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**UNACCOMPANIED UNDOCUMENTED MINORS
LEGAL SERVICES FUNDING
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Immigration Services Branch (ISB) is pleased to announce intended awardees for the Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors (UUMs) Legal Services funding for fiscal year 2015/16. The CDSS has \$2,900,000 to fund legal services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The CDSS released 50 percent of the UUM funding to previously contracted nonprofit legal services organizations at the rate of \$5,000 per case. The remaining 50 percent of funding was released on November 20, 2015 through a Request for Application (RFA). The RFA allowed new nonprofit legal service organizations to participate in providing legal services to UUMs. This announcement identifies the FY 2015/16 RFA intended awardees, and the awards offered, according to the chart below. The awards are subject to final execution of contracts.

SUMMARY UUM LEGAL SERVICES 2015/16		
Legal Organization Name	2015/16 Caseload	2015/16 Funding @ \$5,000
NORTHERN		
East Bay Community Law Center	8	\$40,000
Central American Resource Center of Northern California	10	\$50,000
Centro Legal de la Raza	20	\$100,000
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	40	\$200,000
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area	10	\$50,000
Legal Services for Children ¹	32	\$160,000
University of San Francisco School of Law Clinical Programs ¹	40	\$200,000
CENTRAL		
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation	20	\$100,000
SOUTHERN		
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	20	\$100,000
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.	20	\$100,000
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles	15	\$75,000
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice	15	\$75,000
Public Counsel	15	\$75,000
Public Law Center	15	\$75,000
San Bernardino Community Service Center Inc.	10	\$50,000
Total	290	\$1,450,000

¹ This organization will be focusing their UUM legal services in the Central Valley region.

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The funding for legal services provided pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §13300-§13302 is for the sole purpose of providing 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.

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