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IOLA FUND ANNOUNCES \$6.25 MILLION IN NEW GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN NEW YORK'S CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

Awards Advance Statewide Collaboration, Innovation and
Infrastructure to Expand Access to Justice for Low-Income New Yorkers

NEW YORK, NY – The Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York (IOLA Fund) today announced \$2.5 million in grants for its *Strengthening the NYS Legal Ecosystem* initiative and \$3.75 million in grants for the *Justice Infrastructure Project (JIP)*. These investments support IOLA's ongoing efforts to strengthen New York's civil legal services network and improve access to justice for low-income New Yorkers.

Strengthening the NYS Legal Ecosystem

The IOLA Board of Trustees approved \$2.5 million in funding for projects that strengthen New York's civil legal services network and support greater collaboration among organizations serving low-income New Yorkers.

The following organizations have been selected for funding:

STRENGTHENING THE NYS LEGAL ECOSYSTEM ORGANIZATIONS	FY27 Grant 11/1/2026 - 3/31/2028
Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York	\$ 125,000
Center for Community Alternatives Inc.	\$ 125,000
Chinese-American Planning Council Inc.	\$ 150,000
Co-Counsel NYC Inc.	\$ 100,000
Enlace Services Inc.	\$ 95,000
Family Justice Law Center	\$ 95,000
Fund for the City of New York, sponsoring ICARE	\$ 95,000
Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale	\$ 100,000
Human Rights First	\$ 125,000

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International Institute of Buffalo Inc.	\$ 175,000
International Rescue Committee Inc.	\$ 100,000
Jericho Road Ministries Inc.	\$ 125,000
Justice Innovation Inc., operating Legal Hand-NYC	\$ 100,000
New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti Violence Project	\$ 95,000
OLA of Eastern Long Island Inc.	\$ 200,000
Prisoners' Legal Services of New York	\$ 100,000
Retreat Inc.	\$ 175,000
SEPA Mujer Inc.	\$ 95,000
Shalom Task Force	\$ 200,000
Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood NY	\$ 125,000
Total	\$ 2,500,000

Advancing the Justice Infrastructure Project

IOLA also announced awards for two statewide JIP initiatives:

Statewide Knowledge Platform. Legal Services NYC, in collaboration with its partners, was awarded \$2.5 million to plan, build, implement, and scale a statewide knowledge platform to make reliable and consistent legal information accessible and available across New York State, including for all IOLA grantees

Comprehensive and Dynamic Legal Services Directory. Scale Justice Network, in collaboration with its partners, was awarded \$1.25 million to plan, build, implement, and scale a comprehensive and dynamic directory of legal services resources and available assistance across New York State, including for all IOLA Grantees.

Together, these projects will strengthen coordination among providers and improve statewide access to information and services.

"A strong civil legal services system depends on strong organizations and strong connections among them. These investments reflect IOLA's commitment to building the infrastructure, partnerships, and shared resources that help legal services providers better serve New Yorkers. Moreover, by strengthening the legal ecosystem statewide, we are helping ensure that more people can access the legal assistance they need when it matters most," said **Christine Fecko, Executive Director of the IOLA Fund of the State of New York.**

The Ecosystem and JIP investments complement IOLA's continued support for civil legal services organizations and reflect its commitment to strengthening access to justice across New York State.

The IOLA Fund supports nonprofit organizations that provide high-quality civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers and improve the administration of justice statewide.

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