

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) March 13, 2024- The Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York (IOLA) Increases Awards for Legal Assistance Grants by 10%

The IOLA Fund of the State of New York announced that, at a meeting held on March 13, 2024, the Board of Trustees awarded a 10% increase to all current IOLA grant contracts, subject to and upon the approval of New York State's FY25 Budget. These two-year grants support 80 programs that provide civil legal assistance to low-income New Yorkers throughout the State and have already benefitted over 630,000 individuals. The increased grant funds awarded by the Board of Trustees will be spent in the 12-month period, April 1, 2024- March 31, 2025.

The Fund administers two grant programs: Civil Legal Services, which support programs that provide a broad array of free legal services in housing, family law and public benefits, among others, and Administration of Justice, which supports programs that serve special populations such as 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.

The updated schedule of the FY24 + FY25 grants is attached.

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CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS		Amended FY 24 & 25 Grant
1	Bronx Defenders, The	\$ 687,500
2	Brooklyn Defender Services	\$ 440,000
3	CAMBA Inc.	\$ 1,540,000
4	Empire Justice Center	\$ 3,085,500
5	Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society	\$ 1,595,000
6	Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo Inc	\$ 1,157,200
7	Legal Aid Society of Mid NY	\$ 385,000
8	Legal Aid Society (NYC), The	\$ 16,500,000
9	Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York	\$ 5,060,000
10	Legal Aid Society of Rochester NY	\$ 2,475,000
11	Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.	\$ 3,696,000
12	Legal Services NYC	\$ 16,500,000
13	Legal Services of Central New York, Inc.	\$ 4,262,500
14	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	\$ 6,930,000
15	Mobilization for Justice, Inc.	\$ 1,870,000
16	Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee	\$ 4,510,000
17	Neighborhood Legal Services Inc	\$ 3,190,000
18	New York Legal Assistance Group Inc.	\$ 4,620,000
19	Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation	\$ 2,566,300
20	Urban Justice Center	\$ 990,000
Total for CLS		\$ 82,060,000

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS		Amended FY 24 & 25 Grant
1	Access Justice Brooklyn (F/K/A Brooklyn Bar Association VLP)	\$ 621,500
2	Advocates for Children of New York	\$ 385,000
3	African Services Committee	\$ 137,500
4	Association of the Bar of the City of New York Fund (D/B/A City Bar Justice Center)	\$ 1,480,600
5	Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A	\$ 275,000
6	Capital District Women's Bar Association Legal Project	\$ 786,500
7	Catholic Charities Community Services	\$ 770,000
8	Catholic Migration Services	\$ 264,000
9	Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.	\$ 192,500
10	Center for Elder Law and Justice	\$ 1,276,000
11	Center for Family Representation	\$ 275,000
12	Central American Legal Assistance	\$ 192,500
13	Central American Refugee Center	\$ 220,550
14	Community Service Society of New York	\$ 275,000
15	Day One	\$ 198,000
16	Disability Advocates Inc	\$ 330,000
17	Door-A Center for Alternatives, The	\$ 440,000
18	Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project	\$ 962,500
19	Family Center	\$ 330,000
20	Family Legal Care (F/K/A LIFT)	\$ 412,500
21	Goddard Riverside Community Center	\$ 192,500
22	Her Justice	\$ 651,200
23	Housing Conservation Coordinators	\$ 341,000
24	Hudson Valley Justice Center	\$ 275,000
25	Immigrant Advocates Response Collaborative, Inc.	\$ 137,500
26	Jewish Association for Services for the Aged	\$ 231,000
27	Journey's End Refugee Services	\$ 235,400
28	LatinoJustice PRLDEF	\$ 330,000
29	Lawyers Alliance for New York	\$ 577,500
30	Legal Action Center	\$ 330,000
31	Legal Momentum	\$ 192,500
32	Long Island Advocacy Center	\$ 412,500
33	Make the Road	\$ 1,100,000
34	MinKwon Center for Community Action	\$ 165,000
35	My Sisters Place	\$ 250,250
36	Neighborhood Defender Service	\$ 330,000
37	Neighbors Link Corporation	\$ 231,000
38	New Economy Project	\$ 495,000
39	New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti Violence Project	\$ 275,000
40	New York County Lawyers Association	\$ 247,500
41	New York Immigration Coalition, The	\$ 319,000
42	New York Justice for Our Neighbors	\$ 192,500
43	New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	\$ 924,000
44	New York State Dispute Resolution Association	\$ 330,000

45	Part of the Solution	\$	275,000
46	Pro Bono Net	\$	2,200,000
47	Pro Bono Partnership	\$	330,000
48	RiseBoro Community Partnership Inc.	\$	275,000
49	Rural Law Center	\$	550,000
50	Safe Horizon	\$	770,000
51	Safe Passage Project	\$	412,500
52	Sanctuary for Families	\$	990,000
53	The Safe Center LI, Inc.	\$	192,500
54	Unity House of Troy	\$	220,000
55	UnLocal, Inc.	\$	220,000
56	Volunteer Lawyers Project of CNY, Inc.	\$	440,000
57	Volunteer Legal Services of Monroe County (D/B/A JustCause)	\$	660,000
58	Volunteers of Legal Services	\$	495,000
59	Western New York Law Center	\$	770,000
60	Youth Represent	\$	275,000
Total for AOJ		\$	27,665,000