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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 29, 2022

TO: Mayor Arndt and City Councilmembers

THRU: Kelly DiMartino, City Manager
Caryn Champine, Director, Planning, Development & Transportation

FROM: JC Ward, Sr. City Planner, Neighborhood Services
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RE: Immigration Legal Fund Pilot Quarterly Report – Q1 2022

The purpose of this memo is to provide City Councilmembers with an update on activities conducted and opportunities identified for the implementation of the City of Fort Collins Immigration Legal Fund. Information in this quarterly report is for services and activities during January-March 2022.

Immigration Legal Fund Quarterly Report Overview

The City of Fort Collins Immigration Legal Fund appropriation was approved by City Council on July 6, 2021. After the Second Reading of Appropriation Ordinance was passed, City staff worked on developing the pilot and the competitive grant application process to contract with qualifying immigration legal service providers who could meet the most urgent need and reach the greatest number of impacted immigrant community members. Grant Recipients awarded \$50,000 each are Alianza NORCO, Interfaith Solidarity and Accompaniment Coalition (“ISAAC”), and Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (“RMIAN”).

Grant Recipients

Grant recipient’s progress for activities during January – March 2022 (Table 1)

Table 1 - Grant Recipient’ Progress – Q1 (January – March 2022)

Recipient	Quarterly Progress (Highlights)
Alianza NORCO	Hired an immigration attorney and conducted informational workshops.
ISAAC	Continued service delivery under the Immigration Legal Fund through their scholarship model. At less than halfway into the funding cycle, ISAAC has utilized 80% of the grant funding awarded.
RMIAN	Expanded capacity by hiring and onboarding a new immigration attorney.

Evaluation Criteria

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

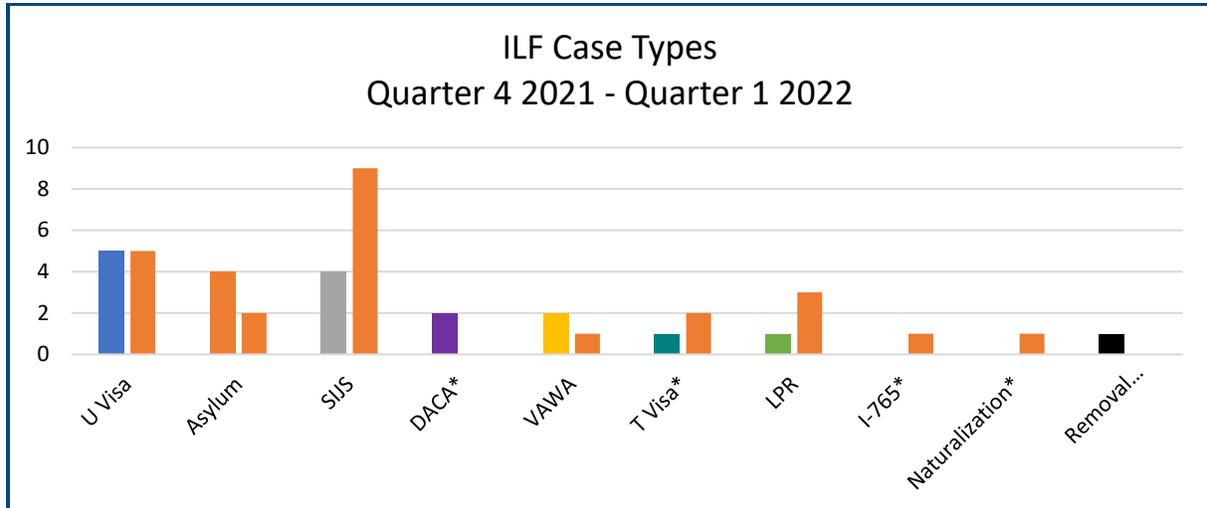
- **Quarter 1 2022 Outputs** (indicators of the amount of service provided)

- 23 people receiving direct representation
 - 11 adults (over age 21): Most adults were seeking a U Visa or Asylum as victims of crime, or fear of harm or death.
 - 12 children: Most of the children were seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.
- 150 residents reached through Immigration legal clinic day
- 120 Colorado attorneys trained to build capacity for representation of asylum cases
- Approximately 100 flyers distributed at Harmony Village Mobile Home Park related to Immigration Legal Fund services

Table 2 – Grant Recipients’ Metrics for All Cases*

Case Type	Q1 – 2022 Adults	Q1 – 2022 Children/ Youth	Total Cases (Q3 2021 - Q1 2022) Adults	Total Cases (Q3 2021 - Q1 2022) Children/ Youth
U Visa <i>victims of crime</i>	5	0	10	0
Asylum <i>victims of persecution or fear of harm or death upon return to home country</i>	2	0	4	2
Special Immigrant Juvenile Status <i>abused, neglected, or abandoned children</i>	0	9	0	13
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals <i>youth who arrived in the U.S. during a specified time period</i>	0	0	2	0
Violence Against Women Act Visa <i>victims of domestic violence or crimes outlined in the Violence Against Women Act</i>	1	0	3	0
T Visa/Office of Trafficking In Persons <i>victims of human trafficking</i>	0	2	0	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>	1	2	2	2
Removal Cancellation <i>status adjustment by an immigration judge from ‘subject to deportation’ to ‘lawful admittance for permanent residence’ under certain circumstances</i>	0	0	1	0
I-765 Employment Authorization <i>Initial, replacement, or renewal work permit that gives applicants permission to work in the U.S.</i>	1	0	1	0
Detention/Deportation	0	0	0	0
Naturalization <i>Process to become U.S. citizen if born outside of the U.S.</i>	1	0	1	0
Column Total	11	12	24	19
Combined Adult & Youth Case Total	23		43	

Figure 1 - Grant Recipients' Metrics for All Cases



*No quarterly comparison available due to lack of cases in a given 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 Q1 2022	No. of Cases Ineligible for Participation Q4 2021 – Q1 2022
Cases Ineligible due to 12-Month Residency Requirement	6	10

- **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 narratives of participants in the pilot, Grant Recipients shared additional information about program impacts. Some highlights from this quarter are:

- The pilot program is supporting women and children with 81% of adult cases in Q1 directly representing female or female-identifying clients.
- 87% of all ILF cases this quarter directly represent minors or have children associated with a parent’s case.
- 12 participants are orphaned and arrived in the U.S. as unaccompanied minors, several financially supporting younger siblings.
- One adult female applicant was granted asylum in 2021 and is now working with attorneys through the Immigration Legal Fund to reunite with her daughter after three years of being apart.
- The pilot program is continuing to benefit long-term residents of Fort Collins. Several of the applicants have been in Colorado between 20 and 32 years. All adult program participants have been in Fort Collins for more than two and a half years.

Service providers are seeing the results of building trusting relationships with community members. Not only is participation in all workshops and training sessions growing, but also applicants are providing more detailed information on intake forms that might make them identifiable. One of our partners, ISAAC, is seeing a number

of return applicants who received their help in the past, now applying to participate in this pilot to continue with the next phase of their immigration process toward lawful presence and/or citizenship. The importance of building this trust and capacity to serve the community is demonstrated by one DACA recipient who attended a local workshop ten years ago now returning to one of our partners to participate in this program to file for citizenship.

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

Upcoming Activities

- June 2022 – Second Quarterly Meeting with Grant Recipients
- July 2022 – Next Quarterly Report for Council Members

Appendix

- **Work to Date**

Status	Description
Completed	Development of Information and Communications Materials
Completed	Grant Review Team Recruitment
Completed	Immigration Legal Fund Competitive Grant Application Open Aug. 20-Oct. 1, 2021
Completed	Grant Applicants' Workshop - Sept. 24, 2021
Completed	Closing Date of Immigration Legal Fund Competitive Grant Application
Completed	Community Outreach for Grant Application Review Priorities
Completed	Grant Review Core Team Deliberation Meeting - Oct. 22, 2021
Completed	Grant Recipients' Collaboration Workshop – Nov. 2, 2021
Completed	Contracting Activities
Completed	Preparation for Start Date of Services
In Progress	Collaborative Promotion of Services Between City Staff and Grant Recipients
In Progress	Begin Service Delivery