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**IMMIGRATION BRANCH
UNACCOMPANIED UNDOCUMENTED MINORS
LEGAL SERVICES FUNDING
PROGRAM UPDATE
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INTRODUCTION

This document provides an update on the Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors (UUMs) Legal Services Funding, a \$3 million program. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) awarded contracts to 21 qualified nonprofit legal services organizations that will provide legal representation for UUMs in the filing of, preparation for and representation in administrative and/or judicial proceedings for the following immigration statuses: asylum, T-Visa, U-Visa, and/or Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). The legal services include culturally and linguistically appropriate services provided by attorneys, paralegals, interpreters and other support staff for state court proceedings, federal immigration proceedings, and any appeals arising from those proceedings. Services began on December 19, 2014.

REGIONS SERVED

Northern Region (Counties Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, Yuba

Central Region (Counties Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne

Southern Region (Counties Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

TOTAL FUNDING

Fiscal Year 2014/15

Funding: \$2,900,000
Cost-per-Case: \$4,000
Clients Served: 725

Fiscal Year 2015/16

Funding: \$2,900,000
Cost-per-Case: \$5,000
Clients Served: 580

The UUM fee-per-case was increased in FY 2015/16 from \$4,000 per case to \$5,000 per case to adequately compensate legal services organizations for the UUM services they have contracted for. A departmental survey and research of costs associated with providing UUM legal services ranged from \$2,000 to \$12,000 depending on the case type. Invoicing records show that the majority of

cases that contractors are handling involve Asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, which have the greatest expense.

The average wait time to secure a court decision for a UUM client is 1,071 days¹ (2.9 years). All UUM contractors have until June 30, 2021 to close out all active cases and submit final invoices.

CLIENTS SERVED

Fiscal Year 2014/15

Clients Served: 680

Clients Completed (Adjudicated): 147

Fiscal Year 2015/16

Clients Served: 185

Clients Completed (Adjudicated): 8

OUTCOMES

There have been a total 155 adjudicated cases. Below are outcomes for 125 of those cases, which successfully resulted in the following immigration remedies. The remaining 30 cases, not reported below, are awaiting outcome details from the reporting contractors.

Fiscal Year	2014/15	2015/16
Clients Completed (Adjudicated)	117	8
Final Case Outcomes:		
Asylum	83	7
T-Visa	0	0
U-Visa	0	0
SIJS	32	1
Other (Citizenship)	2	0

¹ Pierce, Sarah. "Unaccompanied Child Migrants in U.S. Communities, Immigration Courts, and Schools." Migration Policy Institute (October 2015):13. Web. 04 Dec. 2015.

AWARDED ORGANIZATIONS

SUMMARY UUM LEGAL SERVICES 2014/15		
	TOTAL 2014/15 CASELOAD	
Legal Organization Name	2014/15 Caseload	2016/15 Funding @ \$4,000
Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach	40	\$160,000
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. (CRLAF)	18	\$72,000
Casa Cornelia Law Center	40	\$160,000
Catholic Charities of California, Inc.	89	\$356,000
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of California	23	\$92,000
Centro Legal de la Raza	109	\$436,000
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	63	\$252,000
East Bay Community Law Center	22	\$88,000
International Institute of Los Angeles	26	\$104,000
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)	94	\$376,000
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	20	\$80,000
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	24	\$96,000
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles	25	\$100,000
Public Law Center	84	\$336,000
San Joaquin College of Law	5	\$20,000
U.C. Davis School of Law Clinical Program	14	\$56,000
University of San Francisco Immigration Law Clinic	29	\$116,000
TOTAL	725	\$2,900,000

SUMMARY UUM LEGAL SERVICES 2015/16		
	TOTAL 2015/16 CASELOAD	
Legal Organization Name	2015/16 Caseload	2015/16 Funding @ \$5,000
Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach	32	\$160,000
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	20	\$100,000
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.	25	\$125,000
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.	83	\$415,000
Central American Resource Center of Northern California	16	\$80,000
Centro Legal de la Raza	114	\$570,000
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	58	\$290,000
East Bay Community Law Center	10	\$50,000
International Institute of Los Angeles	7	\$35,000
Kids in Need of Defense	28	\$140,000
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area	10	\$50,000
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	24	\$120,000
Legal Services for Children	32	\$160,000
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	19	\$95,000
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles	5	\$25,000
Public Law Center	28	\$140,000
San Bernardino Community Service Center Inc.	10	\$50,000
U.C. Davis School of Law Clinical Program	3	\$15,000
University of San Francisco Immigration Law Clinic	56	\$280,000
TOTAL	580	\$2,900,000