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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Immigration Legal Fund Pilot Quarterly Report – Q3 2022

This memo aims to provide City Council members with an update on activities performed and opportunities identified as part of the implementation of the City of Fort Collins Immigration Legal Fund for the period July 2022 to September 2022.

Immigration Legal Fund Quarterly Report Overview

The City of Fort Collins Immigration Legal fund 12-month metrics show that the pilot program is outperforming. Grant recipients have funded more cases with ILF funding than initial estimates. However, two out of three grant recipients, Interfaith Solidarity and Accompaniment Coalition (ISAAC) and Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMAIN), have depleted their ILF funding and are no longer able to take on new cases under the ILF. As such, data for their Q3 2022 and Q1 2023 quarterly reports are limited. City staff will provide City Council members with a 12-month overall assessment of the pilot program.

Grant Recipients

Grant recipient’s progress for activities during July – September 2022 (Table 1)

Table 1 - Grant Recipient’ Progress – Q1 (July – September 2022)

Recipient	Quarterly Progress (Highlights)
Alianza NORCO	Conducted 26 “Brief Advice” consultation meetings with potential immigration clients. Hosted a virtual Immigration Law Info Night on the immigration process and pathways to citizenship.
ISAAC	All Immigration Legal Fund grant funds expended by Q3 2022. ISAAC is continuing a limited amount of immigration legal work with private donations in Q3 and Q4 2022.
RMIAN	Continued service delivery and began representing new clients. 8 of the 9 cases RMIAN handled this quarter involved children as impacted family members on a parent/caregiver’s case or as the primary client.

Evaluation Criteria

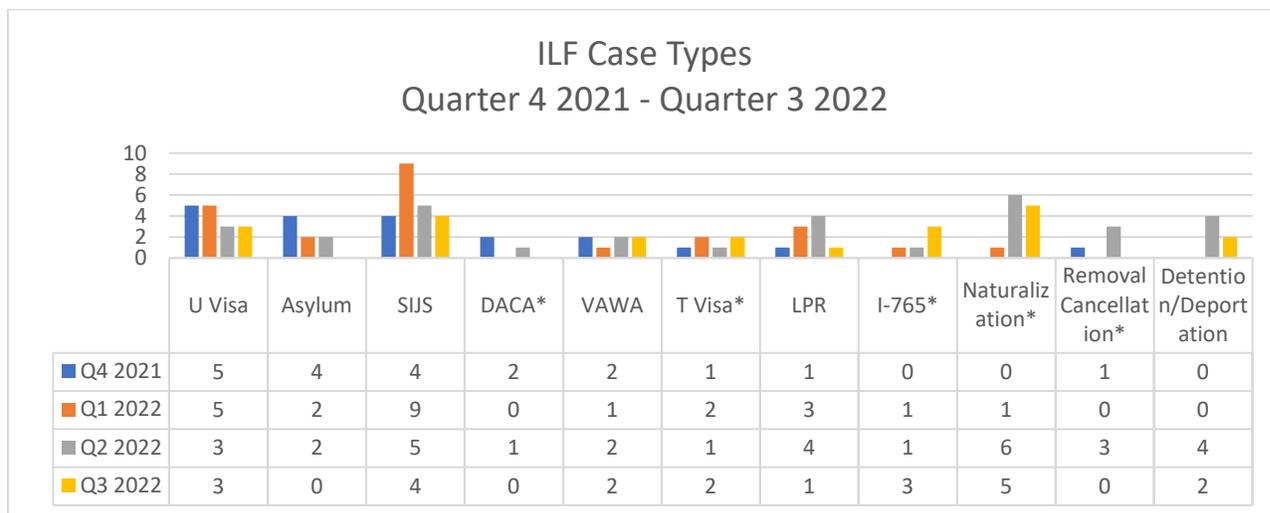
Metrics from all grant recipients and service providers from July through September 2022 and cumulative pilot program from October 2021 through September 2022 (Table 2)

- **Quarter 3 2022 Outputs** (indicators of the amount of service provided)
 - 22 people receiving direct representation
 - 16 adults (over age 21): Most adults receiving assistance with the Naturalization process
 - 6 Children: Most children pursuing Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

Table 2 – Grant Recipients’ Metrics for All Cases*

Case Type	Q3 – 2022 Adults	Q3 – 2022 Children/ Youth	Total Cases (Q3 2021 – Q3 2022) Adults	Total Cases (Q3 2021 – Q3 2022) Children/ Youth
U Visa <i>victims of crime</i>	3		16	0
Asylum <i>victims of persecution or fear of harm or death upon return to home country</i>			4	4
Special Immigrant Juvenile Status <i>abused, neglected, or abandoned children</i>		4	0	22
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals <i>youth who arrived in the U.S. during a specified time period</i>			3	0
Violence Against Women Act Visa <i>victims of domestic violence or crimes outlined in the Violence Against Women Act</i>	2		7	0
T Visa/Office of Trafficking In Persons <i>victims of human trafficking</i>		2	1	4
Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) <i>Permanent authorization to live in the United States as a non-citizen (sometimes known as “green card” residents)</i>	1		4	5
Removal Cancellation <i>status adjustment by an immigration judge from ‘subject to deportation’ to ‘lawful admittance for permanent residence’ under certain circumstances</i>			4	0
I-765 Employment Authorization <i>Initial, replacement, or renewal work permit that gives applicants permission to work in the U.S.</i>	3		5	0
Detention/Deportation	2		6	0
Naturalization <i>Process to become U.S. citizen if born outside of the U.S.</i>	5		12	0
Column Total	16	6	62	35
Combined Adult & Youth Case Total	22		97	

Figure 1 - Grant Recipients' Metrics for All Cases



*No quarterly comparison available due to lack of cases in each quarter.

- **Gaps** - measures number of applicants ineligible for participation and reason for ineligibility (Table 4)

Table 3 - Program Gaps

Program Gaps	No. of Cases Ineligible for Participation in Q3 2022	No. of Cases Ineligible for Participation Q4 2021 – Q3 2022
Cases Ineligible due to 12-Month Residency Requirement	14	53

- **Efficiency** – resources required to achieve certain outcomes are unknown for this quarter. Staff will follow up with Grant Recipients to track this for future reporting.

Impacts Beyond Metrics

To support qualitative measures of success through the narrative of participants, Grant Recipients shared additional information about program impacts. Highlights this quarter include:

- Almost all of the clients receiving direct representation from the ILF partners this quarter were children or were families with children who are impacted by their guardian's immigration status. The minors impacted range in age from three months to 18 years.
- Participants continued to include high percentages of immigrants who have experienced violence or trafficking with 50% of the cases this quarter and 60% of cases over the course of the pilot related to those circumstances.
- Two immigration cases were dismissed due to the work of the ILF partners.
- A woman who worked with nonprofit organizations in developing countries to fight human trafficking throughout her career is now a client under the ILF pilot after her family moved to Fort Collins to care for her spouse's aging parents.

Grant recipients continue seeing an increase in the demand for their services, due in part to a rise in the referrals among agencies and the growing trust from returning program participants. Two of the three grant recipients have exhausted their funds, which could negatively impact the continuity and outcome of the participants' cases.

Information about the Immigration Legal Fund pilot is available to the public at <https://www.fcgov.com/neighborhoodservices/immigration-legal-fund>.