IOLA Fund of the State of New York
Meeting of the Grants Committee of the Board of Trustees
November 15, 2018

Present: Chair Davis, Trustees Galowitz, Nardelli and Ross
Video Conference: Trustees Cirando and Lopez-Soto
Staff: Fecko, Fehringer, O’Malley

1. Call to Order.
   A quorum being present, Chair Mary Davis called to order the Meeting of the Grants Committee in open session at approximately 10:05 a.m.

2. Overview of Grant Recommendations
   Referencing his memo to the Board dated November 6, 2018, Mr. O’Malley presented an overview of the grant recommendations:
   - Award $70 million over a two-year term, which represents an increase of $22 million, or 45%, over the last two-year term when the IOLA Fund awarded $48 million.
   - Allocate 75% of the total, or $52.5 million, to CLS providers and 25%, or $17.5 million, to AOJ providers.
   - Of the 94 applications received, 75 scored sufficiently to be eligible for a grant award (a score of 85 or higher). Of these 75 applicants, 21 were found to be CLS providers and 54 to be AOJ providers.
   - Among the 19 applicants scoring less than 85, one was an existing grantee. Two other existing grantees did not submit applications.
   - In determining the geographic distribution of CLS funding, the IOLA Fund adopted a regional map with seven units, consistent with its long-standing practice and the Legal Service Corporation’s service areas.
   - CLS applicants serving more than one geographical unit (“Multi-Unit Providers”) provided information on their applications regarding the percentage of services and expenses associated with each unit served, which information was considered in determining the unit allocations for the recommended awards for Multi-Unit Providers.

3. Conflicts of Interest
   Ms. Fecko reported that every member of the Board of Trustees declared their conflicts, as required by Conflict of Interest regulation (21 NYCRR Part 7000.6), and thanked the Trustees for their prompt disclosures. Ms. Fecko circulated a list summarizing the conflicts and noted that the regulation provides that a trustee with a past or present affiliation with an application “shall not participate in a vote on any matter relating directly to such applicant.”
4. **Executive Session**
By motion offered by Paula Galowitz, seconded by Paulette Ross, and approved unanimously, the Committee entered into Executive Session to consider matters relating to the financial history and appointment of particular corporations (grantees).

5. **FY 2020 & FY 2021 Grants**
The Committee reviewed the application evaluations, proposal summaries, and recommendations prepared by the Fund’s Staff as to grant awards for the two-year grant term (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2021). By motion offered by Paulette Ross, seconded by Paula Galowitz, and approved unanimously, the Committee approved the recommendations to be forwarded for review and approval by the full Board of Trustees at its meeting on December 5, 2018.

No further actions were taken and the Committee adjourned at approximately 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine M. Fecko
General Counsel