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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Immigration Legal Fund Pilot Quarterly Report – Q4 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 October 2022 to December 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 Q4 2024 quarterly reports are limited.

Grant Recipients

Grant recipient’s progress for activities during October – December 2022 (Table 1)

Table 1 - Grant Recipient’ Progress – Q1 (October – December 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 continued a limited amount of immigration legal work with private donations in Q4 2022.
RMIAN	All Immigration Legal Fund grant funds expended by Q3 2022. RMIAN continued a limited amount of immigration legal work for Fort Collins residents through private donations or other funding sources.

Evaluation Criteria

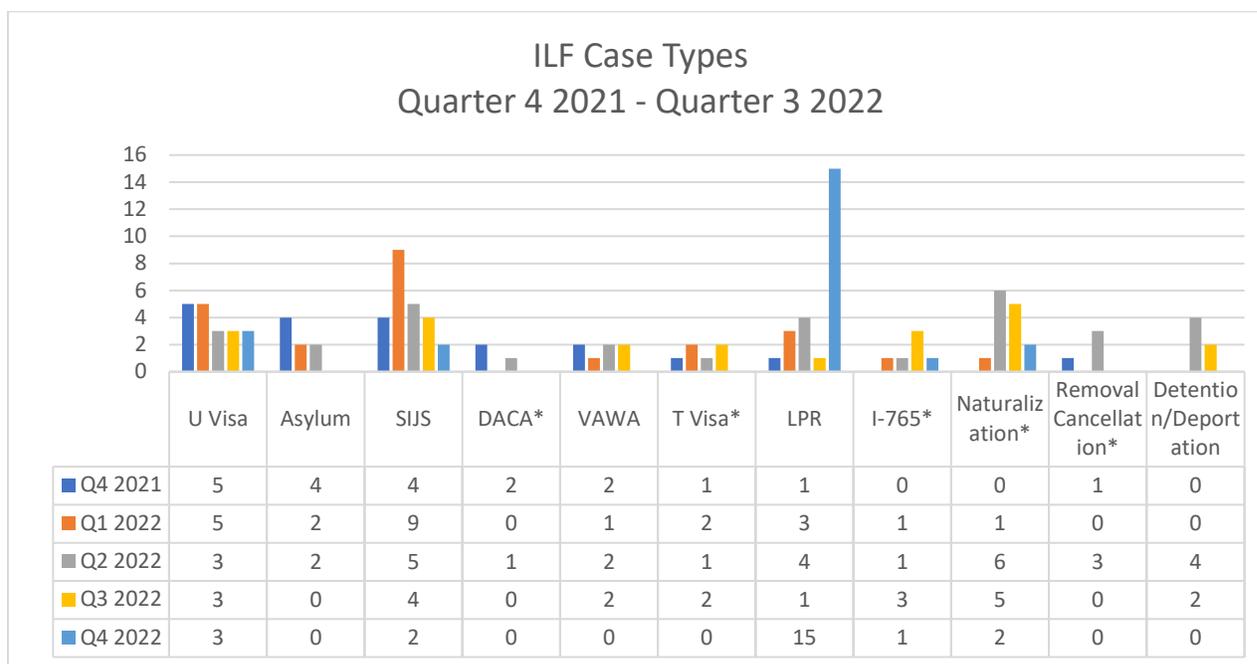
Metrics from all grant recipients and service providers from October through December 2022 and cumulative pilot program from October 2021 through December 2022 (Table 2)

- **Quarter 4 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	Q4 – 2022 Adults	Q4 – 2022 Children/ Youth	Total Cases (Q3 2021 – Q4 2022) Adults	Total Cases (Q3 2021 – Q4 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	3
Special Immigrant Juvenile Status <i>abused, neglected, or abandoned children</i>		2	0	23
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>			5	1
T Visa/Office of Trafficking In Persons <i>victims of human trafficking</i>			1	2
Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) <i>Permanent authorization to live in the United States as a non-citizen (sometimes known as “green card” residents)</i>	14	1	19	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>	1		6	0
Detention/Deportation			6	0
Naturalization <i>Process to become U.S. citizen if born outside of the U.S.</i>	2		10	0
Column Total	20	3	74	34
Combined Adult & Youth Case Total	23		108	

Figure 1 - Grant Recipients' Metrics for All Cases



- **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 Q4 2022	No. of Cases Ineligible for Participation Q4 2021 – Q4 2022
Cases Ineligible due to 12-Month Residency Requirement	20	73

- **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:

- Because the Immigration Legal Fund pilot program has provided services for more than a year, there is an increase in cases for LPR status for existing clients that first participated in the pilot program for other services like SIJS cases or temporary visas.
- One deportation case was dismissed this quarter for a 17-year-old in foster care due to the work of the ILF partners. This teen petitioned for permanent status with assistance from his ILF-funded attorney.
- Alianza NORCO offers “brief advice” consultations, that support self-advocacy in immigration cases and offer additional, comprehensive resources for residents with a pathway to lawful presence or citizenship.

Grant recipients continue seeing increased 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>.