

Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York

Funding civil legal assistance for low-income New Yorkers since 1984

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(New York, New York) December 7, 2016- The Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York (IOLA) Awards \$48 Million in Legal Assistance Grants

The IOLA Fund of the State of New York, announced that at its meeting held on December 7, 2016, the Board of Trustees awarded \$48 million in grants to support 69 programs that provide civil legal assistance to low-income New Yorkers throughout the State. The grants awarded by the Board of Trustees will cover a two-year period, April 1, 2017-March 31, 2019.

The Fund administers two grant programs: Civil Legal Services, which support programs that provide free legal services in housing, family law and public benefits, among others, and Administration of Justice, which supports programs that serve the elderly, the disabled, immigrants, children and victims of domestic violence as well as other programs that improve the administration of justice in New York State.

The Legislature created the IOLA program in 1983. The Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. It enables interest to be earned on short term or nominal deposits held in a lawyer's pooled client trust account, with the interest remitted directly by the financial institution to the Fund for distribution in grants. For the sixth consecutive year the interest generated by lawyer's accounts was augmented by emergency support from the Office of Court Administration. IOLA is very grateful to Chief Judge Janet DiFiore for her continued support of IOLA and its mission.

A schedule of the 2017-19 grants is attached.

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The Chairman and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York do hereby affirm that all grants to the organizations listed herein were awarded by the Trustees at a duly convened meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 and further, do certify that all organizations were selected pursuant to the requirements of Section 97-v of the State Finance Law, the regulations of the Trustees and the Fund's published grant guidelines and procedures.

CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES GRANTEE ORGANIZATION		FY 18 & 19 Grant
1	Bronx Defenders, The	\$ 265,000
2	Brooklyn Defender Services (previously in AOJ)	\$ 160,000
3	CAMBA	\$ 820,000
4	Empire Justice Center	\$ 1,230,000
5	Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society	\$ 740,000
6	Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo	\$ 465,000
7	Legal Aid Society (NYC)	\$ 7,280,000
8	Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York	\$ 2,100,000
9	Legal Aid Society of Rochester	\$ 1,195,000
10	Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.	\$ 1,590,000
11	Legal Services for New York City	\$ 7,280,000
12	Legal Services of Central New York	\$ 1,900,000
13	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	\$ 2,600,000
14	MFY Legal Services	\$ 770,000
15	Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee	\$ 2,165,000
16	Neighborhood Legal Services	\$ 1,470,000
17	New York Legal Assistance Group (includes Self Help)	\$ 1,560,000
18	Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation	\$ 1,300,000
19	Rural Law Center	\$ 480,000
20	Urban Justice Center	\$ 800,000
Total for CLS		\$ 36,170,000

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION		FY 18 & 19 Grant
1	Advocates for Children of New York	\$ 150,000
2	African Services Committee	\$ 100,000
3	Albany County Bar Association	\$ 85,000
4	Association of the Bar of the City of New York Fund, Inc.	\$ 460,000
5	Brooklyn Bar Association - Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$ 300,000
6	Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A	\$ 105,000
7	Capital District Women's Bar Association Legal Project, Inc.	\$ 350,000
8	Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York	\$ 320,000
9	Catholic Migration Services	\$ 150,000
10	Center for Family Representation	\$ 175,000
11	Central American Legal Assistance	\$ 135,000
12	Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN NY)	\$ 145,000
13	Community Service Society	\$ 110,000

14	Day One	\$	80,000
15	The Door- A Center for Alternatives, Inc.	\$	190,000
16	Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.	\$	510,000
17	Family Center, The	\$	115,000
18	Her Justice	\$	350,000
19	HIV Law Project	\$	100,000
20	Housing Conservation Coordinators, Inc.	\$	210,000
21	Hudson Valley Justice Center	\$	100,000
22	Journey's End Refugee Services, Inc.	\$	100,000
23	LatinoJustice PRLDEF	\$	160,000
24	Lawyers Alliance for New York	\$	290,000
25	Legal Action Center of the City of New York, Inc.	\$	165,000
26	Legal Aid Society of Mid New York	\$	220,000
27	Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)	\$	190,000
28	Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of WNY	\$	480,000
29	Lenox Hill Neighborhood House	\$	170,000
30	Long Island Advocacy Center, Inc.	\$	200,000
31	Lutheran Social Services of Metropolitan New York	\$	110,000
32	Make the Road New York	\$	420,000
33	My Sisters' Place	\$	130,000
34	National Center for Law and Economic Justice	\$	100,000
35	New York Immigration Coalition	\$	125,000
36	New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	\$	400,000
37	New York State Dispute Resolution Association, Inc.	\$	205,000
38	Partnership for Children's Rights	\$	250,000
39	Pro Bono Net	\$	780,000
40	Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.	\$	140,000
41	Safe Horizon, Inc.	\$	320,000
42	Sanctuary for Families, Inc.	\$	375,000
43	Unity House of Troy	\$	100,000
44	Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County, Inc.	\$	275,000
45	Volunteer Legal Services Project of Onondaga County	\$	110,000
46	Volunteers of Legal Services	\$	275,000
47	Western New York Law Center	\$	720,000
48	Worker Justice Center of New York, Inc.	\$	680,000
49	Youth Represent	\$	100,000
Total for AOJ		\$	11,830,000