

Legal Service Working Group

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Agenda



- **Welcome, Agenda Overview and Updates**
- **Legal Services During COVID-19**
- **Funder Discussion & Response**
- **Legal Services Report**
- **Next Steps Closing**

AGENDA



GCIR COVID-19 Recommendations



Reduce or Eliminate Enforcement, Detention, and Deportation During COVID-19

Advocacy and organizing, along with immigration legal services, are critically needed in light of ongoing immigration enforcement activities and the high number of immigrants in detention and at risk of deportation. Priorities include:

- Pushing for the release of detained immigrants, particularly those who are medically vulnerable, through parole and bond.
- Increasing access to justice and health services for detained immigrants by facilitating remote legal counsel, providing adequate cleaning and sanitary supplies, and offering testing and treatment in all immigration detention facilities and prisons.
- Limiting enforcement in all sensitive locations, including but not limited to food pantries, hospitals, community centers, schools, and other community-service agencies.
- Suspending immigration court proceedings as needed to protect the safety of clients, lawyers, and the immigration court staff
- Technology needs for staff working remotely and for community members who can no longer access on-site services (e.g., purchase of laptops, broadband services, software licenses, videoconferencing service, cybersecurity, and training on these new tools).

Tech Recommendations in Legal Scan Report



Long-term efforts to expand innovative and collaborative technology across organizations. Small and large legal services organizations have limited resources to invest in new technology tools or upgrade their systems. Allocating funding resources to invest in ongoing and long-term efforts to implement technology would include: training staff to use platforms, maintaining and upgrading software and routine refinement and iteration of tools and systems to efficiently carry out their work.

Access to secure digitized shared information across the state. Widespread application of secured digitized information would allow for proper resource allocation amongst multiple legal service organizations that may currently only be benefiting single organizations. Funders can invest in the development of technology tools and take advantage of new innovations to promote sharing and efficiencies across grantee organizations throughout the state.

Catalyze foundation relationships with other sectors. Understanding that technology can help address bottlenecks and help increase capacity, funders can intentionally develop relationships with technologists that take advantage of their desire to promote social change. Funders who have relationships with the technology sector can leverage opportunities for new ways to collaborate and partner with the legal services sector.

Funder Discussion



- Name and foundation
- What other issues are we learning about from the field?
- What are positive ways to support to legal service providers during COVID-19?

Upcoming GCIR Programs



- **GCIR's COVID-19 Webinar** – *April 15th 10:00 -11:30am*
- **GCIR CA COVID-19 Webinar** – *TBD April 21st or 22nd*
- **CIII Biweekly Check-in** – *April 17th & May 1st – 9:00 – 10:00am*
- **DACA Webinar with Four Freedoms Fund** - *April 23rd 1:00pm – 2:30pm*
- **CIII Meeting** - *April 30th 10:00am – 12:00pm*
- **Next LSWG Meeting** - *June 10th 1:00pm – 2:30pm*

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