able to inform litigants about the new and different methods for them to access Court services that have evolved out of pandemic response. We believe many of these avenues of access will persist after the pandemic ends, including fax filing, the use of drop boxes, email filing, and remote court appearances.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>Court referrals are by far the most common type of referral for pro per litigants to the Compton SHC. CLA SoCal will work with Self-Help managers and Courthouse staff to ensure that they know about the new project and who can be helped by it. Prior to implementation of the workshops, CLA SoCal will also work with Court managers to list the workshops on the LA Superior Court/Compton Courthouse websites.</p> <p>Additionally, CLA SoCal will coordinate with Court staff to advertise the project through social media and will refer eligible callers to our Hotline to the service.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>This project will assist pro per individuals, including those who qualify as indigent, as defined under Business and Professions Code section 6213(d): “‘Indigent person’ means a person whose income is (1) 125 percent or less of the current poverty threshold established by the United States Office of Management and Budget, or (2) who is eligible for Supplemental Security Income or free services under the Older Americans Act or Developmentally Disabled Assistance Act. CLA SoCal will be prepared to change this definition of indigent should it be necessary for 2022.</p> <p>The Workshop will provide legal information to all pro per litigants regardless of income earned. Equal Access Funds will be utilized for indigent individuals. Pro per litigants who do not meet the State Bar's income eligibility guidelines may be supported by funding provided by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC).</p>

Alternative Services	In keeping with the Court's requirement to remain neutral, the workshop will provide legal information to all pro per litigants regardless of income earned. Equal Access Fund Partnership monies will be utilized for indigent individuals. Pro per litigants who do not meet the State Bar's income eligibility guidelines may be supported by funding provided by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). Additionally, referrals will be provided to other Los Angeles County-based legal services programs for those who require extended legal services beyond the capacity of CLA SoCal at the workshop, including the LA County Small Claims Advisor and the mediation program at the LA DCBA.
Court's Role	This project will be located at the Self-Help Center at the Compton Superior Courthouse. The site includes space, internet connection, computers for self-represented litigants, security, and publicity on the LA Superior Courts' website. The Los Angeles Superior Court is hoping to expand the space for the Self-Help Center in 2021-2022 and add additional technology for litigants to use. While the number of workshops would not change, times and days are subject to change before the project is implemented according to availability of space at the Court.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Community Legal Aid SoCal		
Project Name	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop/Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$32,463.00	\$29,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>Community Legal Aid SoCal (formerly the Legal Aid Society of Orange County) began a partnership with the Orange County Superior Court in 2019 to conduct a Consumer Debt workshop at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana. The objective of this program is to make the debt collection legal process more accessible and comprehensible to pro per litigants and guide them through this process no matter the stage they seek assistance.</p> <p>The project assists a range of pro per litigants, from those who are at the earliest stage of a debt collection matter (such as the receipt of a letter demanding payment on a defaulted debt) to litigants who have been served with a collection lawsuit. The project is also useful for litigants who are subject to collection/enforcement activities following entry of a debt collection judgment. All services are free.</p> <p>In 2022, this project will include 1 one-on-one clinic per month where eligible litigants can receive counsel and advice and 2 information-only workshops that are available to all litigants. The project is staffed by an attorney and a bilingual paralegal. While the project is open to both debtors and creditors, it is designed to help low-income litigants who are opposed by a party represented by counsel. In this way, the Consumer Debt Project increases the community's access to the justice system and will help bridge the gap of unmet needs of low-income individuals and families.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Orange County Superior Court	Central Justice Center	700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701	2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of month, 9-12	9 hours onsite

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Directing Attorney	0.02	0.02
	Staff Attorney	0.13	0.13
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.15	0.15
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.13	0.13
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.13	0.13
Other	Evaluation	0.01	0.01
		0	0
	Other Total	0.01	0.01

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		34	36	100
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		34	36	100
Document Preparation and Review		34	36	66
Filing or Services Assistance		0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	If not developed in 2021, develop a system for utilizing both in-person and remote formats as a way to shrink the justice gap for as many litigants as possible.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	Information concerning the debt collection workshop will be available on the Orange County Superior Court's Self-Help website; staff at the Court's Self-Help Centers will also refer litigants to the Workshop with a Court-produced flier for the workshop. Information on the Debt Collection workshop is also available on CLA SoCal's website, and we will continue to use our social media channels to help advertise our State Bar Partnership workshops.
Attorney-Client Relationship	Yes

Conflict of Interest Protocols	<p>Participants of the workshops will be made aware that no attorney-client relationship will be formed and will fill out an intake form that includes this disclaimer.</p> <p>Workshop participants who seek to set an appointment for a clinic will be provided CLA SoCal's Hotline number. When they call, they will be screened for financial eligibility and conflicts by CLA SoCal's Intake and Assessment Unit. If the individual is eligible and there is no conflict, an attorney-client relationship would be formed so the litigant can receive counsel and advice at the clinic.</p> <p>There would be no representation for clinic clients through this project. Eligible individuals who need additional assistance will be referred to CLA SoCal. Those who do not meet eligibility requirements, or for whom a conflict has been identified, will be directed to the CLA SoCal's Lawyer Referral Service, to other legal services providers such as Public Law Center, or to the Orange County Bar Association's referral line. The clinic would be open to any eligible individual, whether they come to the process as a debtor or a creditor.</p>
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Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>This project will assist pro per individuals, including those who qualify as indigent, as defined under Business and Professions Code section 6213(d): ““Indigent person” means a person whose income is (1) 125 percent or less of the current poverty threshold established by the United States Office of Management and Budget, or (2) who is eligible for Supplemental Security Income or free services under the Older Americans Act or Developmentally Disabled Assistance Act. CLA SoCal will be prepared to change this definition of indigent should it be necessary for 2022.</p> <p>Eligibility will be determined through answers provided by litigants on a form at the beginning of the workshop.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>In keeping with the Court’s requirement to remain neutral, the workshop will provide legal information to all pro per litigants regardless of income earned. Equal Access Funds will be utilized for indigent individuals. Pro per litigants who do not meet the State Bar’s income eligibility guidelines may be supported by funding provided by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC).</p> <p>Pro per litigants who do not meet the State Bar’s income eligibility guidelines may be supported by funding provided by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). Additionally, referrals will be provided to other Orange County-based legal services programs for those who require extended legal services beyond the capacity of CLA SoCal at the workshop.</p>
Court’s Role	<p>The goal is to make this project a hybrid that allows for both in-person workshops and online workshops. We are hoping this will occur in 2021. However, if the Courts do not fully reopen by January 2022, we will of course tailor our approach as needed.</p> <p>If the Courts reopen by January 2022, this project will be located at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana. The site includes space, internet connection, computers for self-represented litigants and a printer for CLA SoCal staff, a notice on the Orange County Superior Courts’ website, and fliers available to litigants. While the number of workshops would not change, times and days are subject to change before the project is implemented according to availability of space at the Court.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Community Legal Aid SoCal		
Project Name	Unlawful Detainer Workshop - Norwalk Courthouse		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$77,301.00	\$66,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>Without some sort of legal assistance, families face dire outcomes from eviction cases. Many litigants have insufficient information about the UD process and laws affecting their rights, especially as they change in response to COVID-19. Unable to present or defend their case effectively, self-represented litigants often are denied equal access to the justice system. For tenants, this can result in serious consequences for themselves and their families: not only can they be removed from their homes, but a judgement on their record can make it difficult for them to obtain housing for years to come. Unrepresented landlords may be unable to evict dangerous or destructive tenants.</p> <p>Community Legal Aid SoCal (CLA SoCal) seeks to serve growing numbers of pro per tenants and landlords with UD matters in LA County. This project will increase the community's access to the justice system and help bridge the gap of unmet needs of low-income individuals by offering a much-needed service to assist pro per litigants at a convenient location. We will continue to offer the workshops three times each week (twice for tenants and once for landlords) in order to provide timely assistance to pro per litigants seeking to file required Unlawful Detainer court documents and other pleadings with the court.</p> <p>Staffed by an attorney and paralegal, the workshops will provide pro per litigants an overview of the eviction process and assistance in completing appropriate forms. Referrals to other organizations and agencies will be made as appropriate. The workshops serve both landlords and tenants.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Norwalk	12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650	1-4 Mondays and Thursdays (tenant) + 1-4 Wednesdays (landlords)	36

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Directing Attorney	0.01	0.01
	Staff Attorney	0.34	0.34
	Lawyers Total	0.35	0.35
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.34	0.34
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.34	0.34
Other	Grants and Evaluation Manager	0.01	0
	Fund Development Associate	0.03	0
	Other Total	0.04	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		300	147	300
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		300	147	300
Document Preparation and Review		225	147	300
Filing or Services Assistance		0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	If not developed in 2021, develop a system for utilizing both in-person and remote formats as a way to shrink the justice gap for as many litigants as possible.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	Court Clerk staff at the Norwalk Courthouse are aware of the program and make many of the referrals to the program. In addition, the Norwalk Courthouse lists the UD workshop on its website under self-help services, and Sheriff's Office volunteers distribute a flier at their information desk at the Norwalk Courthouse. Finally, CLA SoCal staff share information about the workshop with social service agencies and other entities among the cities of the service area of the Court, as well as on our social media accounts. Attendees are also referred through CLA SoCal's Hotline.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>This project will assist pro per individuals, including those who qualify as indigent, as defined under Business and Professions Code section 6213(d): ““Indigent person” means a person whose income is (1) 125 percent or less of the current poverty threshold established by the United States Office of Management and Budget, or (2) who is eligible for Supplemental Security Income or free services under the Older Americans Act or Developmentally Disabled Assistance Act. CLA SoCal will be prepared to change this definition of indigent should it be necessary for 2022.</p> <p>Eligibility will be determined through answers provided by litigants on a form at the beginning of the workshop.</p>
Alternative Services	In keeping with the Court's requirement to remain neutral, the workshop will provide legal information to all pro per litigants regardless of income earned. Equal Access Funds will be utilized for indigent individuals. Pro per litigants who do not meet the State Bar's income eligibility guidelines may be supported by funding provided by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). Additionally, referrals will be provided to other Los Angeles County-based legal services programs for those who require extended legal services beyond the capacity of CLA SoCal at the workshop.

Court's Role	If the Courts reopen by January 2022, this project will be located at the Norwalk Superior Courthouse. The site includes space, internet connection, computers for self-represented litigants and a printer for CLA SoCal staff, a notice on the LA Superior Courts' website, and space for fliers in the Courthouse lobby when the help desk is open. While the number of workshops would not change, times and days are subject to change before the project is implemented according to availability of space at the Court.
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Elder Law & Advocacy		
Project Name	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$75,128.00	\$74,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic (ICUD) is designed to serve older adult and low-income self-represented unlawful detainer litigants, including those who are limited or non-English speakers, and offer services at the central Imperial County Superior Court. The goal for each participant is that they will be sufficiently educated about relevant aspects of their unlawful detainer matter, and sufficiently prepared for court processes, to successfully address their case.</p> <p>Post-pandemic, the courthouse-based clinics, staffed by two attorneys and two assistants, will be held Tuesday mornings from 8:30am-11:30am, and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Participants will receive an overview of the unlawful detainer process, direct assistance with filling in their forms and organizing evidence, and their procedural questions will be answered.</p> <p>Elder Law & Advocacy (EL&A) and California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA) will continue to work together to serve residents of this geographically large, diverse, and underserved county. Meetings between EL&A, CRLA and the Court will consist of in-depth discussions of matters concerning ongoing clinic operations and will result in changes where indicated.</p> <p>The project has been, and continues to be, an effective and efficient model for providing services. The Court experiences more prepared self-represented litigants, and the low-income mono- and bilingual community benefits by having a free legal resource in a county where few legal resources are available. Project staff remain tirelessly committed to helping participants with their critical housing issues and look forward to continuing their work in 2022.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Imperial Superior Court	El Centro	939 W. Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243	8:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm-4:00pm	24

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Staff Attorney	1	0.3
	Executive Director/Supervising Attorney	1	0.06
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	2	0.36
Paralegals		0	0

		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	Program Assistant	1	0.2
		0	0
	Other Total	1	0.2

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	384	96	384
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	384	96	384
Document Preparation and Review	384	96	384
Filing or Services Assistance	25	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	25	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>Assuming pandemic restrictions are lifted in 2022, EL&A and CRLA will continue to participate in in-person community education and outreach events as part of their legal services programs and will continue to offer information about the ICUD clinic through those events. The Imperial County Superior Court's Access Center will continue to have information available about project services, as will the civil court clerks, and both will act as referral sources. Project partners will continue to work together to prepare and disseminate outreach materials during the year.</p> <p>EL&A and CRLA will continue to contact government agencies and community service providers in the region to inform them about ICUD clinic services which are available to their clients, and to request that they assist in publicizing the availability of clinic services. Court personnel are aware of clinic services and can and will continue to give details to self-represented litigants about how and when the clinic operates. As a project partner, it is anticipated that they will continue to direct potential clients to the clinic. Materials will continue to be updated to reflect changes in the law and to address repetitive issues raised by clinic participants.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No
Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A

Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>Participants must be residents of Imperial County and have a current or potential residential unlawful detainer matter. They must be willing to sign the project's disclosures and conditions notice document which includes items such as project limitations, time constraints for unlawful detainer actions, and no attorney-client relationships are formed.</p> <p>Potential participants are required to fill in a detailed intake form when they arrive at a scheduled workshop. Staff review the form to determine whether the person qualifies for services and whether their matter is suitable for clinic assistance. If they do not qualify, they are given resources, and if appropriate, referrals that pertain to their particular circumstances.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>Ineligible self-represented litigants will be offered clinic resource materials, including citations to online resources, may also be directed to the law library located within the courthouse and may be given information to contact lawyer referral service organizations.</p>
Court's Role	<p>EL&A has maintained a collaboration with the Imperial County Superior Court at the El Centro courthouse location since 2009, with the establishment of a Partnership Grant-supported conservatorship/guardianship clinic. The Imperial County Superior Court has agreed to provide space for the clinic within the courthouse, participate in ongoing partnership clinic meetings, and refer clients for project services. The courthouse itself is readily accessible by public transportation, is wheelchair accessible and nearby parking is free. Bailiffs and civil clerks direct participants to the clinic site and the site is easy to locate and access by participants.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Family Violence Law Center		
Project Name	Domestic Violence Pro Per (DVPP) Project		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$685,057.00	\$25,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>The Domestic Violence Pro Per (DVPP) Project is a collaborative project of Family Violence Law Center (FVLC), Legal Access Alameda (LAA, formerly Volunteer Legal Services Corporation of the Alameda County Bar Association (VLSC)), and the Self-Help Center of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda (SHC). The DVPP project aims to increase access to legal services for pro per litigants in South Alameda County by serving self-represented litigants from across South Alameda County in Domestic Violence Prevention Act restraining orders via services offered at the Hayward Hall of Justice. Project partners will meet the needs of self-represented litigants, including those with limited English proficiency, in domestic violence and family law matters by implementing the following objectives: 1) FVLC, LAA and SHC will hold a joint weekly (currently Mondays, 1:30-4:30) Domestic Violence Petitioner Clinic for DVPA petitioners at the Hayward Hall of Justice (or virtually if required for public health reasons), staffed by a FVLC attorney, FVLC pro bono attorneys and law clerks, SHC staff and volunteers, and/or LAA pro bono attorneys; 2) SHC will continue to provide assistance to both DVPA respondents and petitioners, and LAA will continue to provide assistance through an existing LAA family law clinic; and 3) LAA and FVLC will continue to accept referrals from SHC and the clinics for legal representation as resources allow.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Alameda County Superior Court	Hayward Hall of Justice	24405 Amador St, Hayward, CA 94544	Tuesdays, 9:30-1:30	18

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Executive Director	0.36	0.01
	Managing Attorney	1	0.08
	Staff Attorney	1	0.12
	Lawyers Total	2.36	0.21
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	Finance Director	0.26	0.02
		0	0
	Other Total	0.26	0.02

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	75	50	75
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	75	50	75
Document Preparation and Review	75	50	75
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			N/A

Community Engagement – Outreach	The DVPP clinic will be advertised via vigorous outreach to the community. Participants will be referred to the clinic by SHC in Hayward, by FVLC (which operates a 24-hour crisis line and conducts legal screenings for any victim in Alameda County), by the family law bench and court staff, and by LAA, which also serves Alameda County and conducts intake and referral through the Alameda County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service. The clinic will continue to be publicized to other county agencies who serve DVPA petitioners, including Bay Area Legal Aid, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, and the county's domestic violence shelters.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	When FVLC and LAA conduct legal screenings, they obtain information about family size, financial background, and domestic violence history, and they use this information to determine financial and subject matter eligibility for appropriate assistance through each agency's clinics. FVLC has a well-established legal screening process where relevant information is gathered by trained staff in order to assess eligibility for services, wherein staff obtains information about family size, financial background - including the source of income (i.e., financial dependence on abuser) and eligibility for CalWORKs, and domestic violence history. This information is used by FVLC's Managing Attorney to determine eligibility for appropriate assistance based on specific grant parameters, and applicable grants are noted for each client served by FVLC at the time the intake is assigned to legal staff.

Alternative Services	<p>Project partners FVLC and LAA have well-established legal screening processes and already interact with individuals seeking DVPA orders or needing to respond to a DVPA petition. As indicated above, when FVLC and LAA conduct legal screenings, they obtain information about family size, financial background, and domestic violence history, and use this information to determine financial and subject matter eligibility for appropriate assistance through each agency's clinics. All project partners will have informational materials available for any participant, both petitioners and respondents, and will provide meaningful referrals to the relevant project for assistance. In addition, all project partners will have complete lists of referrals for other legal services, for litigants with subject matter ineligibility, and for services outside the county, if the litigant must file his or her case elsewhere. In 2020, litigants were referred to: FVLC (for crisis support, therapy, housing or additional legal services or representation), project partners SHC and LAA, East Bay Community Law Center, Centro Legal de la Raza, the Department of Child Support Services, Family Violence Appellate Project, Bay Area Legal Aid, or sliding scale/private attorneys, depending on the individual circumstance of each case.</p>
Court's Role	<p>While FVLC and LAA will primarily provide staffing for the DVPP Project, the court will provide physical space for provision of services once they resume in person. Specifically, the Hayward Hall of Justice houses project partner SHC, who provides paperwork preparation assistance to respondents in DVPA matters. SHC refers petitioners as walk-ins to the Petitioner clinic, space for which is provided by the court in a private room within the Hayward Hall of Justice, facilitating convenient referrals for litigants. In addition, the Hayward Hall of Justice Children's Waiting Room offers free childcare for parents and guardians who have court business, and this service is available to parties served by the DVPP Project when the courthouse is open. If required for public health reasons, the space and services will be virtual.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Inland Counties Legal Services		
Project Name	Consumer Rights Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$225,780.00	\$95,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>The Consumer Rights Clinic (CRC) is a partnership between Inland Counties Legal Services ("ICLS") and the San Bernardino Superior Court to provide legal assistance to unrepresented indigent consumers with debt collection lawsuits. The project started in January 2021 and this application seeks funding for a second year. The project will fund an attorney, a paralegal, a legal secretary. This project will build upon an app created under a prior grant that will allow consumers to prepare a response, propound discovery, and send a settlement letter to opposing counsel. Documents produced by the app will be reviewed by an attorney.</p> <p>Post COVID restrictions the court will provide space for ICLS to operate and make referrals to the Clinic. Project staff will be in the courthouse on a regular schedule to help defendants prepare responsive pleadings and settlement offers. Staff will attempt to settle/dismiss cases as soon as possible.</p> <p>ICLS will work with the court and local bar associations to promote volunteer attorney involvement to resolve eligible cases. The ICLS attorney will not represent the client on the record and will not appear in court on behalf of the client. Through counsel and advice and document preparation, the goals are to increase access to justice for clients and alleviate the demand of these cases on the court's time by resolving them expeditiously.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino	Justice Center, Central District	247 West Third St. San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210	Mondays: 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm & Thursdays 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm	48

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Staff Attorney	1	0.4
	Practice Group Director	0.05	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	1.05	0.4
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.6	0.35
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.6	0.35
Other	Legal secretary	0.11	0.06
		0	0
	Other Total	0.11	0.06

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	300	96	300
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	300	96	300
Document Preparation and Review	300	96	300
Filing or Services Assistance	300	96	300
Supervised Settlement Services	100	96	100
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			None

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>(1) The Court will distribute informational flyers at court locations and on its website.</p> <p>(2) The ICLS website and social media will promote the Consumer Rights Clinic.</p> <p>(3) Informational flyers will be distributed through community partners such as Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County.</p> <p>(4) Other advertising media as funding permits, such as newspaper and radio.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	Yes

Conflict of Interest Protocols	ICLS maintains a Case Management System (CMS) with archival records of all prior clients. This CMS is checked at intake for conflicts of interest.
Income Eligibility Guidelines	All applicants for the Consumer Rights Clinic will first be processed by ICLS's Intake Team. The Intake Team will ensure that all applicants are income qualified or age or disability qualified in accordance with Equal Access Fund eligibility requirements under BPC §6213 et. seq. Services will only be provided to pro se applicants with a San Bernardino County Court consumer issue pending.
Alternative Services	Applicants who do not qualify for services under this project will be referred to ICLS's regular Consumer Law Team for relevant services or to the Lawyer Referral Services of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties as most appropriate.
Court's Role	When public safety permits the court provides space in publicly available research rooms in the Civil and Probate Clerks offices. The Court will provide desks and electrical outlets. The Court distributes public notices informing consumers of the clinic and how to apply and the Court has posted the notice on its website.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco		
Project Name	Shriver - SASH Self-Help		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$493,207.00	\$71,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The Justice & Diversity Center's (JDC) Sargent Shriver Custody Project (SASH) received primary funding from the Judicial Council of California from October 2011 through 2017, before Judicial Council funding was reduced sharply due to budget cuts. To partially alleviate this funding cut, JDC's SASH program received Partnership Grant support at the start of 2018. These two funding sources now both support the SASH project, with Partnership Grant funding supporting only the SASH Self-Help components of the project.</p> <p>JDC's overall SASH Project provides legal information, legal representation, and social services to litigants involved in child custody and visitation disputes. This Partnership Grant will support legal information services provided to indigent Self-Represented Litigants (SRLs) at the San Francisco Superior Court's ACCESS Center through the Self-Help component of JDC's SASH Project. Partnership Grant funds will not support legal representation or court appearances on behalf of litigants.</p> <p>The bilingual (English/Spanish) SASH Self-Help Attorney provides information and assistance to low-income SRLs filing paperwork for child custody and visitation matters, as well as facilitates settlement efforts. Litigants served by the SASH Self-Help Attorney have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. ACCESS Center customers who have custody issues and are income-eligible are routed to the SASH Self-Help Attorney. The SASH Self-Help Attorney provides assistance and information with custody and visitation issues. The customer is then referred for SASH Legal Representation services if the opposing party is represented and one of the litigants is requesting sole physical or legal custody. These direct legal representation services are supported by other funds.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
San Francisco Superior Court	ACCESS Center	400 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102	M-F 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	60

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Staff Attorney	2	0.6
	Supervising Attorney	1	0.05
	Director/Managing Attorney	0.02	0
	Lawyers Total	3.02	0.65
Paralegals	SASH Paralegal	0.6	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.6	0

Other	Director of Social Services	0.05	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0.05	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		350	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		450	0	0
Document Preparation and Review		325	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance		300	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		24	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		20	0	0
Other		25	0	0
Explain Other	JDC's SASH project distributes resource materials to at least 25 SRLs annually.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>SRLs are referred to SASH Project services by the Court's bench officers, ACCESS staff, Court clerks, JDC intake staff, the Bar Association of San Francisco's Lawyer Referral and Information Service, fellow legal services organizations, and the private bar. Also, when the Court sends out a Notice of Hearing to litigants, informational packages include instructions on accessing the services available at the ACCESS Center, including SASH Self-Help services.</p> <p>JDC also encounters SRLs at its free legal clinics and refers them to SASH for support with relevant cases. Additionally, JDC conducts family law clinics on-site at the Homeless Prenatal Program and Compass Family Services in San Francisco, frequently connecting clinic clients with SASH for assistance.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Court ACCESS Center staff conduct intake interviews to determine SRLs' litigation subject matter and income eligibility screenings prior to referring customers to the SASH Self-Help Attorney, who then performs a second review of income eligibility when s/he meets with the customer. Only individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level who have a custody or visitation matter before the Unified Family Court will be served by the SASH Self-Help Attorney.

Alternative Services	<p>For litigants who are ineligible for services due to income, subject matter, or residency, JDC refers them to other JDC projects, including JDC programs that provide representation to survivors of domestic violence in their family law cases. JDC also refers litigants to other legal services organizations as appropriate and to the Bar Association of San Francisco's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS). Referrals are generally made directly from JDC to LRIS to ensure that the litigant does not have to repeat his or her story many times. JDC and LRIS, as part of the umbrella of the Bar Association of San Francisco, have been working together closely for 40 years and refer thousands of cases back and forth to each other throughout the year. Customers from other counties are generally referred to agencies in those counties. JDC works closely with these agencies to ensure that it has their most accurate and up-to-date information on file. Customers who are not income-eligible can also be assisted either by workshops or through one-on-one services at the ACCESS Center.</p>
Court's Role	<p>The Superior Court has been a steadfast and supportive partner of this project from its launch and continuing to this day. The Court provides JDC's staff with private desk space where the SASH Self-Help Attorney can meet one-on-one with SLRs to provide confidential services. The Court also provides JDC staff with an onsite computer workstation, access to court records to look up litigants' cases, fax machine, and copy machine for use in the operation of this project. JDC staff also have access to the Court's ACCESS Center legal resource library and customer resource materials.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	LACBA Counsel for Justice		
Project Name	LACBA-Domestic Violence Legal Services Project		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$153,900.00	\$99,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>LACBA Domestic Violence Legal Services Project (DVP) has partnered with the Los Angeles Superior Court for over 35 years to provide legal assistance to victims of domestic violence and elder abuse. With a small staff of 4, and over 100 volunteers (attorneys, law students, paralegals, and interpreters), the DVP serves thousands of victims of violence annually and assists them with the preparation of requests for Temporary Restraining Orders. The demand for assistance grows each year, and during the current pandemic the need is even greater. By continuing to partner with the Superior Court, and with Partnership funding, the DVP will be able to increase the ability to effectively and efficiently handle the requests for assistance.</p> <p>The Project operates out of a converted courtroom in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse as well as an office in the Central Bureau-Family Justice Center(FJC). The FJC is located only 10 minutes away from the Courthouse, allowing for a quick transition during the current pandemic, and providing ease for litigants to continue to receive services during the court closure.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
LA Superior Court	Stanley Mosk	111 N. Hill Street., Room 235, Los Angeles, CA	M-F 8:00-4:00	140

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Staff Attorney	0.5	0.5
		0	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.5	0.5
Paralegals	Paralega	1	1
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	1	1
Other	Administrative Director	0.05	0.05
		0	0
	Other Total	0.05	0.05

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities

Information on Legal Options	3500	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	2000	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	2000	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	The Superior Court Restraining Order Center and Self-Help refers litigants to the DVP and makes them aware of options for services. Other court based legal services providers also refer directly to the DVP for assistance with a restraining order. Outside of the courthouse, the administrative director attends and participates in community networking events and meetings. These meetings provide the opportunity for the community to learn and understand the services that the DVP provides. Relationships have been established between the DVP and the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council where information on the Project and its services are provided. The DVP is also a partner in the Central Bureau-Family Justice Center and works with co-located community partners to provide information to their clients seeking services. Training is provided to community partners on restraining order services provided by the DVP. The DVP also provides printed materials on its services to local law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and community agencies that are normally the first contact for litigants seeking assistance with a domestic violence situation.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	The DVP assists all victims of domestic violence and elder abuse. Litigants referred to the DVP are initially screened by Project staff to determine the litigant's need and pair the litigant with the service adequate to meet their need provided based on the circumstances. A verbal screening is accomplished and the litigant is asked to fill out an intake. Once it is determined that we can help the litigant, income eligibility is accessed. The Project reviews income in order to provide services to indigent individuals with Partnership funding. With over 100 volunteers with diverse backgrounds in many legal fields, to the extent a litigant is not eligible for a domestic violence or elder abuse restraining order, the litigant is provided a resource or referral commensurate with their need.

Alternative Services	<p>The DVP assists victims of domestic violence and elder abuse. Litigants referred to the DVP are screened by Project staff to determine the litigant's need and pair the litigant with the service adequate to meet their need. Staffed with volunteers having diverse backgrounds in many legal fields, to the extent a litigant is not eligible for a domestic violence or elder abuse restraining order, the litigant is provided a resource (usually a referral) commensurate with their need. If the litigant requests a restraining order, but not a domestic violence or elder abuse order, the litigant is directed back to the ROC for further assistance. If the litigant requires assistance in another area of law, then the litigant may be directed to a community partner located in the courthouse for further assistance. Seldom will the DVP be unable to assist a litigant who is pursuing a domestic violence or elder abuse restraining order. However, providing services to both Petitioners who require protection as well as Respondents, at the same time, conflicts may occur. As attorney-client relationships are not established, this seldom occurs. If this does occur, the safety of all involved is accessed. The litigant may be referred to a community partner located in the courthouse, or back to the ROC where conflict-free services may be provided.</p>
Court's Role	<p>The LA Superior court provides the DVP with a dedicated room in the courthouse. The room allows for both staff and volunteers to have their own cubicles allowing for several litigants to be served at the same time. The room is situated just down the hall from the court's Restraining Order Center (ROC) facilitating ease of use for litigants. The Superior Court also provides the use of it's software program and links to other related interactive programs. Parking for the volunteers is also provided by the Superior Court which attracts a larger base of legal volunteers who may not be in the downtown Los Angeles area. The Project's IT team has a good working relationship with Superior Court IT team, which allows for quick response to working issues that may arise. The Superior Court agrees to continue to provide referrals of litigants requesting domestic violence and elder abuse restraining orders from the court's Restraining Order Center and Self Help Center.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Access Alameda		
Project Name	Family Law Day of Court		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$67,027.00	\$30,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>Legal Access Alameda's Family Law Day of Court Clinic (FLDOC) is an in-court clinic where volunteers take referrals directly from the bench on the Family Law Pro Per Request for Order (RFO) calendars. In Alameda County, self-represented litigants (SRLs) are generally assigned a specific day on each Family Law Department's calendar. Each clinic is staffed by a supervisor, either the FLDOC Supervising Attorney or a Self-Help staff person, and one to three volunteers. Volunteers and clinic staff work closely with judicial officers and courtroom personnel. The clinic seeks to assist all SRLs whose cases are set on the RFO calendar and who appear for their hearing. The hearings are short-cause hearings that are generally for child custody, visitation, and support.</p> <p>FLDOC provides assistance to the six non-DCSS family law departments at the Hayward Hall of Justice on their pro per RFO calendars. These calendars may occur in the morning or afternoon, several times per week. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the FLDOC clinic has provided services remotely via video conference and will do so in 2022 if necessary.</p> <p>The primary goal of the clinic is for SRLs to leave court with a signed, clear, and enforceable order in hand. Clinic staff and volunteers draft the orders immediately after the hearing, and submit proposed orders for the judge's signature and filing by the court clerk. FLDOC also assist SRLs by clarifying the newly-issued orders, explaining legal terms and court procedures, completing necessary paperwork, and running child and temporary spousal support calculations.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Alameda County Superior Court	Hayward Hall of Justice	22405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA	T, W, Th 8:45am-12pm (occurs simultaneously in 2 courtrooms each day)	78 hours

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	FLDOC Supervising Attorney	0.8	0.4
	Legal Access Director	0.02	0
	Lawyers Total	0.82	0.4
Paralegals		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	0	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	800	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	1000	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	1000	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	1100	0	0
Other	0	0	0

Explain Other	<p>In addition to drafting orders after each hearing and explaining court procedure, FLDOC staff and volunteers assist with child support and temporary spousal support calculations using DissoMaster, the software used by state courts. This assistance includes FLDOC guiding litigants in completing their Income and Expense Declarations if the declarations have not already been filed, carefully reviewing the DissoMaster report with litigants, explaining how support is calculated, and calculating arrears.</p> <p>In 2020, SRLs through the FLDOC clinics were awarded \$55,708.00 in child support, \$9,048.00 in temporary spousal support, and \$155,859.32 in arrears. These were increases over 2019 of 18.52% in child support, 43.78% in temporary spousal support, and 63.50% increase in arrears. FLDOC assistance in support calculations has not only had the direct effect of self-represented litigants receiving their requested relief, but also decreases the number of times they have to return to Court if they did not have the help, aids in the litigants' understanding of how support is calculated, and allows the Court to move its calendars along more efficiently and hear more matters while FLDOC staff and volunteers work with litigants in breakout rooms. In a survey of six judicial officers in 2020, all agreed that they noticed a positive difference between SRLs who received help from FLDOC and SRLs who did not. One bench officer noted that "the cases do not languish," and another observed "it seems that the SRLs who are assisted by staff are better informed and appreciative of the assistance they receive."</p>
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Community Engagement – Outreach	Self-represented litigants are referred to the FLDOC clinic directly by the judicial officers hearing the pro per RFO calendar. Legal Access and the Self-Help Center also communicate the availability of services to SRLs who call the Legal Access intake line or come in person to the Self-Help Center seeking legal assistance in family law matters.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No
Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A

Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>Legal Access Alameda income guidelines are based on 75% of income for lower income households in Alameda County as defined by Health and Safety Code section 50079.5(a) and Business and Professions Code section 6213(d). This income guideline allows Legal Access to serve the poor and working poor in Alameda County -- individuals and families who often have regular incomes but do not make enough to afford legal assistance. This guideline is also used for the FLDOC program.</p> <p>The FLDOC program assists all self-represented litigants (SRLs) who are referred by judicial officers on a pro per RFO calendar. In Alameda County, self-represented litigants are generally assigned to days in which the six non-DCSS family law departments have Pro Per RFO calendars. The FLDOC clinic takes place on all six of these pro per RFO calendars. All clients are asked to declare their gross monthly income to track which clients are income eligible for services funded by the partnership grant. Litigants are asked to sign the intake that the statements they have made about income are correct. The Court requires all SRLs appearing on the pro per RFO calendar be provided services regardless of income. Therefore, Income ineligible clients are served by the FLDOC supervising attorney on time paid for by money provided by the Court: .4 FTE of the FLDOC Supervising Attorney's salary. The position is only at .8 FTE total, so this accounts for half the position's time. Because the Court requires all SRLs be given services regardless of income, they are willing to provide additional funding to ensure those SRLs who may be over the income guidelines are served as well.</p> <p>In 2019, the Legal Access staff worked with the Self-Help Center Managing Attorney and the Supervising Judge for Family Law to create income and asset restrictions for case eligibility for FLDOC assistance specifically with support calculations. These new limits ensure the highest earners appearing on the Pro Per RFO calendars do not use the FLDOC clinic services and take staff/volunteer time away from litigants eligible for services.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>Since the FLDOC program assists nearly all self-represented litigants who are referred by judicial officers during the clinics, there are no alternative resources or referrals provided to those litigants who are over the income eligibility guidelines. Clinic staff and volunteers provide information about other legal, governmental, and social services agencies to all SRLs, where appropriate. Legal Access staff has given Family Law Bench Officers alternative options to provide to those individuals who are ineligible for assistance with support calculations, such as the bench officer running the calculation themselves, using the resources at the law library, or hiring an attorney on a limited scope basis to complete the calculation.</p>

Court's Role	<p>The Court provides a desk and shared office space for the FLDOC Supervising Attorney and a contractor's badge to key into secure areas of the courthouse.. The laptop makes available the following systems and programs: Domain (the Court's case management system), Essential Forms software for drafting orders and judgments, and DissoMaster for computing support calculations. The Court's Office of Information Technology supplies technical support and updates for these programs on a regular basis.</p> <p>During the Court's closure to the public for in-person hearings over the past year, the FLDOC Supervising Attorney has continued access to the Court and her office, but has primarily worked from home using a Court-provided laptop. Additionally, while the FLDOC clinic is operating remotely, the Court has granted special permission for clinic staff to be moderators on its videoconferencing platform. This allows clinic staff to place volunteers and litigants in breakout rooms for private assistance after the judicial officers make their referrals. During the hearing, the Court also provides language interpreters as needed to clinic staff and volunteers to facilitate communication with litigants.</p> <p>Whether the family law departments re-open for in person hearings, remain closed, or transition to a hybrid model, FLDOC staff has the equipment and resources to adapt to any of these settings.</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Access Alameda		
Project Name	Family Law Settlement Conference		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$90,563.00	\$65,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The Family Law Status Conference Clinic ("FLSC Clinic") offers assistance to litigants appearing on Self-Represented Litigant Family Law Status Conference calendars in a family law department. This program brings a Legal Access staff attorney (the FLSC Attorney) on-site to provide expanded services to litigants and oversight of volunteer attorneys.</p> <p>The FLSC clinic assists with Dissolution, Legal Separation, Nullity, and Parentage cases. Clinic staff (the FLSC attorney and Self-Help staff) and volunteers help litigants understand case procedure and complete or correct necessary forms, with the ultimate goal of assisting litigants in moving their cases to a final resolution, either by completing a judgment or referring the case for trial setting. This helps the court with the status conference compliance requirement under California Rule of Court 5.83(c)(2) and facilitates more efficient support to litigants with on the spot assistance and by identifying issues early on in the process.</p> <p>Before CoVid19, the FLSC clinic occurred Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and some Friday mornings, providing all services in person. In 2020 the FLSC department started holding virtual hearings via BlueJeans video conference and consolidated all FLSC clinic cases to Tuesdays. The FLSC clinic provided all services remotely and clinic staff send litigants required forms via email and mail. While remote, the FLSC Attorney also sends letters to litigants before each clinic, which include description of how to complete the next step, required forms with highlights and current filing instructions. If necessary in 2022, Legal Access will continue to operate the FLSC clinic remotely.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Alameda County Superior Court	Hayward Hall of Justice	22405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA	Tuesdays 1-5pm; all Thursdays (except 3rd) 1-5pm; 3rd Friday 9am-12pm	31

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	FLSC Managing Attorney	1	0.78
	Legal Access Director	0.02	0
	Lawyers Total	1.02	0.78
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		300	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		900	0	0
Document Preparation and Review		600	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance		600	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	<p>The FLSC clinic's overarching goal is to provide assistance to low income self-represented litigants that helps them efficiently move their family law case forward, ideally to a final resolution. The FLSC clinic seeks to reduce the number of status conferences litigants attend before a final resolution is reached and catch issues in paperwork early on in the process. The FLSC clinic provides on the spot one-on-one assistance, completes forms with litigants where possible, and assist litigants with a final judgment or request to dismiss.</p> <p>The FLSC clinic also aims to catch issues in cases and correct errors in paperwork early on in the process. When meeting with litigants at the clinic, staff and volunteers also point out errors in submitted paperwork and offers assistance for fixing those errors.</p> <p>Finally, the FLSC clinic seeks to leave clinic attendees with a better understanding with their cases and the overall process of a family law class. Clinic staff and volunteers discuss the next steps with litigants and litigants are able ask questions to clarify the process of their case. Ideally, litigants leave each FLSC clinic with a better understanding of the overall case procedure and what specific things they need to do to move their case forward. This education of family law litigants on the process and procedure of family cases is another important goal of the FLSC clinic.</p>			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>Litigants are informed of the availability of the FLSC clinic services in a number of ways. Some litigants are referred to the FLSC clinic by the clerk's office for an Initial Family Law Status Conference. The notice that is sent out to all parties regarding their Initial Family Law Status Conference that is set by the clerk's office states the parties may receive assistance at their status conference. Self-represented litigants who are referred for the FLSC clinic directly by the family law bench officers are provided information about the assistance available on the referral form they are given with the date of the FLSC clinic. Legal Access and Self-Help Staff will continue to work with the Family Law Bench Officers, particularly the new bench officers, about the availability of the FLSC clinic, how to refer cases to the clinic, and which cases are appropriate for referral.</p> <p>Legal Access Alameda will also communicate the availability of the services to self-represented litigants who call the Legal Access intake line. Self-Help Center's staff will share FLSC clinic services with some litigants who contact the Self-Help Center seeking legal assistance in family law matters.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>Legal Access Alameda income guidelines are based on 75% of income for lower income households in Alameda County as defined by Health and Safety Code section 50079.5(a) and Business and Professions Code section 6213(d). This income guideline allows Legal Access to serve the poor and working poor in Alameda County -- individuals and families who often have regular incomes but do not make enough to afford legal assistance. These income eligibility guidelines are used in the FLSC program as well.</p> <p>The FLSC Attorney, Self-Help Staff Attorney and volunteers will assess each litigant's financial eligibility by conducting an intake for each litigant, which includes gathering pre-tax income information and age. Litigants are asked to sign the intake that the statements they have made about income and age are correct. The Court requires income ineligible self-represented litigants set on this calendar are also provided services and the Court has provided additional funding to cover some of the FLSC Attorney's time (25%) to reflect that.</p> <p>Additionally, the FLSC Attorney reviews all cases set on the clinic calendars at least two weeks before the schedule is to confirm that each case is the correct type of cases (dissolution, legal separation, nullity or parentage), that there has not already been a final judgment entered and that there are no attorneys in the case. The FLSC Attorney brings any ineligible cases to the attention of the clerk in Department 504 who will take the matter off the FLSC clinic calendar.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>The Court requires that all litigants who are set on the FLSC clinic calendars are eligible for at least some services, however, if high earning self-represented litigants are referred to the clinic by the family law bench officers, clinic staff will limit the services offered to those litigants. Clinic staff will refer those high income litigants to the Lawyer Referral Service of the Alameda County Bar Association and not set those cases for a second FLSC clinic.</p>
Court's Role	<p>The FLSC Attorney is provided with a desk in an office with the Self-Help Center staff at the Hayward Hall of Justice. The Court has also provided access to a computer with the court's case management system so the FLSC Attorney can review and prepare all cases. The FLSC Attorney also has access to software needed to assist these cases, DissoMaster and Essential Forms. Finally, the court has permitted the FLSC Attorney with a court contractor badge so they may access restricted areas of the courthouse. While working remotely, the FLSC Attorney is able to use the court laptop from home to access the case management system, Essential Forms, and DissoMaster. Additionally, the court has permitted the FLSC Attorney to log on to the BlueJeans clinics as a guest moderator which allows the attorney to easily move litigants and staff/volunteers into breakout rooms and provide one-on-one services to litigants.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles		
Project Name	2022 - Torrance Self-Help Center		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$142,652.00	\$100,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) is applying for continuation funding to supplement the staffing of the Self-Help Legal Access Center in the Torrance Courthouse, to provide expanded services in Family Law and Protective Restraining Order cases. LAFLA staff are currently working offsite providing remote services, including for referrals from the Court's self-help phoneline, but the grant application for 2022 includes flexibility to continue providing services remotely and phase in some return of onsite services in space allocated by the Court at the Torrance Courthouse when a timeline is by mutually agreed upon by the Court and LAFLA.		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles County Superior Court	Torrance Self Help Legal Access Center	825 Maple Ave., Room 160, Torrance CA 90503	Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.- noon, 1:30-4:00 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon	140

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Attorney	1	0.83
	Attorney	1	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	2	0.83
Paralegals	Paralegal	1	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	1	0
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	10000	100	1600
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	0	0	0

Document Preparation and Review	0	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other	Our overall project goal is to work with the Torrance court administration to safely resume on-site individual services and workshops for litigants. We also aim to identify new collaborative partners for outreach activities to increase participation to pre-pandemic levels.		

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>Through outreach activities, the center will distribute pamphlets onsite in different languages to litigants and the community about legal information that is available on the website. The outreach will primarily focus on community leaders, organizations and churches in the Torrance area and surrounding communities that work with underserved and LEP populations. There will be additional outreach through participation in community events, resource fairs and cultural celebrations.</p> <p>In response to the pandemic, LAFLA has implemented a multilingual marketing campaign to reach clients to let them know our services are available to them even though our physical offices are closed. To reach a wider audience, LAFLA partnered with LATV and launched an integrated marketing campaign that included Spanish-language TV ads, integrated social media campaigns including content creation and PSAs on radio stations.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	The self-help portal of LAFLA's website provides information regarding the services offered online and at the Center regardless of income and residency. Those litigants who visit the center after visiting the website will be screened by intake screeners for subject matter eligibility and provided information on the types of services in which the center can assist self-represented litigants. Prior to receiving services, walk-in litigants receive an intake form through which to provide information about income, gender, number of people within the household, ethnicity, language spoken and education level. Intake forms are collected by staff and volunteers, and entered into a database for tracking service delivery.
Alternative Services	If the center is not able to assist, the intake staff will provide referral information for those individuals whose needs the Center cannot meet directly due to resource limitations or other restrictions. Center staff will spend time with every litigant who must be turned away in order to determine the nature of the litigant's problem and, therefore, the most appropriate referral entity. The Center has developed a list of areas in which it does not service, and distributes referral sheets. On the website, self-represented litigants who are unable to visit the Center and need assistance with matters that the Center does not handle will have access to a referral list of nonprofit and government agencies.
Court's Role	The Center works closely with Court Staff and the Court is very supportive of the Center & its operations. When on-site operations resume, the Court will continue to provide the self-help center space, including several computer terminals, the "Hot Docs" software (to help litigants prepare their paperwork), internet/phone access, printers & printer supplies, utilities, security and the center's furniture.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County		
Project Name	Legal Resource Center Partnership		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$125,000.00	\$125,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>LAFSBC proposes to continue Partnership funding for a self-help attorney for the civil Legal Resource Centers (LRC) and a part-time assistant. Until the hiring of a 3rd LRC attorney with Partnership funds in 2020, the staffing level of the Legal Resource Centers had not increased for at least 15 years. The increase in staffing allowed us to provide LRC services in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria 5 days per week, and 2 days per week in Lompoc. In calendar year 2020, the LRCs countywide served over 7,000 self-represented litigants in civil matters. Based on learnings from providing remote services due to the pandemic, we propose that the LRC partnership attorney will work 1 day per week in person at the Lompoc courthouse. On the remaining days, the bilingual LRC Partnership attorney will assist SRLs countywide by phone, email, or videoconference, with a focus on mid and south county residents. The LRC assistant will provide in-person bilingual support to the LRC at the Santa Barbara courthouse and other data entry assistance. The other two attorneys, funded separately, will cover in-person services Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. We believe that by providing a combination of remote and in-person services, we will best meet the needs of residents across the 75 mile length of our county.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Santa Barbara Superior Court	Lompoc	115 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA	W, 9am-12pm, 1:30pm-4pm	22
Santa Barbara Superior Court	N/A	N/A		88

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	LRC Lawyer	1	1
		0	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	1	1
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	LRC Bilingual Assistant	0.24	0.24
		0	0
	Other Total	0.24	0.24

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	1500	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	1500	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	1200	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	300	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			N/A

Community Engagement – Outreach	Current LRC services are advertised on the Legal Aid and Superior Court website. Potential LRC litigants are referred for LRC services by Legal Aid intake coordinators, court staff, local government agencies, other non-profits, and more. Since the LRC Partnership attorney provides an expanded set of services that LAF already provides, we do not anticipate that we will need to do a large amount of outreach to raise awareness about the expanded services. Demand remains high at all LRC locations.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	All SRLs sign an intake form which explains the limited scope of service. The form includes a survey of income information and requests basic demographic and age information. We would propose to keep LRC procedures consistent across the program despite source of funding so that no one is turned away. We prioritize a low barrier procedure for service because assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The LRC attorney will see as many SRLs (self-represented litigants) as time allows.
Alternative Services	It is not anticipated that litigants will be turned away due to ineligibility. Family Law SRLs will be referred to the Family Law facilitator, and in North County, individuals with Guardianships or Conservatorships will be referred to the Probate Facilitator. Litigants needing legal representation may be referred to Legal Aid, California Rural Legal Assistance, or the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service.
Court's Role	The court will provide physical space for the Lompoc Legal Resource Center and also provides a laptop which was secured as part of a special grant. The court also grants Legal Resource Center staff to enter data into STARs. The LRC staff work closely with court clerks and other court staff in providing services to self-represented litigants.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Aid of Marin		
Project Name	Homelessness Prevention through Mandatory Settlement Conferences		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$112,480.00	\$80,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>Established in 2012, the Marin Superior Court Unlawful Detainer Settlement Conference Program is recognized by the Judicial Council as an innovative, efficient and effective trial court program for unlawful detainers (https://www.courts.ca.gov/27438.htm). Before physical access to courts was limited by COVID, Marin Superior Court and Legal Aid of Marin collaborated to offer Conferences in the week before trial for all unlawful detainer cases. The Court provides general oversight, and Legal Aid of Marin staff and Pro Bono volunteers recruited and trained by Legal Aid of Marin staff meet with unrepresented parties in each case (both landlords and tenants) and attempt to resolve them. When the parties are successful, they draft settlement agreements, signed by both parties, and present them to the Court. In 2021 to date, over 85% of cases reached agreements - a measure of the program's effectiveness. Agreements include tenancy preservation, case dismissal, rent forgiveness, and time to relocate. Even when tenants move, time and funds with which to do, together with avoidance of an eviction judgment, go far to prevent homelessness.</p> <p>During the COVID pandemic to date, unlawful detainer trials have significantly curtailed. The Partnership Grant affords Marin Superior Court and Legal Aid of Marin the opportunity to adapt this innovative, effective program to the COVID and post-COVID environment. The partners will employ alternative technologies to facilitate settlement conferences, and model protocols that take into account new local and state legal protections that emerge in response to the COVID pandemic and its aftermath.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Marin Superior Court	Civil	3501 Civic Center Drive	12	100

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Executive Director	0.04	0.03
	Supervising Attorney, Pro Bono Director	0.41	0.3
	Staff Attorney	0.14	0.1
	Lawyers Total	0.59	0.43
Paralegals	Legal Assistant	0.28	0.2
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.28	0.2
Other	Communications Manager	0.04	0.03
	Other Total	0.04	0.03

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	0	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	0	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	0	20	150
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	20	150
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	Information about the mandatory settlement conference service is communicated by the Court in a notice to litigants. Legal Aid of Marin has developed deep connections with community-based organizations to exchange information about available services for landlord-tenant litigants. We regularly present about landlord-tenant services through bilingual social media livecasts, written information on our website, recorded information, and bilingual presentations in collaboration with community partners including North Marin Community Services, Community Action Marin, West Marin Community Services, and local libraries and health clinics, among others. Legal Aid of Marin operates community-based intake/outreach sites co-located at The Phoenix Project in Marin City – an area of high need and geographic isolation, and home to the majority of African American residents who live in the County. In 2019, we held 31 community-based intake sessions, which resulted in double the share of participation by African American litigants in the Community Court project. We also host weekly intake/outreach sessions co-located at Canal Alliance in the San Rafael Canal community - another area of high need and high poverty, home to many new immigrants. We work closely with area food banks and food distribution centers to exchange critical information about housing rights and available legal services.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	The services will be available to all unrepresented litigants. Our experience is that the overwhelming majority are indigent individuals, as defined by Business & Professions Code Section 6213.
Alternative Services	As all unrepresented parties will be eligible for services, referrals for ineligible participants are not anticipated at this time. However, litigants who can afford counsel will be referred to the San Francisco-Marín Lawyer Referral Service and urged to get counsel.

Court's Role	<p>As described above, during remote Court, the Court provides the Zoom site to host remote Mandatory Settlement Conferences, together with a list of settlement conferences scheduled. The Court Clerk provides Legal Aid of Marin staff with file information in advance of the Mandatory Settlement Conference (consistent with CCCP § 1161.2(a)(1)(B)).</p> <p>Legal Aid of Marin transmits the Court file to Pro Bono attorneys who help self-represented litigants negotiate resolution of their case. Legal Aid of Marin and the Court share data regarding settlement outcomes and other trends. Looking ahead to 2022, Mandatory Settlement Conferences may resume in person.</p> <p>At this point, Legal Aid of Marin and the Court will evaluate the extent to which some these modified practices may continue to the extent they benefit Court processes and just outcomes, and will also evaluate the extent to which processes may be adapted to any other emergent needs (such as consumer debt collection cases).</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino		
Project Name	Caregivers and Small Estates Accessing Justice		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$151,114.00	\$138,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino (LASSB) will provide direct legal services on Small Estates, Conservatorship and Guardianship. LASSB will use grant funds to assist parties with small estate matters to reduce the stress on the court, assist with conservatorship to ensure that a loved one's personal finances and healthcare issues are properly handled and guardianship which will ensure a loved one who is unable to care for his or her physical or financial health is cared for.</p> <p>LASSB will identify appropriate cases referred by the court, developed in-house or obtained through outside marketing efforts, for either document preparation, general information, or a combination of both efforts to resolve the issues as efficiently as possible. The court will also send over cases over with specific instructions on document preparation. The assistance will be limited to document preparation and general information. The project will not include legal advice. The purpose of general information is to avoid establishing an attorney client relationship which allows LASSB to assist all qualifying court patrons.</p> <p>General information will consist of legal aspects, clarification of terms or conditions, and instructions to prepare augmented, corrected, or missing pleadings for the litigant. LASSB will provide procedural assistance to facilitate immediate filing and processing of their casework.</p> <p>LASSB services will be provided Mon-Thur 9AM-12:30PM and 1:30pm-4pm. The collaboration will eliminate procedural barriers, prevent unnecessary delays, and assist the court in reducing the backlog. In a post-COVID-19 world, the project will eliminate the need for multiple court visits, reduce confusion and stress.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Superior Court of San Bernardino County	Justice Center	247 W. Third Street, San Bernardino, CA	Monday-Thursday, 9AM-12:30 and 1:30-4PM	110

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Attorney	0.65	0.65
		0	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.65	0.65
Paralegals	Advocate/caseworker	0.65	0.65
	Advocate.caseworker	0.65	0.65
	Paralegals Total	1.3	1.3

Other	E.D. @.15; ChAdmin @.1	0.25	0.25
	Database @.1; AdminAst @.1	0.2	0.2
	Other Total	0.45	0.45

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options			
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation			
Document Preparation and Review			
Filing or Services Assistance			
Supervised Settlement Services			
Post-hearing Assistance			
Other			
Explain Other	The 2022 Project Goal is to continue to expand our court volunteers' program. The project goal also includes continuously reviewing the court process to ensure the clients are receiving high-quality results and the court relationship continues to prosper.		

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>LASSB will communicate the availability of legal services to assist with Small Estates, Conservatorship and Guardianship to the public. LASSB outreach program would be modified to now include the services offered under this grant. LASSB operates website that would advertise the availability of these services. There would be direct community contact through workshops, social media, events, town-hall meetings, and day-to-day interaction with clients who contact LASSB and its partner organizations.</p> <p>The court clerk's office refers any inquiring clients to the project site.</p> <p>As clients benefit from LASSB services they will spread the word to other caregivers or small estate litigants, further communicating the availability of the services and greatly augmenting more traditional advertising methods.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No
Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A

Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>All clients served through this project will first be screened for eligibility according to the State Bar's established Eligibility and Poverty-Income Guidelines issued each year by the State Bar, as more particularly defined in B&P Code, Section 6213(d).</p> <p>Clients served must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Be pursuing or seeking to pursue legal action regarding Probate Conservatorship or Guardianship actions within San Bernardino County; or 2) Seeking to resolve a Small Estate Probate; AND 3) Have a gross, household income within 125% of the current poverty threshold established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; or, 4) Be eligible for Supplemental Security Income or free services under the Older Americans Act or Developmentally Disabled Assistance Act. <p>It should be noted that if the client seeking services is disabled, their income shall be determined after deducting the costs of medical and other disability-related special expenses.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>Clients who do not qualify for services through this project will be referred to our San Bernardino County Bar Association referral system, or if applicable, to the High Desert Bar Association, the West End Bar Associations, or the Riverside County bar Associations, and to www.courts.ca.gov, www.lawhelp.ca.org, www.probononet.org, and www.Calegaladvocates.org. Inquiring clients who reside in such counties will also be provided information on the Bar Associations of Orange and Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Local Legal Aid organization provide services to families who have a gross monthly income at or below HUD'S annually published poverty-level. Thus, we have learned through past experience that providing referrals to such organizations merely frustrates those clients who do not financially qualify for services through this CSEAJ project.</p>
Court's Role	<p>The court will provide the space required to assist pro per clients. The protocols established by the court require a court agent to unlock the rooms at the onset of each day. The court provides custodial, security and online access to ACIS which is required to review case records. The court also provides a technician to correct internet service problems. Through collaboration with the court and the legal community, LASSB received a donated printer from the probate judge and a computer set-up complete with specialized software, from a dedicated and knowledgeable probate volunteer.</p> <p>The collaboration with the court includes a direct referral from the probate bench, their courtroom staff, or the probate filing clerks. LASSB will continue to disseminate information through their website, brochures, and/or day-to-day interactions with clients who contact LASSB. As clients benefit from LASSB and Court collaboration services, they will spread the word to other pro per clients, further communicating the availability of the services and greatly augmenting more traditional advertising methods.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Aid Society of San Diego		
Project Name	Name Change & Gender Marker Change Self-Help Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$122,009.00	\$85,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	In partnership with the San Diego Superior Court, LASSD seeks funding to operate the Name Change & Gender Change Self-Help Clinic in 2022. This project fills a gap in San Diego County self-help services, as there are no court-based projects providing services related to this substantive legal area. The aim of the project is to help indigent, self-represented litigants to fully participate in the legal system when in need of a name and/or gender marker change by providing facilitator-like one-on-one assistance to participants, including document preparation and information on the court process. Providing services to self-represented litigants in this area will not only help and educate the litigant but will also help the court by cutting down clerk and court time spent on litigants navigating the court process without assistance. The advent of the Real ID in California has increased the need for assistance with Name Changes. People are discovering that not all their documents match and need assistance obtaining a decree of name change in order to obtain the Real ID.		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
San Diego Superior Court	Hall of Justice	330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101	5 days/7 hours	140

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Staff Attorney	1	0.82
	Senior Attorney	0.1	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	1.1	0.82
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	450	0	0

Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	450	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	380	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	We communicate our services to the public through flyers at the courthouses, law libraries, and organizations serving our target populations. LASSD's hotline also gets more than 90,000 calls a year and directs individuals to services such as this project. Many of our referrals also come directly from the court clerks and judicial officers. LASSD staff conduct community outreach presentations at senior centers, disability fairs, local schools and other community organizations. LASSD's website and the San Diego Superior Court's website also directs litigants to the clinic.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Participants are screened for eligibility when they sign into the clinic. Each participant completes an application for services which inquires as to income, subject matter and jurisdiction/geographic eligibility. Eligibility for partnership-funded project services require the litigant to be a San Diego County resident, income eligible and requesting assistance for name and/or gender marker change petition or objection.
Alternative Services	Those who are ineligible due to subject matter or jurisdiction/geographic eligibility will be referred to other clinics, service providers and lawyer referral service. Those who are ineligible due to income will be assisted using self-help court funds and LSC funds.
Court's Role	The court provides a large office to LASSD where self-help services are provided. The court also provides security for the clinic in connection with regular security provided at the courthouse. The court provides utilities and telephone services and provides internet access with IT infrastructure to support secure, third-party internet access. The court also provides access to the courthouse to authorized LASSD personnel by providing a court badge.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Aid Society of San Diego		
Project Name	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$119,487.00	\$80,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>LASSD seeks funding for a fifth year of operation of the Unlawful Detainer Expansion Project in 2022. LASSD is requesting funding to continue to provide services to indigent, self-represented litigants who need assistance in connection with an Unlawful Detainer action at the Hall of Justice, the central division of the San Diego Superior Court. This vital project is necessary to meet the ever increasing demand for self-help UD services. The Project also serves a very important function for the Shriver Housing Project, providing daily, walk-in, emergency one-on-one assistance to both plaintiffs and defendants. This project assists that team by allowing their staff to be litigation centered and accept clients who have filed their initial documents. The goal of the UD Clinic Expansion Project remains the same in the fifth year, namely to provide quality, self-help UD services to indigent residents who reside in San Diego's North County, East, South and Central San Diego regions.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
San Diego Superior Court	Hall of Justice	330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101	5 days/7 hours	140

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Staff Attorney	1	0.77
	Senior Attorney	0.1	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	1.1	0.77
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	4000	0	0

Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	4000	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	3600	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	We communicate our services to the public through flyers at the courthouses, law libraries, and organizations serving our target populations. LASSD's hotline also gets more than 90,000 calls a year and directs individuals to services such as the UD Clinic. Many of our referrals also come directly from the court clerks and judicial officers. LASSD staff conduct community outreach presentations at senior centers, disability fairs, local schools and other community organizations. LASSD's website and the San Diego Superior Court's website also directs litigants to the clinic.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Participants are screened for eligibility when they sign into the clinic. Each participant completes an application for services which inquires as to income, subject matter and jurisdiction/geographic eligibility. Eligibility for partnership-funded project services require the litigant to be a San Diego County resident, income eligible and requesting assistance related to an Unlawful Detainer case.
Alternative Services	Those who are ineligible due to subject matter or jurisdiction/geographic eligibility will be referred to other clinics, service providers and lawyer referral service. Those who are ineligible due to income will be assisted using court funding and other funding sources.
Court's Role	The court provides a large office to LASSD where self-help services are provided. The court also provides security for the clinic in connection with regular security provided at the courthouse. The court provides utilities and telephone services and provides internet access with IT infrastructure to support a secure, third-party internet access. The court provides access to the courthouse to authorized LASSD personnel by providing a court badge.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Assistance for Seniors		
Project Name	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$75,313.00	\$67,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants is a collaborative effort of Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS), Legal Access Alameda of the Alameda County Bar Association (LAA) and the Alameda County Superior Court. The Partnership will provide legal assistance to low income, pro per litigants in guardianship cases. Partners will assist with all aspects of these cases including temporary petitions, general petitions, objections, adding or removing co-guardians, petitions for visitation and petitions for termination. The partners will develop sample documents and instructions designed to fill in any potential gaps caused by the reduction in court services, including reduced filing hours and the elimination of Probate Examiner phone hours. The Partnership will hold weekly workshops to assist with filing requirements. One of the weekly workshops will be dedicated to the complex notice requirements that often result in continuances for the litigants. We will also incorporate lessons learned during covid and may provide remote assistance. LAA volunteers and LAS will provide day of court assistance twice a month when the pro per cases are calendared. The day of court assistance includes explaining the procedural deficiencies keeping the cases from being heard, providing forms allowing the litigants to draft declarations to address the procedural issues and assisting with filing documents. The goal of this program is to navigate litigants through the complex procedural process required in guardianship cases, providing low income litigants access to justice while also reducing continuances and preserving court resources.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Alameda County Superior Court	Self Help Center	661 Washington St., Oakland, CA	Monday 1:30-4	20
Alameda County Superior Court	Self Help Center	24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA	Pick up paperwork/Make Appointments	As Needed
Alameda County Superior Court	Berkeley Courthouse	2120 Martin Luther King Jr, Way, Berkeley, CA	Twice A Month	10

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Legal Director	0.01	0.01
	2 Supervising Attorneys	0.13	0.13
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.14	0.14
Paralegals	Advocate	0.44	0.44
	Advocate	0.21	0.21
	Paralegals Total	0.65	0.65

Other	Exec. Dir. & Admin Asst/Intake	0.02	0.02
	Assoc.Dir., Tech. Specialist, Admin Asst/Reception	0.02	0
	Other Total	0.04	0.02

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	250	60	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	250	60	0
Document Preparation and Review	150	60	0
Filing or Services Assistance	100	60	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	120	60	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>The availability of these services will be communicated to litigants and the community in multiple ways across several formats. First, the workshops and Day of Court clinics are well established with the court staff (clerks, probate examiners, Judges) within the probate department and staff often recommend that any pro per litigant who has filed paperwork should consider using the workshop. There is also a flyer that is distributed at various courthouses and other locations around Alameda County which provides information about the workshop. All the websites of the partnership members (LAS, LAA and Self-Help) have information posted about the program. All the partners in the project also take calls directly from the community and all the staff are trained to identify and refer anyone who would qualify for the workshop. The partnership has a wide range of community partners and contacts and use that network to make sure that anyone who qualifies for the services of the workshop has the information they need to take advantage of the services provided. These communication methods have been effective as many of the individuals who come to the workshop go to the courthouse to obtain the proper documents to fill out and learn about the workshop there.</p> <p>The partners also intend to increase their outreach to agencies that provide housing services so they are aware that the Partnership can assist litigants who need a guardianship to maintain their housing.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	Yes

Conflict of Interest Protocols	<p>The Self-Help staff and LAA volunteers will not establish an attorney-client relationship. LAS attorneys may agree to establish an attorney-client relationship and represent a pro per litigant from this project if the litigant is over the age of 50, their case is complicated or the litigant needs additional assistance. LAS staff performs a conflict check prior to assisting any litigant through this project. If there is a conflict, the litigant is assisted by Self Help Staff or a LAA volunteer.</p>
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Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>The litigants are screened for subject matter and residence eligibility when they contact any of the partners for assistance, meaning the litigant must be preparing to file a guardianship petition, or already has a pending guardianship matter, in Alameda County probate court. The petition may be to obtain a guardianship, for visitation, or to modify, object to, or terminate a guardianship. The litigant must also be unrepresented. Screening questions are given during the first point of contact with one of the partners, when a potential workshop participant calls to inquire or reserve a space in the workshop.</p> <p>Currently, there are no income restrictions officially stated for the workshop and clinic. If the volume of the work provided by the project became unmanageable and persons needed to be turned away from the workshop or clinic, the restriction placed on eligibility would be income based. During our work together, we have found that most the litigants seeking assistance through this program are low income so ineligibility due to income has not been an issue. If there is a conflict, the project has the ability to refer litigants to another partnering agency or to outside organizations should the matter require more complex assistance. Individual litigant information is not shared between the partners except for identification so a conflict determination can be made. LAS includes income information in our client database used to run reports for our finance department in order to insure that Partnership Funds are only used to assist indigent clients.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>If the litigants are ineligible due to subject matter or residency, the partners will attempt to find appropriate referrals. The most common type of the request that cannot be met are concerns about a child's care and safety not in the care of the potential guardian. A referral to Department of Family and Children Services or to local law enforcement may be appropriate rather than a referral to another legal organization. We also refer litigants seeking guardianship of the estate to the private bar. Litigants who do not qualify for eligibility because of their income may still be assisted by the Self Help Center as their services may not be income based.</p>
Court's Role	<p>The court will provide space at the Self Help Center in the Wiley Manuel Courthouse for the weekly workshops. The court will provide access to a copier. The court will also provide a room at the Berkeley Courthouse for the day of court assistance and access to a copier. The court has also provided LAS attorneys with the ability to access non-confidential court filings that could previously only be viewed on computers located at the courthouses. This allows LAS attorneys to review filed documents in order to assist litigants clear up any procedural issues. It is also extremely helpful when assisting the litigants with draft orders and the letters that must be filed after the order is granted. We are currently working with the courts to determine if we can obtain the same access for LAA volunteers.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Assistance for Seniors		
Project Name	Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigants		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$100,307.00	\$87,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorships Litigants is a collaborative effort of Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS), Legal Access Alameda of the Alameda County Bar Association (LAA) and the Alameda County Superior Court. The Partnership will provide legal assistance to low income, pro per litigants in limited conservatorship cases. Limited conservatorship cases have complex procedural requirements that are often daunting to pro per litigants who are typically more focused on providing and coordinating the care needed for their loved one. Many of the litigants in Alameda County do not speak English and have trouble navigating the legal system, which can lead to delays in their ability to provide adequate care. This Project allows the Partners to meet a currently unmet need in Alameda County. Partners will assist with temporary petitions, general petitions, objections and orders after hearing. The partners will develop new sample documents and instructions designed to assist litigants with local rules and the complicated procedural process. The litigants will be assisted at weekly workshops with one workshop a month dedicated to the complex notice requirements in these matters. Virtual assistance and one-on-one assistance will also be provided as needed. LAA volunteers and LAS staff will assist litigants on pro per day of court as well. The goal of the partnership is for the partners to use their experience assisting pro per litigants navigate with the complex procedural requirements of limited conservatorship cases and to avoid multiple continuances that take up court resources.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Alameda County Superior Court	Self Help Center	661 Washington St., Oakland, CA	TBD once a week	20
Alameda County Superior Court	Self Help Center	24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA	Pick up paperwork/Make appointments	As needed
Alameda County Superior Court	Berkeley Courthouse	2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA	Once a month	4

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Legal Director	0.1	0.1
	Supervising Attorney	0.4	0.4
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.5	0.5
Paralegals	Advocate	0.5	0.5

		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.5	0.5
Other	Exec.Dir., Admin Asst/Intake	0.02	0.02
	Assoc.Dir, Tech.Specialist, Admin Asst/Reception	0.02	0
	Other Total	0.04	0.02

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	100	30	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	100	30	0
Document Preparation and Review	75	30	0
Filing or Services Assistance	75	30	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	50	30	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	The availability of these services will be communicated to litigants and the community in multiple ways across several formats. The court staff including the Judges alert litigants who may qualify for the workshop. There is also a flyer distributed at various courthouses and other locations around Alameda County which provides information about the workshops and assistance available through the project. All the websites of the partnership members (LAS, VLSC and Self-Help) have information posted about the program. All the partners in the project also take calls directly from the community and all the staff are trained to identify and refer anyone who would qualify for the workshop. The partnership has a wide range of community partners and contacts and will use that network to make sure that anyone who qualifies for the services of the workshop has the information they need to take advantage of the services provided. We will also provide the Regional Center and the Public Defender with updated information about our workshops so they can refer litigants.
Attorney-Client Relationship	Yes

Conflict of Interest Protocols	<p>The Self Help Staff and LAA volunteers will not establish an attorney-client relationship. LAS represents dependent adults in elder abuse cases so will need to do a conflict check prior to assisting petitioners. If LAS has a conflict, the litigant will be assisted by Self Help Staff or a LAA volunteer. The litigants will be asked to sign an agreement indicating that they understand that the services are being provided to them in pro per and that they are responsible for their own case. The agreement makes it clear that they will not be represented at court hearings. This agreement is reviewed with the litigant prior to any assistance so the litigants have the opportunity to seek legal representation before any assistance is provided. The litigants are also instructed that the assistance provided is to assist them with the procedural process and the partners cannot provide any advice about any substantive information contained in their filings.</p>
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>The litigants will be screened for subject matter eligibility when they contact any of the partners for assistance. The partners will all be trained to understand the difference between limited conservatorships, LPS conservatorships and conservatorships so litigants seeking assistance for matters other than limited conservatorships can be referred appropriately. LAS represents developmentally disabled individuals obtain restraining orders under the Welfare and Institutions Code and therefore may potentially have a conflict with litigants. If there is a conflict, one of the other partners will assist the litigant. The litigants will be screened to ensure they are Alameda County residents, currently unrepresented and they meet the income requirements required for the project.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>If after the intake screening, it is determined that a litigant is seeking assistance that is not related to a limited conservatorship matter, the person will be referred to the appropriate non-profit or other Self Help Workshop that may be able to assist. They will also be referred to the Alameda County Bar Association's lawyer referral service. Litigants who are not eligible for this project's services due to their income being above the limit will still be assisted by the court's Self Help Center. The Self Help Center cannot decline services based on income and assets.</p>
Court's Role	<p>The court will provide space at the Self Help Center in the Wiley Manuel Courthouse for the weekly workshops. The court will provide access to a copier. The court will also provide a room at the Berkeley Courthouse for the day of court assistance and access to a copier. The court has also provided LAS attorneys with the ability to access non-confidential court filings that could previously only be viewed on computers located at the courthouses. This allows LAS attorneys to review filed documents in order to assist litigants clear up any procedural issues. It is also extremely helpful when assisting the litigants with drafting their orders and the letters that must be filed after the order is granted. We are currently working with the courts to determine if we can obtain the same access for LAA volunteers.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Legal Services of Northern California			
Project Name	Yolo Consumer Clinic			
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	
2022	\$67,000.00	\$67,000		
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse	
TBD				
Project Abstract	<p>Legal Services of Northern California's Yolo County office (LSNC) and the Yolo County Superior Court propose to provide free legal assistance to low-income persons in consumer law cases at the Court's Self Help Center. Targeted at the 48,465 Yolo County residents living below 125 percent of the federal poverty level, the project will concentrate on consumer law because of the expected rise in consumer lawsuits stemming from the economic fallout caused by the pandemic. Low-income litigants with language, literacy, or technology barriers in this rural region need legal assistance in consumer cases because they have difficulty accessing the court and have been hardest hit by the economic crisis caused by the pandemic. 22.2 percent of the county's population speak only Spanish, 37.1 percent speak English less than "very well," and 15.9 percent lack basic literacy skills. 1,255 low-income persons reside in the rural regions with limited internet services. The project will be unique to the region.</p> <p>Two bilingual project attorneys, who will share a 51 percent full time equivalent position, will staff the project by providing twice-a-week private consultations in consumer law, weekly workshops covering consumer debt and the lawsuit process, and weekly mediation during the small claims court calendar, with a focus on pandemic rental debt cases. The project will assist with the anticipated unmet need for pro per legal assistance in consumer law cases, reduce court clerk time spent with self-represented litigants, promote judicial economy, and ensure that self-represented litigants have equal access to the court.</p>			
Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Yolo Superior Court		1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA	M 8:30-11 & 1:30-3:30-mediation/TTh 12:30-3:30-one-on-one appointments/F 8:30-12:30-workshops	62

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Managing Attorney	0.05	0.05
	Staff Attorney	0.51	0.51
	Lawyers Total	0.56	0.56
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		220	48	245
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		220	24	100
Document Preparation and Review		100	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance		0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		25	0	0
Other		52	0	0
Explain Other	<p>The above goals include mediation in 52 pandemic rental debt small claims cases, listed under "other." The goals for mediation are to ensure the parties reach a mutually acceptable resolution and to preserve judicial economy by diverting cases from the small claims trial calendar.</p> <p>The overall goals of one-on-one assistance and the alternating weekly workshops are to ensure that self-represented litigants in consumer cases related to the pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File the correct paperwork, understand the steps involved in their cases, and take less time for bench officers and clerks; • Better understand the legal system; • Are prepared to represent themselves in court; and • Achieve results consistent with the law and facts in their cases. 			

Community Engagement – Outreach	Project staff will provide flyers to court clerks describing the availability of services. Project staff will also distribute bilingual (English/Spanish) flyers at the kiosk at the Self-Help Center, at the law library, and at community-based organizations that serve the target population. LSNC staff also attends numerous meetings throughout the county with other service providers, where staff have the opportunity to share information about LSNC's services, including the project. Project staff will also attend outreach events, either remotely or in person, like the annual Yolo County Fraud Fair, Senior Resource Fairs, and farmworker outreach events, where staff are able to distribute flyers concerning the project.
Attorney-Client Relationship	Yes

Conflict of Interest Protocols	LSNC will establish an attorney-client relationship with participants who receive one-on-one services. LSNC-Yolo uses a secure, web-based case management system, Justice Server. Project staff will enter potential clients' names into Justice Server to check for conflicts before the potential client receives one-on-one services from the project. If a conflict arises, project staff will refer the conflicted-out person to the Sacramento County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service program and the Yolo County Bar Association web site, which lists attorneys by practice area. Project staff will also refer individuals for whom a conflict is identified to the Court's Self Help Center. It is expected that conflicts will be unusual because the Consumer Clinic will assist low-income litigants with consumer issues. Consumer lawsuits in Yolo County are usually filed by banks and debt buyers, all of whom are represented by counsel.
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Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>The project attorneys are ultimately responsible for screening potential project clients. LSNC deems litigants ineligible for services if they do not meet the indigency requirements outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 6213(d), if they need assistance in a subject matter that the Consumer Clinic does not cover, and/or if they do not meet residency requirements. The project's front office staff conduct an initial screening for eligibility for the one-on-one appointments and webinar participants. Potential clients and participants self-report income, assets, age, and whether or not they have a developmental disability, which is then noted on the intake or workshop sign-up sheet. LSNC uses Justice Server, a secure, web-based Salesforce platform, for capturing data and screening for eligibility. The project attorneys then review the intake information in Justice Server or the Google document sign in sheet to determine whether the potential client or participant is eligible for project services.</p> <p>Project staff will screen people referred for small claims mediation using either a sign in sheet through which participants self-report eligibility information at the courthouse or through a link via Zoom if the Court is not holding in person small claims trials in 2022.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>The project will provide any handouts generated by the project, including the handout on answering consumer debt lawsuits in Yolo County, to litigants who are not eligible for the project's services.</p> <p>Staff will also refer ineligible individuals to the Court's Self-Help Center, co-located with the project staff at the Courthouse site (when services are in person), to the Yolo County Bar Association's web site listing attorneys by practice area, and to the Sacramento County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service.</p>
Court's Role	<p>If the Court's Self-Help Center is open for in-person services by partner agencies in 2022, the Court will provide in-kind space in the workshop room for project services, in-kind security services, in-kind use of the copier and workshop room computers, general oversight of project staff while they are at the courthouse site, and an in-kind waiting area for project clients and participants. If the Court's Self Help Center is not open to partners in 2022, the Court will refer self-represented litigants to the project. The Court will also provide data, as needed and available, to the managing attorney for use in assessing the quality and impact of the project's services. In addition, the Court's Self-Help Center attorney will provide information about Court filings needed for evaluation of the project.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Neighborhood Legal Services		
Project Name	CHATSWORTH CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP GRANT		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$308,366.00	\$100,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>NLSLA proposes to continue partnership with Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) to maintain and enhance the Consumer Technology Project in its Chatsworth Consumer Clinic. The project leverages technology to develop online consumer debt services which will increase access to legal information and services for self-represented litigants with consumer matters and decrease the burden of travel time and costs for litigants. By leveraging technology to educate self-represented litigants about the legal processes related to consumer debt collection or relief, litigants are able to make an informed decision and begin initial steps before their an in-person appointment at the Center. NLSLA seeks funding to 1) develop additional online self-help resources for Consumer Debt matters, 2) continue the development of videos and remote workshops to educate litigants about an array of consumer legal matters, and 3) enhance the document assembly project's capacity to produce an Answer to a consumer lawsuit for a self-represented litigant. While the project proposes to continue remote services to litigants, NLSLA and LASC anticipate a phasing in of in-person services at the Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center located at the Chatsworth Courthouse in 2021.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Chatsworth Courthouse	9425 Penfield Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311	MTWTHF 8:00-4:00	155.5

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Attorney	2.08	1
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	2.08	1
Paralegals	Paralegal	1.13	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	1.13	0
Other		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	450	40	320

Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	0	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	450	40	80
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	250	0	0
Explain Other	NLSLA anticipates that 250 individuals will view the pre-recorded web based video.		

Community Engagement – Outreach	NLSLA will provide informational flyers to Court staff, Justice Partners and community-based organizations to inform community-members and partners of the assistance available through this project. Additionally, information about the services is listed on the Court website, NLSLA's website and other legal websites, like LAAC's CAlegaldvocates.org for example.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>This project aims to serve indigent, self-represented litigants in consumer matters. While over 90% of the litigants that use the Center are below the poverty line, NLSLA and LASC both recognize the need to serve all litigants regardless of income. Therefore, NLSLA will leverage County funds to serve litigants who are not indigent.</p> <p>To ensure that litigants served by this project are indigent, self-represented and have a consumer matter, the project will continue to require all litigants seeking assistance to complete a SHLAC intake form. The intake form is used by several SHLACs throughout LA County and includes a non-verified self-declaration of income level. In addition, all litigants will be interviewed by the Intake Paralegal to determine if they meet the subject- matter eligibility. If not, the individual will be given the appropriate referral.</p>
Alternative Services	The primary objective of the Chatsworth Consumer Center is, whenever feasible, to provide debtors with a continuum of services, which can be only achieved by appropriate referrals and collaboration. NLSLA has developed a list of legal referrals for a variety of consumer matters that are not provided through the Clinic. No referrals are made directly to individual private attorneys. Referrals may include other non-profit legal agencies and the bar association lawyer referral services. In addition, debtors often have non-legal needs. The Center also provides linkages to social services when appropriate.

Court's Role	<p>The Courthouse in Chatsworth houses this partnership grant project. Currently the space designed for self-help services is on the 3rd floor and meets all ADA requirements and City codes. In 2020, The Center moved to a bigger and reconfigured location to be able to provide services to more litigants.</p> <p>While the project currently operates remotely because of the Covid-19 pandemic, NLSLA and LASC anticipate a phasing in of in-person services in 2021. As the Center is located within the courthouse, security is provided by Los Angeles Superior Court and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Both the Court and NLSLA provide equipment for the Centers and NLSLA absorbs the cost of supplies. During both in person and remote operations, the court provides NLSLA staff with access to case files.</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Neighborhood Legal Services		
Project Name	PASADENA CONTINUUM OF SERVICES		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$130,104.00	\$105,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles, (NLSLA), is applying for funding to continue its partnership with Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) to provide self-help services to litigants served by the Pasadena Courthouse. The Pasadena Continuum of Services project will assist with Unlawful Detainer (UD) Answers and serve as a triage on cases that should be place on the continuum of services for the San Gabriel Valley. The legal process for UD's operates on tight deadlines prescribed by law and requires that self-help assistance be available so that self-represented litigants are able to promptly get the help they need and avoid losing any legal rights. As neither City nor County funding for legal assistance with UD's prioritized coverage of this area, the UD self-help services provided through this project will be essential for litigants in surrounding community.</p> <p>The Pasadena Continuum of Services project will allow NLSLA to continue to house a bilingual attorney to provide high quality, competent, and culturally sensitive services to Self-Represented Litigants in Unlawful Detainer matters. While the partners anticipate reestablishment of in-person operations in 2021, the project will continue to integrate remote operations into its service delivery model.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Pasadena	300 E Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101	MTWTHF 8:00-4:00	155.5

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Attorney	0.85	0.8
		0	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.85	0.8
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.05	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.05	0
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	1500	40	240
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	0	40	120
Document Preparation and Review	1500	40	120
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			

Community Engagement – Outreach	NLSLA will provide informational flyers to Court staff, Justice Partners and community-based organizations to inform community-members and partners of the assistance available through this project. Additionally, information about the services is listed on the Court website, NLSLA's website and other legal websites, like LAAC's CALegaladvocates.org for example.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>This project aims to serve indigent, self-represented litigants in housing matters. While over 90% of the litigants that use the Center are below the poverty line, NLSLA and LASC both recognize the need to serve all litigants regardless of income. Therefore, NLSLA will leverage County funds to serve litigants who are not indigent.</p> <p>To ensure that litigants served by this project are indigent, self-represented and have a housing matter, the project will continue to require all litigants seeking assistance to complete a SHLAC intake form. The intake form is used by several SHLACs throughout LA County and includes a non-verified self-declaration of income level. In addition, all litigants will be interviewed by the Intake Paralegal to determine if they meet the subject-matter eligibility. If not, the individual will be given the appropriate referral.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>NLSLA believes that a continuum of services can be achieved by appropriate referrals and collaboration. Tenants in need of legal advice and representation on their UD case will be referred to Stay Housed LA project, a partnership between the County of Los Angeles and local community and legal services providers that funds eviction defense services for County residents. Referrals are given by the Center to the Bar Association Lawyer Referral programs in accordance with NLSLA's policy. If a case falls within NLSLA's case acceptance guidelines, it may be appropriate for referral to NLSLA for legal representation.</p> <p>NLSLA has also developed a list of referrals for a variety of legal matters not covered at the Center such as bankruptcy and immigration matters. In addition, when an issue can be effectively addressed through non-legal resources, staff will refer litigants to social services programs as well.</p>

Court's Role	<p>While the project currently operates remotely, NLSLA and LASC anticipate a phasing in of in-person services in 2021. As the Center is located within the courthouse, security is provided by Los Angeles Superior Court and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In 2020, the Center underwent remodeling and space was redesigned to better integrate court services. Both the Court and NLSLA provide equipment for the Centers and NLSLA absorbs the cost of supplies. During both in person and remote operations, the court provides NLSLA staff with access to case files.</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Neighborhood Legal Services		
Project Name	STABILIZING FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP GRANT		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$127,587.00	\$102,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles (NLSLA) seeks funding to continue its partnership with Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) to support self-represented litigants in Probate Guardianship through its project "Stabilizing Families". The project supplements guardianship self-help services provided by Public Counsel at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse by allowing an NLSLA attorney to focus in the service areas of the Van Nuys and the Antelope Valley courthouses to assist self-represented litigants petitioning the Court for guardianship. The project will help litigants understand and navigate the complex processes and forms related to Probate Guardianship. In addition, the project aims to develop an array of tools and materials to educate the public on the issue of guardianship. This collaborative partnership will help self-represented litigants in Probate Guardianship achieve stability for their families. While the project proposes to continue remote services to litigants, NLSLA and LASC anticipate a phasing in of in-person services at the NLSLA Self-Help Legal Access Center located at the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse in 2021.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Michael Antonovich Courthouse	42011 4th St. West, Lancaster, CA	MTWTHF 8:30 - 4:30	75.5
Los Angeles Superior Court	Van Nuys Courthouse	6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401	MTWTHF 8:30 - 4:30	75.5

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Attorney	1.05	1
		0	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	1.05	1
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.05	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.05	0
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		500	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		500	24	100
Document Preparation and Review		150	18	50
Filing or Services Assistance		0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		50	0	0
Other		120	0	0
Explain Other	NLSLA anticipates that 120 litigants will view a pre-recorded web-based video that provides general information about guardianship.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	NLSLA will provide informational flyers to Court staff, Justice Partners and Community based organizations to inform them of the availability of the assistance at the Antelope Valley Courthouse and the Van Nuys Courthouse for self-represented litigants involved in Guardianship cases. Additionally, we will list the services on the Court website, and NLSLA website along with other legal websites like LAAC's CAlegaldvocates.org and other such resources.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>This project aims to serve indigent, self-represented litigants in probate guardianship matters. While over 90% of the litigants that use the Center are below the poverty line, NLSLA and LASC both recognize the need to serve all litigants regardless of income. Therefore, NLSLA will leverage County funds to serve litigants who are not indigent.</p> <p>To ensure that litigants served by this project are indigent and self-represented, the project will continue to require all litigants seeking assistance to complete a SHLAC intake form. The intake form is used by several SHLACs throughout LA County and includes a non-verified self-declaration of income level. In addition, all litigants will be interviewed by the Intake Paralegal to determine if they meet the subject- matter eligibility. If not, the individual will be given the appropriate referral.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>The primary objective of the NLSLA Self-Help Legal Access Center is, whenever feasible, to provide people access to direct legal representation through existing programs and providers in the Community. In addition, when an issue can be effectively addressed through other existing community resources, staff will refer litigants to these programs as well.</p> <p>NLSLA has developed a list of referrals for a variety of legal matters not covered at the Self- Help Center such as bankruptcy and immigration matters. When feasible, litigants are referred to NLSLA itself. Other referrals include other non-profit legal agencies and the bar association lawyer referral services. No referrals are made directly to individual private attorneys.</p>

Court's Role	<p>While the project currently operates remotely, NLSLA and LASC anticipate a phasing in of in-person services in 2021. As the Center is located within the courthouse, security is provided by Los Angeles Superior Court and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. In 2020, the Centers underwent remodels and spaces were redesigned to better integrate court services. Both the Court and NLSLA provide equipment for the Centers and NLSLA absorbs the cost of supplies. During both in person and remote operations, the court provides NLSLA staff with access to case files.</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Public Counsel		
Project Name	Guardianship Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$390,714.00	\$60,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>Established in 2001, Public Counsel's Pro Per Guardianship Clinic provides legal information, pro per assistance, and referrals to pro per litigants from throughout LA County who are seeking guardianships or other actions in the probate court. The Clinic assists over 1,900 individuals annually by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Information about guardianships and other probate issues; * Screening to ensure that the litigant's legal matter is appropriate for filing in probate court; * Access to comprehensive needs assessments to identify any additional issues, followed by appropriate referrals; * Assistance in preparing pleadings; and * User-friendly guides in English and Spanish to assist litigants with guardianship proceedings, including form pleadings, filing instructions, notice requirements, and advice on appearing in court. <p>The Clinic is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Downtown LA. All services are available in both English and Spanish. Services are provided by on-site staff attorneys and pro bono volunteers, including law students, trained by Public Counsel. More complex cases are handled in-house by a staff social worker, pro bono attorneys, and law students.</p> <p>Clinic staff work closely with the court to ensure our services meet litigants' needs. We communicate informally with the clerk's office on an almost weekly basis. We also try to meet with the presiding judge at least once per year.</p> <p>Our ultimate goal is to provide the litigants we serve with the tools they need to understand their case and to obtain the outcome they hope for.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Los Angeles Superior Court	Stanley Mosk Courthouse (Central District)	111 N Hill St, Los Angeles, CA 90012	Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:30 to 3:30 PM (We have provided services remotely since March 2020 and plan to continue to do so until it is safe to return to the Guardianship Clinic site in person.)	72 hours/month

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Directing Attorney	0.05	0
	Supervising Staff Attorney	1	0.19
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	1.05	0.19

Paralegals	Paralegal	1	0.2
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	1	0.2
Other	Social Worker	1	0.1
		0	0
	Other Total	1	0.1

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		0	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		0	0	0
Document Preparation and Review		1900	1	10
Filing or Services Assistance		0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	Public Counsel offers a comprehensive needs assessment to litigants who attend our Guardianship Clinic to ensure that children who need them receive access to physical and mental health care, special education, services for children with developmental disabilities, and financial support. In 2022, Public Counsel will help 50 children receive increased and/or new benefits, including Adoption Assistance Program, SSI, Medi-Cal, retroactive Foster Care, and Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) payments.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	Information about the Guardianship Clinic, including its hours and available services, is available on Public Counsel's website and lacourt.org. The Clinic's location and hours are also clearly marked in the Los Angeles Superior Court building. Additionally, the information desk at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse hands out Guardianship Clinic flyers. These flyers are posted on the door of our physical clinic as well as in the clerks' office and in the courtrooms hearing guardianship matters. We have circulated the flyers with partner agencies and have posted them to Public Counsel's social media accounts. These flyers have been updated to reflect Public Counsel's current remote services.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Public Counsel has established protocols for the Clinic in accordance with current IOLTA guidelines for financial eligibility. We ask that each litigant fill out an intake sheet, the first page of which asks for income information. When we review each intake sheet, we record whether or not the litigant meets the income eligibility guidelines.

<p>Alternative Services</p>	<p>We help pro per litigants who come to our Clinic prepare their guardianship forms. We also offer all litigants a comprehensive needs assessment, which helps us identify additional issues the litigant has, such as access to government benefits, special education advocacy, support groups, and nutrition. We plan to resume in-person services by 2022, but if we are unable to do so we will continue to work remotely. Litigants can contact us through our intake line, and we assist them on the phone. This is a time-intensive process.</p> <p>If a litigant needs help with an issue other than guardianship and it is one that Public Counsel can assist with, we refer the litigant in-house or to a pro bono attorney. Otherwise, we refer the litigant to another organization. We routinely refer litigants to the Family Law Resource Center, Maynard Toll Center of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and the Restraining Order Center, all of which are located in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. We refer litigants with conservatorship issues to Bet Tzedek.</p> <p>If a litigant asks for an attorney to represent them in their guardianship matter, depending on their income, we: 1) assess them for referral to a pro bono attorney; 2) refer them to other local public interest law firms, such as The Alliance for Children's Rights and Bet Tzedek, if they meet the IOLTA guidelines; or 3) refer them to the Los Angeles County Bar Association Referral Service if they do not meet the IOLTA guidelines.</p>
<p>Court's Role</p>	<p>The court is committed to continuing to support the Clinic by providing a centrally located space, equipment, and supplies necessary for the Clinic to operate. We are grateful to the court for offering these much-needed resources to the Clinic.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Public Law Center		
Project Name	DeFacto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$53,000.00	\$50,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The Orange County Superior Court sought a project partner to support adoptive parents in Juvenile Court proceedings, so the Court can use limited funds for contract attorneys for minor/parent representation. Without this project (and the complementary pro bono placement services PLC's Family Law Unit provides), de facto parents in Dependency Court termination of parental rights proceedings are at risk of becoming the only parties unrepresented by counsel. De facto parents often become adoptive parents and likewise could go through that process without counsel. PLC's DeFacto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project provides guidance and resources to unrepresented de facto parents and adoptive parents. Where appropriate, the Project also informs litigants about the benefits and options for finding pro bono counsel. When appropriate, participants will be referred out of the Project to PLC's Family Law Unit for placement with trained pro bono counsel.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Orange County Superior Court	Lamoreaux Justice Center	341 The City Drive S., Orange, CA	Tuesdays/8:30 to 12:30	16

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Supervising Attorney	0.1	0.1
	Staff Attorney	0.3	0.3
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.4	0.4
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.25	0.25
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.25	0.25
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	100	0	100

Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	100	0	100
Document Preparation and Review	100	0	100
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	0	0	0
Other	100	0	100
Explain Other	Preparation for referral to pro bono attorneys.		

Community Engagement – Outreach	PLC will publicize its services through existing outreach channels at the Courts, service centers, partner organizations, and at PLC's Santa Ana offices.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Parties are highly unlikely to be ineligible due to the Court's role in determining de facto status and referring litigants to our project. Due to restrictions of the Partnership Grant program, the project will only assist litigants up to the point of pro bono placement by our Family Law Unit. PLC will provide disclosures and additional information in an accessible manner.
Alternative Services	Parties are highly unlikely to be ineligible due to the Court's role in determining de facto status and referring litigants to our project. Due to restrictions of the Partnership Grant program, the project will only assist litigants up to the point of pro bono placement by our Family Law Unit.
Court's Role	The Court has agreed to provide basic space, supplies, and access necessary for PLC to implement this project. The Court has also agreed to continue to meet with PLC on a quarterly basis to identify ways the project can be improved. To inform self-represented litigants of the limitations on the scope of services provided, signs will be posted outside the courtroom set aside for the Project. The Orange County Superior Court website will also provide notice of the Project, including time, location and eligibility requirements.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Public Law Center		
Project Name	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$96,250.00	\$60,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
No			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>PLC's Guardianship Clinic offers self-represented parties pro bono assistance dealing with the legal process surrounding guardianship proceedings. It is held at the Orange County Superior Court Central Justice every Monday (except holidays), coinciding with the Superior Court's weekly calendar for guardianship hearings. Bilingual (English/Spanish) PLC staff and trained volunteers provide legal information and assist self-represented litigants in filling out court forms. Beginning in 2018, and with funding from the Partnership Fund, PLC expanded the long-running guardianship clinic to focus on the emerging needs of undocumented persons who seek to protect their minor U.S. citizen or LPR children. Previously, due to shared concerns with the Courts regarding possible ICE activities at Courthouses, select project services are provided at PLC's offices within walking distance from the Courthouse. PLC closely monitors changes to federal policy in this regard and works with the court to continue to inform and provide services to individuals virtually when needed.</p> <p>Attorney client relationships are not established. Any party requiring representation by a lawyer who are income eligible are referred internally for pro bono services to PLC. If income ineligible they are referred to the Orange County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service. PLC utilizes "Know Your Rights" presentations and materials for community leaders and members to publicize the Guardianship Clinic and ensure undocumented individuals feel comfortable seeking PLC's assistance.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Orange County Superior Court	Central Justice Center	700 Civic Center Drive W, Santa Ana CA	M/1pm -4pm	12-15

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Directing Attorney	0.15	0.1
	Supervising Attorney	0.15	0.1
	Staff Attorney	0.5	0.4
	Lawyers Total	0.8	0.6
Paralegals	Paralegal	0.5	0.25
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.5	0.25
Other		0	0
		0	0
	Other Total	0	0

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	900	45	450
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	900	45	450
Document Preparation and Review	900	45	450
Filing or Services Assistance	900	45	450
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	900	45	450
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			N/A

Community Engagement – Outreach	PLC will publicize its services through existing outreach channels at the Courts, service centers, partner organizations, and at PLC's Santa Ana offices. In addition, PLC will utilize the Know-You—Rights presentations to communicate the availability of services to litigants and the community.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	PLC will track litigants' financial eligibility. PLC will also screen for financial eligibility those petitioners who may be paired with pro bono attorneys. Should an over-income individual seek services at the clinic, she or he will not be served using Partnership Grant funds nor will they be included in Partnership Grant Fund reporting. Rather, they will be served using non-Partnership Grant Funds.
Alternative Services	Referrals are made primarily for legal issues not covered by the Guardianship Clinic and are directed toward Court-based assistance. During the previous grant periods, a small number of participants were abusive and/or combative such that they threatened the safety of other participants and staff. They were not assisted at the clinic and were provided forms and referrals to the self-help center (including the Probate Notes Workshop, if applicable) and the Lawyer Referral and Information Service. Additionally, a limited number of participants were referred out due to known legal conflicts.
Court's Role	The Court has agreed to provide basic space, supplies, and access necessary for PLC to implement this project. The Court has also agreed to continue to meet with PLC on a quarterly basis to identify ways the project can be improved. To inform self-represented litigants of the limitations on the scope of services provided, signs are posted outside the courtroom set aside for the Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic notifying users that the volunteer attorneys are present to help them with their paperwork and provide general legal information and will not establish an attorney-client relationship. The Orange County Superior Court website also provides notice of the Guardianship Clinics including time, location and eligibility requirements. Coordination and services will be conducted virtually as needed.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Riverside Legal Aid		
Project Name	small estates partnership		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$110,000.00	\$110,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>This project is called the Small Estates Assistance Project. It serves low income people involved in Estates of \$166,250, the Court guideline for which estates need probate because of their financial size. When there was no pandemic we held clinics at courthouses in Riverside County on certain designated dates and times. Paperwork was prepared and advice given when necessary. Additionally we staffed certain courts with one of our contract attorneys on designated dates as well and were available to give advice to litigants there. Additional one on one services were handled through the office doing an intake evaluation on all potential clients and if they qualified they would get legal advice and also paperwork prepared. All clients were financially evaluated. Since the pandemic the separate clinic dates have merged with other one on one services done remotely, mostly telephonically and also with the in court representation dates as the courthouse is no longer available to us for clinics. Court representation dates done remotely are on a schedule by Court and Subject matter Monday through Friday. All 3 Riverside County Courthouses have appearance dates for our attorney. Additionally, we did probate accounting classes at our office or at courthouse or library locations. Probate accounting classes are now one on one remote services as well. The current situation is projected to remain the same until RLA can reopen safely to members of the public. At that point in time it is possible that we will resume clinics and classes in our own office buildings. Remote clinics and classes will only reopen in the event we are able to get those spaces from courthouses or libraries or other locations as well. It is unknown if that will happen</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Riverside Superior Court	Temecula	41002 County Center Dr., Temecula, CA	2d and 3d Mondays	8
Riverside Superior Court	Palm Springs	3255E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA	1st and 3d Fridays 2d Tuesday 2d and 4th Friday	28
Riverside Superior Court	Riverside	4050 Main St. Riverside, CA 92501	1st and 4th Tuesday, 2d & 4th Thursday	16
Riverside Superior Court	Riverside	4050 Main St. Riverside, CA 92501	1st Monday, 1st Thursday, 3d Tuesday	12
Riverside Superior Court	Riverside	4050 Main St. Riverside, CA 92501	1st and 3rd Wednesday	8

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	executive director	0.1	0.1
	clinic lawyers	0.13	0.13

		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.23	0.23
Paralegals	paralegals	1.25	1.25
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	1.25	1.25
Other	data entry clerk	0.1	0.1
		0	0
	Other Total	0.1	0.1

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options	250	12	100
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	250	12	100
Document Preparation and Review	100	12	100
Filing or Services Assistance	0	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	30	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other			none

Community Engagement – Outreach	The service is promoted on RLA and Court websites and on flyers distributed in the self help center, in probate courtrooms, RLA office, law libraries, Public Administrators Office, Court Probate Clerk's office and offices of other legal services providers. Since Covid individual clients are being sent to us by Courts (Judges). All the relevant courts have all our phone numbers to call for service and sometimes they are given separately from the flyers in courtrooms as well.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	All screening is currently done telephonically by paralegals. All paralegals are familiar with the IOLTA 125% guidelines and any paralegal may take an intake call. Only the IOLTA standard is used.
Alternative Services	There are no other legal aid organizations in this area that do this type of work. Non eligible litigants are referred to the Riverside County Bar Association lawyer referral service. Also referrals to self help and the Riverside Law Library are made.
Court's Role	At this time all the clinics are on Webex that is provided by the court. Prior to Covid there were conference rooms provided in all 3 courthouses for clinics for our clients. It is unknown if that will continue post pandemic.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program		
Project Name	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$199,058.00	\$130,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The Central Division Restraining Order Clinic (CDROC) is a collaboration between San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc. (SDVLP) and the San Diego Superior Court (Court) to assist domestic violence victims and victims of elder or dependent adult abuse in obtaining legal protection and referrals for legal and social services providers. The CDROC provides one-on-one assistance to victims of abuse whereby staff or volunteer attorneys prepare Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse or Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Order (DVRO) applications, which victims file in pro per. Assistance for victims will be provided in-person and remotely. The days and hours of operation of the CDROC are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a specific number of hours per week dedicated to in-person and remote services, and intake.</p> <p>In addition to one-on-one legal assistance, the CDROC will hold virtual legal workshops and cover topics such as how to interact with the Court, and what constitutes service. While hearings are remote, these workshops will also provide information on best practices to attend hearings virtually. Further, the CDROC will develop and hold virtual legal workshops for SRLs on presenting evidence.</p> <p>Lastly, the CDROC will create two to five short, informational videos on topics related to domestic violence, such as safety planning, and the intersection between immigration and domestic violence, etc. The links to the videos will be distributed to clients.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Superior Court of CA - County of San Diego	Central	1100 Union Street, San Diego, CA 92101	Operational Hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (mix of in-person and remote)	Minimum of 70 hours/month in-person

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	CEO 0.03, Supervising Atty 0.08	0.11	0
	Staff Attorney	1	0.9
	Pro Bono Mgr & Suprvsng Atty	0.05	0
	Lawyers Total	1.16	0.9
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	Legal Admin Assistant 1.05	1.05	0.9

	Admin: PB Adm Cord 0.05, Sr Mgr 0.05 Op Admin 0.08, Acct 0.05	0.23	0
	Other Total	1.28	0.9

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		1200	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		1200	30	100
Document Preparation and Review		1200	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance		1200	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		0	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	Create two to five informational videos and distribute video links to clients, in English and Spanish, on topics related to domestic violence or elder/dependent adult abuse.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	SDVLP's CDROC has been in operation in downtown San Diego since 1989. Litigants who come to the courthouse seeking assistance with a DVRO are directed to the CDROC clinic. Law enforcement routinely refer victims to the CDROC, as do other DV service providers and social service agencies. Detailed information regarding these services is posted on our website, with other social service providers (such as 211), and on the CDROC flyer. The clinic information is also listed on the self-help services section of the San Diego Superior Court's website.
Attorney-Client Relationship	Yes

Conflict of Interest Protocols	<p>The CDROC establishes an attorney-client relationship with its clients. A conflict check on each potential litigant is performed prior to providing legal advice. The CDROC has direct, on-line access to SDVLP's database for conflict check purposes.</p> <p>SDVLP has an agreement with the Court and the Court's Family Law Facilitator (FLF) wherein those with conflicts are referred to the FLF and such litigants receive priority access to the FLF. The FLF's office is located on the same floor as the CDROC, and does not inconvenience the litigant requesting assistance. SDVLP provides a referral slip to the requesting party, so that the FLF is aware of the source and reason for the referral.</p>
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Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>SDVLP adopted the State Bar of California's Income Guidelines for Pro Bono Programs and applies this criteria program-wide in determining an applicant's eligibility for services. Applicants are required to complete a brief initial intake form which collects the basic information necessary for clinic staff to determine if there is a conflict. After a determination that there is no conflict, applicants complete an application for legal services which documents the amount and source of their gross monthly income and other basic demographic information. In certain exigent situations in which the applicant requires immediate assistance, SDVLP will waive the financial eligibility test. In instances where there is not an emergency, applicants who do not fall within these financial eligibility guidelines will be given relevant legal educational materials, referrals to the FLF or referrals to the local bar association lawyer referral service.</p> <p>Applicants are screened to ensure that the subject matter falls within the statutory guidelines for DVROs (or other type of restraining order). Intake personnel are trained on screening. Eligible clients who qualify for a DVRO, but are in the wrong venue, will still be assisted in the preparation of the necessary documents, as statutorily, a DVRO may be filed at any courthouse, regardless of venue.</p> <p>Finally, SDVLP does not assist individuals who already have an attorney of record. These individuals will be referred to their attorneys for assistance.</p>
Alternative Services	<p>When the CDROC recognizes that the litigant is not eligible for CDROC services, the CDROC makes referrals to the proper legal services provider. The list is long and is dependent upon the applicant's legal needs. Common legal provider referrals include the FLF, Family Justice Center, San Diego County Law Library, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, ABA Immigration Justice Project, Access, Inc., Casa Cornelia Law Center, Catholic Charities of San Diego, Employee Rights Center, Immigration Center for Women and Children, International Rescue Committee, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, the University of San Diego School of Law's Legal Clinics or to the San Diego County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service.</p> <p>When the CDROC refers litigants who are not eligible for CDROC services to human and social services agencies, the referrals again vary depending upon the litigant's needs. The CDROC frequently makes referrals to other agencies that assist survivors of domestic violence such as the YWCA of San Diego County, South Bay Community Services, Jewish Family Service (Project Sarah), Southern Indian Health Council, License to Freedom, and the LGBTQ Community Center.</p> <p>In 2020, the CDROC created a safety planning resource which includes referrals to the San Diego Family Justice Center, 2-1-1 San Diego, 911, San Diego County's 24 Hour DV Hotline, Center for Community Solutions, Women's Resource Center, Community Resource Center, and Crisis House. This resource is provided to all litigants applying for CDROC services.</p>
Court's Role	<p>The Court provides office space, signage, security, and utilities at the CDROC. The court also utilizes the CDROC as the primary legal resource for DVRO litigants.</p>

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation		
Project Name	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$115,000.00	\$115,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			
Project Abstract	<p>The goal of the Rental Clinic is to provide necessary legal information and assistance to indigent residents faced with housing problems in order to increase access to justice and prevent homelessness whenever possible. The clinic will provide telephone, videoconference and walk-in information and assistance to eligible self-represented tenants and landlords on the eviction process, types of notices required, unlawful detainer complaints, summons, responses, fee waivers, requests for trial, timeline of unlawful detainer cases, defenses, and security deposits. The target constituency is low-income self-represented landlords and tenants. The Clinic will be operated five days per week in both county courthouses (San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles) with time set aside for preparation, follow-up, meetings and community outreach. The Clinic will be stationed at the courthouse, as soon as the Court opens to the public. Subject to its COVID policies and procedures, the Court will provide convenient, accessible space for the clinic within each courthouse as well as telephone and Wi-Fi access. The Court will also provide referrals to the clinic and will meet with SLOLAF staff quarterly to provide feedback, discuss any concerns, assess whether the clinic is meeting short-term and long-term goals, project challenges, and make recommendations regarding logistics, staffing, and opportunities for additional future funding. The Clinic seeks to provide a holistic approach to housing and will offer other community resources and referrals, housing applications and information beyond just legal information.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	1050 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93408	Mon, Wed, Thurs 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00	72 hours/month
San Luis Obispo	Paso Robles	901 Park St., Paso Robles, CA 93446	Tues 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, Fri 9:00-12:00	40 hours/month

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Legal Director	0.15	0.15
	Staff Attorney	0.04	0.04
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.19	0.19
Paralegals	Clinic Coordinator	0.99	0.99
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.99	0.99
Other	Legal Assistant	0.02	0.02
	Executive Director	0.02	0.02
	Other Total	0.04	0.04

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		700	0	0
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		400	0	0
Document Preparation and Review		300	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance		300	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		50	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		200	0	0
Other		500	0	0
Explain Other	"Other" identified above includes referrals and resources provided to ineligible individuals who are not indigent and therefore cannot receive direct assistance but can still receive referrals and resources from the Clinic. "Other" also includes informational materials and referrals to wrap-around services for indigent participants who are served by the Clinic but need information about subsidized housing or government benefits or other referrals and resources that will help them remain housed.			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>SLOLAF will develop a flyer in English and Spanish to promote the clinic. The flyer will include dates, times and locations of the clinic, a phone number to call for more information, briefly summarize the services available and eligibility. The flyer will also notify the consumer that legal assistance is provide but not legal representation. SLOLAF will update its web site to include information about the clinic. SLOLAF's programs are listed throughout the County on United Way's 211 web site and phone hotline, in senior centers around the County, on the San Luis Obispo County Bar Association's web site and on the Court's Legal Resource List that is widely distributed. The only other legal aid provider in the County, CRLA, will refer to the clinic. The Court staff will refer to the clinic.</p> <p>SLOLAF also regularly conducts community education and participates in outreach events and community fairs around the County and will be able to offer information about the Rental Clinic at these community events. SLOLAF participates in regular meetings with community housing service providers and other agencies that serve those in need (e.g., Department of Social Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Commission on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Meals on Wheels, local hospital staff, the Sheriff's Office) and will be able to share information about the rental clinic at those meetings. SLOLAF intends to send the Clinic Coordinator to community meetings such as the Court Community Partners Self-Represented Litigants meeting so that information can be shared and appropriate referrals can be made.</p>
	Attorney-Client Relationship
No	
Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A

Income Eligibility Guidelines	The only eligibility requirements for services would be: (1) self-represented; (2) San Luis Obispo County resident; and (3) indigent under State Bar guidelines. Whether the participant meets these criteria will be determined when they check in and fill out the intake questionnaire. When participants are helped via phone or Zoom, the clinic Coordinator will complete the intake. If they are not eligible, they will be provided resources and referrals but not assistance. Eligibility guidelines will also be provided on SLOLAF's web site, the Legal Resources List, the Court's web site and promotional materials.
Alternative Services	Many resources will be available for litigants who are not eligible for direct services including: a tenant's unlawful detainer packet providing instructions, sample answer and fee waiver and sample form interrogatories, a landlord's packet on filing an unlawful detainer, including instructions, a sample 3-day, 30-day and 60-day notice, sample complaint and fee waiver forms, preparing for trial, what to expect at trial, settlement information, help finding housing information, help getting your security deposit back, Legal Resource List, and a list of private attorneys who take housing cases as well as Lawyer Referral & Information Services information.
Court's Role	The Court will provide space for the Clinic at both its San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles courthouses. If available, the Court will provide internet access for two desktop computers that will be made available to participants at each location. If internet access is not available through the Court, SLOLAF will provide it.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center		
Project Name	Consumer Debt Clinic		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$60,000.00	\$60,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
Yes			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>The Consumer Law Practice of Santa Clara Law's Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center (KGACLC) provides free legal services at the Santa Clara County Superior Court Self-Help Center. The goal of the Consumer Clinic is to promote greater economic security for low-income individuals and communities by providing 1) assistance for self-represented debt collection defense litigants; 2) educational information on rights and responsibilities; and 3) legal advice to individuals who require assistance for problems that have already arisen in consumer transactions.</p> <p>The Consumer Debt Clinic is directed by an experienced KGACLC attorney who trains and supervises law student interns and volunteer attorneys. In addition to one-on-one self-represented litigant assistance, the Consumer Debt Clinic provides information regarding alternatives to litigation, community resources, and other legal services that may be available in the community. KGACLC is the only non-profit law office in the area with an attorney dedicated to consumer law issues.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Santa Clara County Superior Court	Self- Help Center	201 N First Street, San Jose CA 95113	Wednesday/11:30am	14

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Supervising Attorney for the Consumer Practice Area	0.2	0.2
		0	0
		0	0
	Lawyers Total	0.2	0.2
Paralegals	Paralegal to Consumer Practice Area	0.15	0.15
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0.15	0.15
Other	Administrative Director	0.45	0.45
		0	0
	Other Total	0.45	0.45

Goals and Objectives			
	Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities

Information on Legal Options	175	2	30
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation	175	0	0
Document Preparation and Review	125	0	0
Filing or Services Assistance	50	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services	0	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance	25	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Explain Other	Following health and safety guidelines provided by the County of Santa Clara's "shelter in place" orders and Governor Newsom's executive order, the Santa Clara County Superior Court has limited on-site courthouse functions to essential services. Thus, the Law Center partners with the Self-Help Center to offer, advertise, and refer low-income litigants to the "remote" Consumer Debt Clinic and the educational workshops. Once orders are lifted, the Consumer Debt Clinic will resume in-person, on-site services at the Court's Self-Help Center.		

Community Engagement – Outreach	Over five-thousand (5,000) debt collection cases are filed each year at the Santa Clara County Superior Court (in the pre-COVID environment). KGACLC communicates the availability of the on-site Consumer Debt Clinic and receives referrals directly from the Courthouse. We also communicate Consumer Debt Clinic hours through the Court's Self-Help Center and are currently listed as a provider of Consumer Protection legal services on their referral materials. KGACLC conducts outreach to community-based and legal services organizations in Santa Clara County to make them aware of the Consumer Clinic and partnership with the Self-Help Center. KGACLC periodically distributes flyer via hardcopy at community events and via email to legal services providers and community based organizations.
Attorney-Client Relationship	No

Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	Consumers visiting the Consumer Debt Clinic are required to fill out an intake sheet. All consumers, regardless of income, will be able to view our videos, take our written materials, and have simple answers reviewed. Additional services, such as one-on-one advice and assistance with more complex pleadings, will be limited to those who establish that they meet the criteria set forth in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §6213(d). Over-income individuals will receive information about the County Bar's Lawyer Referral Service and, as appropriate, additional referral information.
Alternative Services	All consumers, regardless of income, will be able to view our videos, take our written materials, and have simple answers reviewed. Over-income individuals will receive information about the County Bar's Lawyer Referral Service and, as appropriate, additional referral information. Litigants complete an Intake Form and Consumer Advice Clinic Disclosure Statement that explains the scope of services. Litigants are informed that KGACLC is providing on-site legal information, advice, and assistance with completing forms (no continuation of service beyond the on-site assistance).

Court's Role	<p>The Court provides space for the Consumer Debt Clinic - including a large common area with multiple work stations, as well as, access to several smaller offices for litigant meetings. In addition, the Court allows KGACLC to use the on-site computers and copiers. The Court ensures the space is open and ready for Clinic use each Wednesday.</p> <p>Court personnel also advise self-represented litigants and consumers of the Consumer Debt Clinic location, days, times, and available services.</p>
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**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
PROJECT PROFILE**

Organization Name	Senior Citizens Legal Services		
Project Name	Indigent Landlord/Tenant Services and Mediation		
Grant Year	Total Budget	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
2022	\$120,000.00	\$108,000	
Currently Funded Partnership Grant	Court Letter(s) on File	Memorandum of Understanding(s) Reviewed	All Services at Courthouse
No			Pending
Project Abstract	<p>The goal of this innovative partnership project is to keep people safely housed by educating both sides in housing disputes and promoting mediation prior to unlawful detainer ("UD") hearings. Senior Citizens Legal Services ("SCLS") will partner with the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County ("Court") and contract with the Conflict Resolution Center ("CRC"). A full-time attorney will be hired to provide in-person, in pro per services to indigent tenants and landlords at the Santa Cruz County Law Library Monday-Friday 8-12, and at SCLS Monday-Thursday 1-4:30. Friday afternoons grant administrative duties will be conducted. A part time court mediation manager will be hired by CRC to oversee up to 10 pre and post filing UD mediations each month, at a location designated by CRC or via zoom, and day of court mediation at the Court's UD calendar two mornings a week. These new legal housing services will be promoted via e-mail to all non-profit, government and legal organizations in the two county jurisdiction and to the general public through media outlets and social media.</p> <p>The target population for these new services are indigent landlords and tenants from across Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. Both Santa Cruz Superior Court and SCLS already have existing partnerships with the County of San Benito, thus, except for day of court mediation, San Benito County residents will be eligible for most of these new services. All our customers will share two characteristics: they are concerned about housing and are unable to retain private representation.</p>		

Court Name	Branch (If Applicable)	Address	On-Site Days/Hours	Total Hours/Month
Superior Court of Santa Cruz	Law Library	701 Ocean Avenue, Room 070, Santa Cruz, CA	M-F 8-12	80/month
Senior Citizens Legal Services		501 Soquel Avenue, Suite F, Santa Cruz, CA	M-Th 1-4:30	56/month

Personnel Categories	Project Staff	Total Project FTEs	PG Share of FTEs
Lawyers	Housing Law Attorney	1	1
	Lawyers Total	1	1
Paralegals		0	0
		0	0
	Paralegals Total	0	0
Other	Mediation Manager	0.38	0.38
	CRC & SCLS ED supervision	0.2	0.2
	Other Total	0.58	0.58

Goals and Objectives				
		Number of Individual Services	Number of Workshops	Individuals to be Served at Workshops/Group Activities
Information on Legal Options		300	24	120
Information on Court Procedures and Hearing Preparation		150	24	120
Document Preparation and Review		150	24	120
Filing or Services Assistance		100	0	0
Supervised Settlement Services		200	0	0
Post-hearing Assistance		100	0	0
Other		0	0	0
Explain Other	<p>The partnership project has four basic goals:</p> <p>Goal 1: Expand service capacity for Superior Court of Santa Cruz's unlawful detainer calendar and in pro per housing related services in the two county jurisdiction.</p> <p>Goal 2: Provide earlier access to mediation as an alternative to the standard unlawful detainer docket.</p> <p>Goal 3: Preserve Court resources by having properly prepared self-represented litigants, particularly with properly prepared documents, correct venue, service, and adequate courtroom presentation.</p> <p>Goal 4: Increase project participant satisfaction with the partnership project services compared with other standard services provided that are not part of the project.</p> <p>The quantified deliverables are presented here as project objectives:</p> <p>Objective 1A: To provide 312-416 hours per year (roughly 35 hours per month) of professional mediation assistance for the unlawful detainer court docket.</p> <p>Objective 1B: To complete mediation as an alternative to standard housing court docket for up to 10 cases per month, which is 120 cases annually.</p> <p>Objective 1C: To provide 1,040 hours per year (roughly 87 hours per month) of attorney assistance for in pro per housing law services at the Court's Law Library.</p> <p>Objective 1D: To provide 728 hours per year (roughly 60 hours per month) of attorney assistance for in pro per housing law services for Senior Citizens Legal Services.</p> <p>These realistic goals and measurable objectives will be met through the combined commitment and leadership of the Court, Senior Citizens Legal Services, the Conflict Resolution Center and oversight through the state.</p>			

Community Engagement – Outreach	<p>These new legal housing services will be promoted via our mail chimp list serv email to all non-profit, government and legal organizations in the two county jurisdiction. Print and social media outreach and community outreach will be initiated prior to and during the partnership project. It is anticipated that the marketing of these important new services will lead to potential housing problems being caught significantly "upstream" leading to more people remaining safely housed.</p> <p>Providing landlords and tenants information in housing matters and helping both sides understand their legal rights can pave way for resolution of housing disputes. Properly marketing this important new service will encourage individuals at risk of losing their housing to address potential problems earlier. Additionally, economic security is paramount to housing security, as the majority of evictions are based on non-payment of rent. Economic security is often related to understanding one's legal rights and ensuring continuation of public benefits.</p> <p>We anticipate a large wave of housing cases to come when the eviction moratoriums are eventually lifted and the economic impact of COVID-19 has not yet abated. Being ready and able to meet and triage community needs will be something our project attorney and every project partner will face. Working collaboratively and properly staying connected through consistent outreach will allow us to be more effective in our response rather than working in isolation.</p>
Attorney-Client Relationship	No
Conflict of Interest Protocols	N/A
Income Eligibility Guidelines	<p>Services are targeted for only indigent individuals under this partnership project. The Court is responsible for review and documentation of indigent status at the Law Library, while SCLS is responsible for the same at SCLS. To determine initial eligibility, the project attorney will use an already established intake form that includes the Self Help Center's screening questions. Additional questions about income have been added specifically to this form.</p> <p>At the Courthouse, the Law Librarian will generally be available to screen the individual and direct the person to the project attorney. If the individual is over income, they will be assisted using other available resources. Similarly at SCLS the receptionist will complete the initial intakes using the SCLS screening form, which already includes income information and then determine whether to send the individual to the project attorney, or to other SCLS staff.</p> <p>From a practical stand point, historically, the Self Help Center has not seen income restriction be a problem. The Court's Self Help Center and SCLS had one previous partnership grant which began in 2008 and had similar income restrictions for conservatorship cases. Very few customers presented above income and virtually every customer was grateful for the legal assistance they received whether from the project staff or other Self Help Center staff. It is likewise expected that the Self Help Center and SCLS will have very few inquiries from housing law customers who are over resource limits and fortunately adequate alternative resources are available for those who are above income.</p>

Alternative Services	<p>Fortunately, both the Court's Self Help Center, the Law Library and SCLS do have means to serve over income individuals or over income seniors in the case of SCLS. So, if any consumer is over income they will simply be referred to the court-employed staff at the Self Help Center or the Law Library, or to other qualified staff at SCLS if over 60. At SCLS, a landlord or tenant who is younger than 60 and over income will be referred back to the Self Help Center or Law Library. Additional referrals may be made to the County's Lawyer Referral Service, or the Watsonville Law Center or CRLA, if required. The project attorney can also show the over-income consumer how to locate the court forms online while providing other referrals and explaining that services from the partnership project will not be available.</p>
Court's Role	<p>Customers will benefit from access to the wealth of resources already offered at the Santa Cruz Law Library. Six large tables, computers, copiers, internet services and other routine supplies will all be provided. These public computers are linked to the California Court's On-line Self Help center, have access to Nolo Press books and will include programs to prepare required judicial council forms. Security at the court-site is handled by court staff and by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff.</p> <p>The project attorney could be considered a 'quasi-court' employee and will be equipped with a Microsoft Surface Pro 7 laptop and zoom license. Project funds will be used to purchase the laptop and license. The laptop will be linked to the Courthouse Odyssey internal case database which proves invaluable in helping staff understand what services customers may need for already existing UD matters. The laptop will also be used in responding to email and phone calls from landlords and tenants from both Santa Cruz and San Benito counties and to spread the reach of our services through zoom based workshops. In-kind service through personnel, space use and other Partnership Project collaboration, from the Court, and from the Conflict Resolution Center, and community based partners, will assure the successful implementation of the project. Indeed, SCLS will also be donating to the Partnership a dedicated office space, with computer, printer and all necessary tools for the pro per services offered at SCLS.</p>

Partnership Grant Funding History (2016-Current)

Note: Since SmartSimple was implemented in 2016, prior funding history information is unavailable.

Color Key:	Pending 2022 projects
	Currently funded projects
	Previously funded projects

Organization Name	Project Name	County(ies)	Grant Year	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Notes
Bay Area Legal Aid	Small Claims Assistance & Mediation Project	Napa	2016	\$ 35,000	\$ 25,000	Took over Lega Aid of Napa's PG project
Bay Area Legal Aid	Contra Costa County Housing Law Clinic	Contra Costa	2016	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	Funding issues - reduced Court budget
Bay Area Legal Aid	San Mateo County Consumer Debt Clinic	San Mateo	2016	\$ 60,000	\$ 42,000	Was not funded for 2020 PG funding
Bay Area Legal Aid	San Mateo County Consumer Clinic	San Mateo	2017	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Bay Area Legal Aid	San Mateo County Consumer Clinic	San Mateo	2018	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	
Bay Area Legal Aid	San Mateo County Consumer Debt Clinic	San Mateo	2019	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult Restraining Order Clinic	Los Angeles	2017	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	5 years of Partnership Grant funding
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult Restraining Order Clinic	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult Restraining Order Clinic	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult Restraining Order Clinic	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Self-Help Elder and Dependent Adult Restraining Order Clinic	Los Angeles	2021	\$ 80,000	\$ 78,491	
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 150,000	-	New Project
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Decedent's Estate Self-Help Clinic	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 12,000	-	New Project
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Streamlining Court-Based Clinics	Los Angeles	2016	\$ 75,000	\$ 60,000	
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic for SelfRepresented Litigants	San Luis Obispo	2016	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic for SelfRepresented Litigants	San Luis Obispo	2017	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic for SelfRepresented Litigants	San Luis Obispo	2018	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic for SelfRepresented Litigants	San Luis Obispo	2019	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	San Joaquin Housing Helpline Court Clinic Partnership	San Joaquin	2022	137000	-	New Project
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	2016	\$ 57,320	\$ 25,000	5+ years of Partnership Grant funding
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	2017	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	2018	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	2019	\$ 80,000	\$ 70,000	
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	2020	\$ 70,533	\$ 70,000	
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	2021	\$ 73,000	\$ 58,868	
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	Fresno	2022	\$ 65,000	-	
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	2016	\$ 74,825	\$ 50,000	5+ years of Partnership Grant funding
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	2017	\$ 62,000	\$ 41,000	
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	2018	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	2019	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	2020	\$ 71,042	\$ 71,000	
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	2021	\$ 71,000	\$ 68,680	
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	Fresno	2022	\$ 72,000	-	
Central California Legal Services	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop	Tulare	2020	\$ 69,443	\$ 70,000	
Central California Legal Services	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop	Tulare	2021	\$ 70,000	\$ 68,680	
Central California Legal Services	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop	Tulare	2022	\$ 75,000	-	
Central California Legal Services	CCLS EAP Shriver Project		2018	\$ 115,959	\$ 54,229	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Compton Self-Help Economic Expansion Project	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 92,000	-	New Project
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Consumer Debt Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 60,789	\$ 35,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Consumer Debt Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 36,975	\$ 37,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Orange	2016	\$ 57,397	\$ 55,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Orange	2017	\$ 51,858	\$ 50,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop - NJC	Orange	2018	\$ 49,000	\$ 49,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshops - Norwalk Court	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Norwalk Courthouse	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 60,789	\$ 60,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Norwalk Superior Courthouse	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 59,271	\$ 29,500	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Norwalk Superior Courthouse	Los Angeles	2021	\$ 70,000	\$ 68,680	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop - Norwalk Courthous	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 66,000	-	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop at Orange County Central Justice Center	Orange	2019	\$ 66,033	\$ 66,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Community Court Clinic	Orange	2020	\$ 29,379	\$ 29,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Community Court	Orange	2021	\$ 35,000	\$ 34,340	

Partnership Grant Funding History (2016-Current)

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Color Key:	Pending 2022 projects
	Currently funded projects
	Previously funded projects

Organization Name	Project Name	County(ies)	Grant Year	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Notes
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop	Orange	2020	\$ 47,988	\$ 48,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop	Orange	2021	\$ 23,000	\$ 22,566	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop/Clinic	Orange	2022	\$ 29,000	-	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Limited Conservatorship Clinic	Orange	2016	\$ 27,941	\$ 25,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Estate Accounting Workshop & Clinic	Orange	2017	\$ 38,001	\$ 38,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Estate Accounting Workshop & Clinic	Orange	2018	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Consumer Debt Workshop	Los Angeles	2016	\$ 67,565	\$ 55,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Consumer Debt Workshop	Los Angeles	2017	\$ 41,571	\$ 41,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Consumer Debt Workshop	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Consumer Debt Workshop at Central Justice Center	Orange	2019	\$ 47,260	\$ 47,000	
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	San Mateo County Unlawful Detainer Mandatory Settlement Conference	San Mateo	2016	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	Discontinued in 2018
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	San Mateo County Unlawful Detainer Mandatory Settlement Conference	San Mateo	2017	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	San Mateo County Unlawful Detainer Mandatory Settlement Conference	San Mateo	2018	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
East Bay Community Law Center	Holistic Legal Assistance Project	Alameda	2016	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	Discontinued in 2016
East Bay Community Law Center	Free Legal Assistance Self Help (FLASH) Clinic	Alameda	2017	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	Discontinued in 2018
East Bay Community Law Center	Free Legal Assistance Self-Help (FLASH) Clinic	Alameda	2018	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
East Bay Community Law Center	Traffic Flash Clinic	Alameda	2019	\$ 80,000	\$ 60,000	Discontinued in 2019
East Bay Community Law Center	Traffic Flash Clinic	Alameda	2020	\$ 50,000	\$ 44,000	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Imperial	2016	\$ 80,000	\$ 65,000	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer/Elder Abuse Restraining Order Clinic	Imperial	2017	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer/Elder Abuse Restraining Order Clinic	Imperial	2018	\$ 68,800	\$ 68,000	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer/Elder Abuse Restraining Order Clinic	Imperial	2019	\$ 69,000	\$ 68,000	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Imperial	2020	\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Imperial	2021	\$ 71,000	\$ 69,661	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Imperial	2022	\$ 74,000	-	5+ years of Partnership Grant funding
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	2016	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	2017	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	2018	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	2019	\$ 25,000	\$ 23,000	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	2020	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	2021	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,528	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per Project	Alameda	2022	\$ 25,000	-	5+ years of Partnership Grant funding
Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance	Partnership Shriver Grant	Kern	2018	\$ 103,000	\$ 103,000	Discontinued in 2020
Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance	Partnership Shriver Grant	Kern	2019	\$ 103,000	\$ 103,000	
Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance	Partnership Shriver Grant	Kern	2020	\$ 103,000	\$ 96,000	
Housing and Economic Rights Advocates	Probate Clinic- San Mateo County	San Mateo	2021	\$ 42,000	\$ 41,208	New project for 2021
Housing and Economic Rights Advocates	Probate Clinic- San Joaquin County	San Joaquin	2020	\$ 121,112	\$ 120,000	
Inland Counties Legal Services	Consumer Rights Clinic	San Bernardino	2021	\$ 95,000	\$ 92,227	New project for 2021
Inland Counties Legal Services	Consumer Rights Clinic	San Bernardino	2022	\$ 95,000	-	
Inland Counties Legal Services	Family Law Self-Help Clinics (Talleres de derechos legales de familia)	Riverside	2017	\$ 90,475	\$ 82,000	Discontinued in 2018
Inland Counties Legal Services	Family Law Self-Help Clinics / Talleres de derechos legales de familia	Riverside	2018	\$ 89,999	\$ 82,000	
Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Inc.	Small Claims Advocacy and Awareness Project (SCAAP)	Riverside, San Bernardino	2016	\$ 35,000	\$ 20,000	Discontinued in 2016
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	Family Law Assisted Self Help/Case Resolution (FLASH/CARE)	San Francisco	2016	\$ 65,000	\$ 20,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	FLASH-CARE	San Francisco	2017	\$ 65,000	\$ 63,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	FLASH-CARE	San Francisco	2018	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	FLASH-CARE	San Francisco	2019	\$ 66,057	\$ 50,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	FLASH-CARE	San Francisco	2020	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	FLASH-Care	San Francisco	2021	\$ 60,000	\$ 39,246	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	SASH Self Help	San Francisco	2018	\$ 108,959	\$ 103,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	Shriver - SASH Self-Help	San Francisco	2019	\$ 105,708	\$ 80,000	

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Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	Shriver - SASH Self-Help	San Francisco	2020	\$ 110,000	\$ 70,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	SASH Self Help	San Francisco	2021	\$ 74,000	\$ 72,604	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	Shriver - SASH Self-Help	San Francisco	2022	\$ 71,000	-	
LACBA Counsel for Justice	Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 90,370	\$ 90,000	
LACBA Counsel for Justice	Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 91,196	\$ 91,000	
LACBA Counsel for Justice	LACBA Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	Los Angeles	2021	\$ 97,000	\$ 89,284	
LACBA Counsel for Justice	LACBA-Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 99,000	-	
Legal Access Alameda	Alameda County Family Law Day of Court Pilot Project	Alameda	2016	\$ 80,395	\$ 60,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Alameda County Family Law Day of Court Project	Alameda	2017	\$ 65,293	\$ 65,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Alameda County Family Law Day of Court Program	Alameda	2018	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Alameda County Family Law Day of Court Program	Alameda	2019	\$ 65,000	\$ 30,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Day of Court Program	Alameda	2020	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Day of Court Program	Alameda	2021	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,434	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Day of Court Program	Alameda	2022	\$ 30,000	-	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Status Conference Pilot Project	Alameda	2019	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Status Conference Project	Alameda	2020	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Status Conference Project	Alameda	2021	\$ 65,000	\$ 63,774	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Status Conference Project	Alameda	2022	\$ 65,000	-	
Legal Access Alameda	Unlawful Detainer Mediation Project	Alameda	2016	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Discontinued in 2018
Legal Access Alameda	Unlawful Detainer Mediation Project	Alameda	2017	\$ 11,395	\$ 12,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Unlawful Detainer Mediation Program	Alameda	2018	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Long Beach Self-Help Center	Los Angeles	2016	\$ 80,000	\$ 72,000	Discontinued in 2019
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Long Beach Self-Help Center	Los Angeles	2017	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Long Beach Self-Help Center	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	Long Beach Self-Help Center	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 119,254	\$ 60,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	2020 - Torrance Self-Help Center	Los Angeles, Orange	2020	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	2021 - Torrance Self-Help Center	Los Angeles, Orange	2021	\$ 100,000	\$ 88,302	
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	2021 - Torrance Self-Help Center	Los Angeles, Orange	2022	\$ 100,000	-	
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara County Shriver Partnership	Santa Barbara	2018	\$ 103,000	\$ 103,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara County Shriver Partnership	Santa Barbara	2019	\$ 103,000	\$ 103,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Legal Resource Center Partnership	Santa Barbara	2020	\$ 114,587	\$ 110,000	Additional court partner; Hired FT, bilingual self-help attorney to provide services in Santa Maria
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Legal Resource Center Partnership	Santa Barbara	2021	\$ 126,000	\$ 114,793	
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Legal Resource Center Partnership	Santa Barbara	2022	\$ 125,000	-	
Legal Aid of Marin	Remote Mandatory Settlement Conferences for Homelessness Prevention	Marin	2021	\$ 80,000	\$ 78,491	
Legal Aid of Marin	Homelessness Prevention through Mandatory Settlement Conferences	Marin	2022	\$ 80,000	-	
Legal Aid of Marin	Mandatory Settlement Conference Calendar	Marin	2016	\$ 50,000	\$ 35,000	
Legal Aid of Marin	Community Court Expansion	Marin	2019	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Legal Aid of Marin	Community Court Expansion	Marin	2020	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	CAREGIVERS ACCESSING JUSTICE	San Bernardino	2018	\$ 124,928	\$ 82,000	4 years of Partnership Grant funding
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	Caregivers Accessing Justice	San Bernardino	2019	\$ 124,825	\$ 85,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	CAREGIVERS ACCESSING JUSTICE	San Bernardino	2020	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	CAREGIVERS ACCESSING JUSTICE	San Bernardino	2021	\$ 100,000	\$ 98,114	
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	CAREGIVERS ACCESSING JUSTICE	San Bernardino	2022	\$ 138,000	-	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Name Change & Gender Change Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	2019	\$ 120,000	\$ 85,000	3 years of Partnership Grant funding
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Name Change & Gender Change Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	2020	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Name Change & Gender Marker Change Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	2021	\$ 85,000	\$ 83,397	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Name Change & Gender Marker Change Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	2022	\$ 85,000	-	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project	San Diego	2018	\$ 120,000	\$ 103,000	

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Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project	San Diego	2019	\$ 120,000	\$ 100,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project	San Diego	2020	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project	San Diego	2021	\$ 80,000	\$ 78,491	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project	San Diego	2022	\$ 80,000	-	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	San Diego County Conservatorship Assistance Program	San Diego	2016	\$ 55,000	\$ 40,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	San Diego County Conservatorship Assistance Program	San Diego	2017	\$ 45,000	\$ 40,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Civil Harassment and Elder Abuse Restraining Order at the HOJ	San Diego	2016	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Civil Harassment & Elder Abuse Restraining Order Program at the HOJ	San Diego	2017	\$ 60,000	\$ 45,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Civil Harassment and Elder Abuse Restraining Order Program at the Hall of Justice	San Diego	2018	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	Alameda	2017	\$ 65,789	\$ 65,000	5 years of Partnership Grant funding
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	Alameda	2018	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	Alameda	2019	\$ 65,000	\$ 58,000	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	Alameda	2020	\$ 65,000	\$ 50,000	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	Alameda	2021	\$ 65,000	\$ 63,774	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	Alameda	2022	\$ 67,000	-	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigants	Alameda	2020	\$ 98,041	\$ 60,000	2 years of Partnership Grant funding
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigan	Alameda	2021	\$ 65,000	\$ 63,774	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigan	Alameda	2022	\$ 87,000	-	
Legal Services of Northern California	Mother Lode Pro Per Project	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Placer	2016	\$ 55,000	\$ 50,000	Older than 5+ years, funding information only available from 2016
Legal Services of Northern California	Mother Lode Pro Per Project	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Placer, Sierra	2017	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Mother Lode Pro Per Project	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra	2018	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Mother Lode Pro Per Project	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra	2019	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Mother Lode Pro Per Project	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra	2020	\$ 85,000	\$ 98,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Mother Lode Pro Per Project	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra	2021	\$ 95,000	\$ 93,208	
Legal Services of Northern California	Small Claims and Consumer Law Self Help Clinic	Yolo	2016	\$ 59,000	\$ 40,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Small Claims, Small Estates, and Guardianship Clinic in Yolo County	Yolo	2017	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Small Claims and Guardianship Clinic-Yolo County	Yolo	2018	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Small Claims, Guardianship, and Shriver Housing Court Self-Help Project	Yolo	2019	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Small Claims, Guardianship, and Shriver Housing Court Self-Help Project	Yolo	2020	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Small Claims and Guardianship Self-Help Project	Yolo	2021	\$ 62,000	\$ 60,831	
Legal Services of Northern California	Yolo Consumer Clinic	Yolo	2022	\$ 67,000	-	5+ years of Partnership Grant funding
Legal Services of Northern California	2016 Civil Harassment and Small Claims Mediation Project	Butte	2016	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Elder Abuse Restraining Order Workshop Project in Sacramento County	Sacramento	2017	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Elder Abuse Restraining Order Workshop Project	Sacramento	2018	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	

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Legal Services of Northern California	Guardianship and Clean Slate Project	Mendocino	2016	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Housing Court Self-Help Project	Yolo	2018	\$ 21,250	\$ 21,250	
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	Los Angeles Shriver Custody Project	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 110,950	\$ 103,000	
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	Family Law Information for Parents	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 120,000	\$ 90,000	
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	Family Law Information for Parents Project	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 104,200	\$ 90,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Consumer Technology Project	Los Angeles	2021	\$ 126,000	\$ 88,302	New project for 2021
Neighborhood Legal Services	CHATSWORTH CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP GRANT	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 100,000	-	2nd yr app for Consumer Technology Project
Neighborhood Legal Services	Housing Cases Continuum of Services	Los Angeles	2021	\$ 113,000	\$ 79,472	New project for 2021
Neighborhood Legal Services	PASADENA CONTINUUM OF SERVICES	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 105,000	-	2nd yr app for Housing Case Continuum
Neighborhood Legal Services	Stabilizing Families	Los Angeles	2021	\$ 113,000	\$ 98,114	New project for 2021
Neighborhood Legal Services	STABILIZING FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP GRANT	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 102,000	-	2nd yr app for Stabilizing Families
Neighborhood Legal Services	Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center	Los Angeles	2016	\$ 100,000	\$ 69,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center	Los Angeles	2017	\$ 800,000	\$ 80,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 122,800	\$ 120,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 120,000	\$ 100,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Chatsworth Self-Help Legal Access Center	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Pasadena Unlawful Detainer Assistance Project	Los Angeles	2016	\$ 70,000	\$ 55,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Pasadena Unlawful Detainer Assistance Project	Los Angeles	2017	\$ 82,350	\$ 82,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Pasadena Unlawful Detainer Assistance Project	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 144,140	\$ 120,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Pasadena Unlawful Detainer Assistance Project	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 144,500	\$ 80,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Pasadena Unlawful Detainer Assistance Project	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 144,500	\$ 50,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Shriver LA Self Help Center	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 120,000	\$ 103,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Shriver LA Self Help Center	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 315,000	\$ 140,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	Shriver LA Self Help Center	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 140,000	\$ 90,000	
Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley	PBP Mediation, Negotiation, and Settlement (MNS) Project	Santa Clara	2017	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley	Mediation, Negotiation, and Settlement Project	Santa Clara	2018	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	2016	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	2017	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	2018	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	2019	\$ 60,000	\$ 45,000	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	2020	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	2021	\$ 60,000	\$ 29,434	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	Los Angeles	2022	\$ 60,000	-	5+ years of Partnership Grant funding
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	Orange	2018	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	Orange	2019	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	Orange	2020	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	Orange	2021	\$ 60,000	\$ 39,246	
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	Orange	2022	\$ 60,000	-	
Public Law Center	De Facto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project	Orange	2020	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
Public Law Center	De Facto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project	Orange	2021	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,057	
Public Law Center	De Facto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project	Orange	2022	\$ 50,000	-	
Public Law Center	Orange County Expanded Domestic Violence Assistance Project	Orange	2016	\$ 85,000	\$ 40,000	
Public Law Center	Orange County Expanded Domestic Violence Assistance Project	Orange	2017	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	
Public Law Center	Orange County Expanded Domestic Violence Assistance Project	Orange	2018	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estates Assistance Program	Riverside	2016	\$ 37,712	\$ 37,000	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estates Assistance Program	Riverside	2017	\$ 59,211	\$ 59,000	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estates Assistance Program	Riverside	2018	\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estate Assistance Program	Riverside	2019	\$ 103,177	\$ 90,000	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estate Assistance Program	Riverside	2020	\$ 105,005	\$ 105,000	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estate Assistance Program	Riverside	2021	\$ 105,000	\$ 98,114	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estate Assistance Program	Riverside	2022	\$ 110,111	-	5+ years of Partnership Grant funding
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	San Diego	2019	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	

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San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	San Diego	2020	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	San Diego	2021	\$ 130,000	\$ 98,114	
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	San Diego	2022	\$ 130,000	-	
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	North County Civil Harassment/Unlawful Detainer Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	2016	\$ 70,362	\$ 60,000	
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	North County Civil Harassment/Unlawful Detainer Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	2017	\$ 95,000	\$ 82,000	
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	North County Civil Harassment/Unlawful Detainer Self-Help Clinic	San Diego	2018	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	San Diego Shriver DV/Custody Project	San Diego	2018	\$ 120,000	\$ 103,000	
San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic	San Luis Obispo	2021	\$ 100,000	\$ 98,114	New project for 2021
San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic	San Luis Obispo	2022	\$ 115,000	-	
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Consumer Debt Clinic	Santa Clara	2018	\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Consumer Debt Clinic	Santa Clara	2019	\$ 68,000	\$ 60,000	
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Consumer Debt Clinic	Santa Clara	2020	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	2021 Consumer Debt Clinic	Santa Clara	2021	\$ 60,000	\$ 58,868	
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Consumer Debt Clinic	Santa Clara	2022	\$ 60,000	-	
Senior Citizens Legal Services	Indigent Landlord/Tenant Services and Mediation	San Benito, Santa Cruz	2022	\$ 108,000	-	New Project

Total Amount Requested:	\$3,094,000
Total Amount Available:	TBD
2021 Amount Awarded (for reference)	\$2,420,000

								Rubric Score				Tentative Funding Recommendation Range (as of May	
Organization	Project Title	Total Amount Requested	2021 Award Allocation	Counties Served	Partner Court	Substantive Area(s)	Years Funded	Selection Criteria Total	Fuding Priority	Innovation	TOTAL	Low	High
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Decedent's Estate Self-Help Clinic (NEW)	\$ 120,000	N/A	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Distribution/Administration of Decedent's Estate	0						
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative (NEW)	\$ 150,000	N/A	Los Angeles	Stanley Mosk Courthouse	Conservatorship, Family/Domestic Violence	0						
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	San Joaquin Housing Helpline Court Clinic Partnership (NEW)	\$ 137,000	N/A	San Joaquin	San Joaquin Superior Court	Housing	0						
Central California Legal Services	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop	\$ 75,000	\$ 68,680	Tulare	Tulare County Superior Court	Housing	2						
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	\$ 65,000	\$ 68,680	Fresno	Fresno County Superior Court	Guardianship	6						
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	\$ 72,000	\$ 58,868	Fresno	Fresno County Superior Court	Housing	6						
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Compton Self-Help Economic Expansion Project (NEW)	\$ 92,000	N/A	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Consumer/Finance, Small Claims Debt Assistance	0						
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop/Clinic	\$ 29,000	\$ 22,566	Orange	Orange County Superior Court	Consumer/Finance	4						
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop - Norwalk Courthouse	\$ 66,000	\$ 68,680	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Housing	4						
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic	\$ 74,000	\$ 69,661	Imperial	Imperial County Superior Court	Housing	6						
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per (DVPP) Project	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,528	Alameda	Alameda County Superior Court	Family/Domestic Violence	3						
Inland Counties Legal Services	Consumer Rights Clinic	\$ 95,000	\$ 92,227	San Bernardino	San Bernardino Superior Court	Consumer/Finance	1						
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	Shriver - SASH Self-Help	\$ 71,000	\$ 39,246	San Francisco	San Francisco Superior Court	Family/Domestic Violence	3						
LACBA Counsel for Justice	LACBA-Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	\$ 99,000	\$ 89,284	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Family/Domestic Violence	3						
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Settlement Conference	\$ 65,000	\$ 63,774	Alameda	Alameda County Superior Court	Family/Domestic Violence	2						
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Day of Court	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,434	Alameda	Alameda County Superior Court	Family/Domestic Violence	5						
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	2022 - Torrance Self-Help Center	\$ 100,000	\$ 88,302	Los Angeles, Orange	Los Angeles Superior Court	Family/Domestic Violence,Guardianship, Housing, Civil Complaints, Expungments	2						
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Legal Resource Center Partnership	\$ 125,000	\$ 114,793	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Superior Court	Conservatorship, Family/Domestic Violence, Guardianship, Housing	2						
Legal Aid of Marin	Homelessness Prevention through Mandatory Settlement Conferences	\$ 80,000	\$ 78,491	Marin	Marin Superior Court	Consumer/Finance, Housing	1						
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	Caregivers and Small Estates Accessing Justice	\$ 138,000	\$ 98,114	San Bernardino	Superior Court of San Bernardino Court	Conservatorship, Guardianship, Probate of Small Estates	4						
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Name Change & Gender Marker Change Self-Help Clinic	\$ 85,000	\$ 83,397	San Diego	San Diego Superior Court	Name Change & Gender Marker Chang	3						
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project	\$ 80,000	\$ 78,491	San Diego	San Diego Superior Court	Housing	4						
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigants	\$ 87,000	\$ 63,774	Alameda	Alameda County Superior Court (3 branches)	Conservatorship	2						
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	\$ 67,000	\$ 63,774	Alameda	Alameda County Superior Court (3 branches)	Guardianship	10						
Legal Services of Northern California	Yolo Consumer Clinic	\$ 67,000		Yolo	Yolo Superior Court	Consumer/Finance, Income Maintenance	5						
Neighborhood Legal Services	CHATSWORTH CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP GRANT	\$ 100,000	\$ 88,302	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Consumer/Finance	1						
Neighborhood Legal Services	STABILIZING FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP GRANT	\$ 102,000	\$ 98,114	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Guardianship	1						
Neighborhood Legal Services	PASADENA CONTINUUM OF SERVICES	\$ 105,000	\$ 79,472	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Housing	1						
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	\$ 60,000	\$ 29,434	Los Angeles	Los Angeles Superior Court	Guardianship/Income Maintenance	12						
Public Law Center	DeFacto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,057	Orange	Orange County Superior Court	Juvenile	2						
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	\$ 60,000	\$ 39,246	Orange	Orange County Superior Court	Guardianship	4						
Riverside Legal Aid	small estates partnership	\$ 110,000	\$ 98,114	Riverside	Riverside Superior Court	Conservatorship, Guardianship, Other	6						
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	\$ 130,000	\$ 98,114	San Diego	San Diego Superior Court	Family/Domestic Violence, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Orders	2						
San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic	\$ 115,000	\$ 98,114	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo County Superior Court	Housing	1						
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Consumer Debt Clinic	\$ 60,000	\$ 58,868	Santa Clara	Santa Clara County Superior Court	Consumer/Finance	4						
Senior Citizens Legal Services	Indigent Landlord/Tenant Services and Mediation (NEW)	\$ 108,000	N/A	San Benito, Santa Cruz	Superior Court of Santa Cruz	Housing	0						
												TOTAL	

Applicant Responses to 2022 Partnership Grant Tentative Funding Recommendations

Organization	Project	Rubric Score	Requested Amount	Tentative Funding Reco.	Response
Bet Tzedek	Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative	85	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000	<p>Given this tentative funding amount, our project deliverables would change as follows:</p> <p>1) Providing remote assistance to 200 rather than 300 litigants seeking limited conservatorships using Guide and File exclusively.</p> <p>2) Creating and launching video tutorials on 2 rather than 3 topics (each translated into English and Spanish).</p> <p>Because the tentative funding amount is less than our proposed project budget, we had to consider what to cut. We opted first to reduce the video tutorials, covering fewer topics. However, the purpose of the video tutorials is to increase efficiency and effectiveness with each litigant, so with fewer tutorials, we anticipate the pace of service will be slower than originally proposed. Additionally, because of the reduced funding we will be able to devote less attorneys/advocate time to the substantive conservatorship work with litigants.</p>
California Rural Legal Assistance	San Joaquin Housing Helpline Court Clinic Partnership	82	\$ 137,000	\$ 120,000	I checked with our program leads and while we don't think the funding level will impact the workshops planned, we may need to scale back a bit on individualized services such as document preparation and review and/or filings or services assistance. We would welcome the chance to revise the Goals and Objectives section of the application when that time comes, and I would expect staff's revisions to be very moderate.
Central California Legal Services	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop	78	\$ 75,000	\$ 70,000	At this point, we would consider a reduction in the current staffing level which may result in an adjustment of the overall goals. In addition, we would also need to review and consider any internal financial resources that may be able to support the project as we determine the best approach to adequately provide funding for this project.
	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	67	\$ 72,000	\$ 60,000	
	Guardianship Project	55	\$ 65,000	\$ 41,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop/Clinic	70	\$ 29,000	\$ 23,000	<p>In response to your question below, CLA SoCal believes the proposed reduction in funding will impact our ability to fully staff these programs. In the past, we have been able to absorb reductions of this size; however, due to the current economic climate and reduction in funding from several of our grants, we must be cautious with our projected allocations.</p> <p>CLA SoCal requests a reduction in the number of workshops/deliverables for our Norwalk UD proposal. After discussing with the Court, we would like to reduce by one workshop per month, with the subsequent reduction in attendees projected below. We do not seek any changes to the OC Debt workshop.</p>
	Unlawful Detainer Workshop - Norwalk Courthouse	67	\$ 66,000	\$ 60,000	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per (DVPP) Project	68.7	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,000	As described in FVLC's annual reports, the Project has served a continually increasing number of litigants over the course of its funding, and in one year served 100% more litigants than in years prior. Despite the evident need for these services and the agency's dedication to reaching as many survivors as possible, we cannot assure that the proposed funding reduction of 14% would not negatively impact our ability to devote our limited resources to this project in the hopes of its continued growth. These types of direct services, as opposed to already well-funded support center services, are most in need of increased funding to accommodate the acknowledged demand for free and reduced cost direct legal services for indigent litigants, an identified State Bar priority. As the State Bar is aware, our relatively small organizational budget of \$2.6 million (approximately 23% of which passes through as subgrants and approximately 9% of which is provided to survivors as direct financial assistance) is well but delicately balanced and relies heavily on restricted funding sources, limiting our and other similarly situated direct service agencies' ability to absorb into scarce general funds these ongoing incremental cuts in funding for existing successful programs. As such, the tentative reduced award would require us to reduce our deliverables accordingly, from 75 to 65 Individual Services and from 50 to 43 workshops. If the Project is not funded, it will leave hundreds of indigent litigants without access to legal information and support in restraining order matters. This is particularly concerning in the midst of a global health crisis that has resulted in increased intimate partner violence (described as a pandemic within a pandemic) even as it has required the closure of the only other free legal resource, the county's Self-Help Center, to walk-in services. In fact, in a joint meeting with court staff in May 2021, Alameda County bench officers identified incorrect and incomplete restraining order paperwork submitted by self-represented litigants without the support of FVLC as the primary driver of delays in domestic violence cases – and in these cases, delays and errors can have deadly consequences.
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	Shriver - SASH Self-Help	70	\$ 71,000	\$ 36,000	<p>A Partnership grant of \$36,000 to support our SASH Self-Help services will enable JDC to provide about 10 hours per week of staff attorney coverage of the Self-Help Desk at the SF Unified Family Court -- about half of what we envisioned this grant would cover in 2022.</p> <p>In other words, JDC will have to find other funding to support the provision of Supervised Settlement Services and Post-Hearing Assistance, as they are the most time-intensive activities in this project, in addition to securing funding to back-fill staffing support to provide about half of the rest of the deliverables.</p> <p>Still, this Partnership funding will serve as an important bridge in 2022 as we map out the continued operation of our in-court family law services and prospect for new funding to support these important services.</p>
LACBA Counsel for Justice	LACBA-Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	79	\$ 99,000	\$ 80,000	The lower tentative funding amount would not change the services provided or the goal numbers. The Project would be impacted in the following ways: (1) the attorney who supervises the Project work would have less time allocated to the grant; (2) we would have no funds to use for a critically needed new server to replace our outdated server; and (3) we would have to find another source of funds to cover the Project's portion of professional liability insurance.

ATTACHMENT B

Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	Caregivers and Small Estates Accessing Justice	63	\$ 138,000	\$ 85,000	Thank you so much for the opportunity to continue the partnership with the San Bernardino County Superior Court. We are excited to see the project continue with expansion to include Small Estates. As an important side note, the expansion into Small Estates was born based on Judge Reilly's request to assist the court in reducing the backlog and assist applicants to complete all necessary documents in one court visit vs. multiple visits. The reduction in funds may ultimately affect the number of clients served. In the prior year, we were fortunate to have other funds to supplement the project. The prior funding was \$85,000 and the amount expended on the program was \$180,520.00
Public Counsel	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	66	\$ 60,000	\$ 32,000	No change at all on the DeFacto & Adoptive Parent Clinic given the funding recommendation is only a 6% reduction from what we requested. With the Guardianship clinic, we will likely modify our services and goals given the numbers. It won't be a 47% reduction (which is what the funding recommendation is compared to the amount we requested), but we will likely reduce services and numeric goals somewhat - probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 to 20%. Let me know if you need any additional information right now
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estates Partnership	54	\$ 110,000	\$ 70,000	<p>While I appreciate that this is our 7th year with the partnership grant and I understand how tight the funding situation must be since the pandemic, I am going to take a moment to discuss the impact this \$30,000.00 cut will have on our small estates probate partnership program with Riverside Legal Aid.</p> <p>Last year I already consolidated service on this program between the Desert Courts and the Western Riverside County Courts, which resulted in laying off one of the contract attorneys for the Western Riverside area. The pandemic made this possible by allowing phone/virtual appearances and therefore one attorney was able to cover. This attorney works part time for us and only part of what he does covers Small Estates probate.</p> <p>This has already resulted in a cut of some services to clients. Many litigants are not getting served and not getting paperwork help from us. Our attorney has already noticed a large number of litigants simply going back and forth to court and not getting anything done because of lack of guidance and ability to do their own paperwork properly.</p> <p>This cut would probably result in cutting all or almost all paralegal services to this project. Effectively that would terminate our ability to do any paperwork for clients at all. It is essential that we be able to help clients get their paperwork done properly since Probate is such a complex area of law, particularly in this regard. An attorney giving legal advice is not enough guidance to the litigants in getting their documents done correctly. Previously we had received \$105,000 annually for this project. This cut would significantly reduce our services.</p>
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	81.7	\$ 130,000	\$ 93,000	<p>Given the tentative reduced amount of funding, our project would need to make the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove the goal to create two to five informational videos on topics related to domestic violence or elder/dependent adult abuse. 2. Reduce the total number of individual services from 1200 to 1000. 3. Only one type of virtual workshop will be utilized, covering both the presentation of evidence and best practices on attending hearings virtually. 4. Reduce total number of workshops from 30 to 20.
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Consumer Debt Clinic	66	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000	With a recommended funding level less than the application request, we respectfully ask for a 15% adjustment in the contract deliverables; we will endeavor to do more. The services offered and/or service delivery model would remain as proposed in the application. We look forward to continuing the partnership with the court.

2022 Partnership Grant Funding Recommendations
To be completed at the June 18, 2021 Partnership Grant Committee Meeting
ATTACHMENT C

Total Amount Requested:	\$3,094,000
Total Amount Available:	\$2,580,574
2021 Amount Awarded (for reference)	\$2,420,000

Organization	Project Title	Rubric Score				Total Amount Requested	2021 Award Allocation	PG Committee Tentative Funding Recommendation (as of May 7, 2021)	PG Committee Funding Recommendations (as of June 18, 2021)
		Selection Criteria Total	Funding Priority	Innovation	TOTAL				
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Decedent's Estate Self-Help Clinic (NEW)	63	20	2	85	\$ 120,000	N/A	\$ 120,000	
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Remote Pro Se Technology Initiative (NEW)	63	20	6	89	\$ 150,000	N/A	\$ 120,000	
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	San Joaquin Housing Helpline Court Clinic Partnership (NEW)	59	20	3	82	\$ 137,000	N/A	\$ 120,000	
Central California Legal Services	Tulare County Unlawful Detainer Workshop	62	16	0	78	\$ 75,000	\$ 68,680	\$ 70,000	
Central California Legal Services	Tenant/Landlord Housing Law Project	51	16	0	67	\$ 72,000	\$ 68,680	\$ 60,000	
Central California Legal Services	Guardianship Project	43	12	0	55	\$ 65,000	\$ 58,868	\$ 41,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Compton Self-Help Economic Expansion Project (NEW)	54	20	2	76	\$ 92,000	N/A	\$ 92,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Orange County Consumer Debt Workshop/Clinic	54	16	0	70	\$ 29,000	\$ 22,566	\$ 23,000	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	Unlawful Detainer Workshop - Norwalk Courthouse	55	12	0	67	\$ 66,000	\$ 68,680	\$ 60,000	
Elder Law & Advocacy	Imperial County Unlawful Detainer Clinic	54.7	17.3	0	72.0	\$ 74,000	\$ 69,661	\$ 74,000	
Family Violence Law Center	Domestic Violence Pro Per (DVPP) Project	56.7	12	0	68.7	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,528	\$ 21,000	
Inland Counties Legal Services	Consumer Rights Clinic	54	12	0	66	\$ 95,000	\$ 92,227	\$ 88,000	
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco	Shriver - SASH Self-Help	54	16	0	70	\$ 71,000	\$ 39,246	\$ 36,000	
LACBA Counsel for Justice	LACBA-Domestic Violence Legal Services Project	63	16	0	79	\$ 99,000	\$ 89,284	\$ 80,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Settlement Conference	58	12	0	70	\$ 65,000	\$ 63,774	\$ 61,000	
Legal Access Alameda	Family Law Day of Court	63	12	0	75	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,434	\$ 25,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	2022 - Torrance Self-Help Center	63	16	0	79	\$ 100,000	\$ 88,302	\$ 84,000	
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County	Legal Resource Center Partnership	56	12	2	70	\$ 125,000	\$ 114,793	\$ 115,000	
Legal Aid of Marin	Homelessness Prevention through Mandatory Settlement Conferences	64	20	1	85	\$ 80,000	\$ 78,491	\$ 80,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino	Caregivers and Small Estates Accessing Justice	51	12	0	63	\$ 138,000	\$ 98,114	\$ 85,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Name Change & Gender Marker Change Self-Help Clinic	54	12	4	70	\$ 85,000	\$ 83,397	\$ 75,000	
Legal Aid Society of San Diego	Unlawful Detainer Clinic Expansion Project	64	12	0	76	\$ 80,000	\$ 78,491	\$ 72,574	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Limited Conservatorship Litigants	54	12	0	66	\$ 87,000	\$ 63,774	\$ 60,000	
Legal Assistance for Seniors	Partnership to Assist Guardianship Litigants	54	8	0	62	\$ 67,000	\$ 63,774	\$ 48,000	
Legal Services of Northern California	Yolo Consumer Clinic	59	20	0	79	\$ 67,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 67,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	STABILIZING FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP GRANT	54	16	0	70	\$ 102,000	\$ 98,114	\$ 100,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	CHATSWORTH CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP GRANT	54	16	0	70	\$ 100,000	\$ 88,302	\$ 90,000	
Neighborhood Legal Services	PASADENA CONTINUUM OF SERVICES	54	16	0	70	\$ 105,000	\$ 79,472	\$ 81,000	
Public Counsel	Guardianship Clinic	59	8	2	69	\$ 60,000	\$ 29,434	\$ 22,000	
Public Law Center	DeFacto & Adoptive Parent Assistance Project	59	16	0	75	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,057	\$ 47,000	
Public Law Center	Orange County Courthouse Guardianship Clinic	54	12	0	66	\$ 60,000	\$ 39,246	\$ 32,000	
Riverside Legal Aid	Small Estates Partnership	46	8	0	54	\$ 110,000	\$ 98,114	\$ 70,000	
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program	Central Division Restraining Order Clinic	61.7	16	4	81.7	\$ 130,000	\$ 98,114	\$ 93,000	
San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation	San Luis Obispo County Rental Clinic	64	20	3	87	\$ 115,000	\$ 98,114	\$ 110,000	
Santa Clara University Alexander Law Center	Consumer Debt Clinic	54	12	0	66	\$ 60,000	\$ 58,868	\$ 50,000	
Senior Citizens Legal Services	Indigent Landlord/Tenant Services and Mediation (NEW)	65	20	5	90	\$ 108,000	N/A	\$ 108,000	

\$ 3,094,000	\$ 2,163,599	\$ 2,580,574	
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Available	\$ 2,580,574
Balance	\$ -