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Los Angeles Justice Fund – Program Highlights

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The Need – Why LAJF?

- **Building a safety net** – Urgent need to protect families, keep communities safe and maintain trust in institutions.
- **Protecting** vulnerable community members with deep ties to Los Angeles.
- **National momentum** – Local government leading innovations.
- **Public/private investment** maximizes resources, creates partnerships
- **Reinforces shared values** – due process, racial equity.

LAJF: Building Safety Net Infrastructure

- **Building removal defense pipeline**
- Expanded removal defense capacity via **11 nonprofit legal services providers** and **5 capacity building nonprofits** providing combination of training, expertise and technical assistance
- **42** Immigration attorneys hired
- **50** law students and attorneys trained in removal defense
- **Shared workspace** 3 miles from Adelanto Detention Center

LAJF Clients

- **291** clients served through December 31, 2018 (and a total of **420** as of June 30, 2019).
- LAJF clients have **longstanding ties to the United States** and are deeply entrenched in their communities.
- Clients are **diverse, young, vulnerable** and connected to the City and County of Los Angeles.
- **Key stats:**
 - 26 different nationalities
 - 15 average years living in US
 - 71% under 40 years of age
 - 48% parents to children living in the U.S.
 - 92% from a vulnerable class
 - 60% are male, 35% women, 5% identified as other than male/female

LAJF Impact to Date

- **11 nonprofit, LAJF legal services providers have served 420 clients through June 30, 2019 (about half are city funded cases)**
- **1,314 individuals screened**
- **Out of the completed cases, 44% had successful outcomes, allowing clients to remain in the United States, compared to the success rate of unrepresented cases nationwide of less than 5%.**
- **Created a new corps of removal defense attorneys coming out of law school to expand the pipeline of immigration attorneys**
- **LAJF benefits go beyond clients and radiate through families and community restoring dignity and fairness to imbalanced process**

LAJF Funding Needs

- **Of \$7.4M two-year grants invested, LAJF granted:**
 - **\$5,505,000 to 11 legal service provider grantees**
 - **\$1,320,000 to 5 capacity building nonprofit organizations**
- **87% of LAJF cases remain pending**
- **As of June 30, 2019, LAJF grantees have spent 71% of grant resources**
- **Majority of LAJF grantees are projected to spend 90% of grant resources by December 31, 2019**

LAJF 2.0 – Looking Ahead

- Support and sustain LAJF infrastructure
- Build upon LAJF successes and learnings from 2-year pilot.
- Fine-tune program design to expand impact of the LAJF, achieve greater efficiencies and economies of scale.