

Pennsylvania IOLTA Board

Bank of America Surplus Distribution Grant Program Guidelines

Funding Category: Landlord / Tenant Representation

Grantee Category: Legal aid organizations that currently receive a PA IOLTA Board “zone” grant and are not programs of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN)

Total Amount Allocated: \$406,000

Total Amount Allocated for 2018-19 (Year 2 of 2): \$203,000

Number of grants available for 2018-19: Four (4) grants in the amount of \$50,750 each

Eligible Activities:

Legal services for low-income individuals and families facing eviction or denial of rental housing, warranty of habitability cases, housing discrimination, and/or displacement due to gentrification.

Priority will be given to:

- Proposals to provide extended representation
- Proposals that target low-income communities that have experienced or are experiencing a high rate of foreclosure activity within the counties listed below
- Proposals to serve the mentally ill, veterans, formerly incarcerated persons, domestic violence survivors, seniors, minorities, non-English speaking persons, those living in rural areas of the state and/or those living with a disability.

Targeted counties having the highest rates of Act 91 Notices and Foreclosure Filings per capita based on a 3-year rolling average:

Adams County
Beaver County
Berks County
Bucks County
Carbon County
Dauphin County
Delaware County
Franklin County
Lackawanna County
Lawrence County
Lehigh County
Luzerne County
Monroe County

Montgomery County
Northampton County
Perry County
Philadelphia County
Pike County
Schuylkill County
Susquehanna County
Washington County
Wayne County
Westmoreland County
Wyoming County
York County

Data Collection by the National Association of IOLTA Programs (NAIP)

By submitting an application under this category, the applicant agrees to collect and report to the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board data including, but not limited to, the number of individuals in a household that benefited from the grant-funded activity and, within that gross number, the number of those falling within the following categories:

1. Elderly (60+)
2. Children (< 18 yrs-old)
3. Veterans

Level of Service - standard definitions:

An *Extended Representation* case is defined as a case the grantee closed through negotiated settlement without litigation, negotiated settlement with litigation, administrative agency decision or court decision.

A *Brief Service* case is defined as a case in which the grantee took limited action(s) on behalf of an eligible client that addressed the client's legal problem. Examples include: communications by letter, telephone or other means to a third party; preparation of a simple legal document such as a routine will or power of attorney; or legal assistance to a pro se client that involves assistance with preparation of court or other legal documents.

An *Advice Only* case is defined as a case in which the grantee provided legal advice to an eligible client (e.g., the advocate ascertained and reviewed relevant facts, exercised judgment in interpreting the particular facts presented by the client and in applying the relevant law to the facts presented, and counseled the client concerning his or her legal problem). Referrals may not be counted as Advice Only cases.

Grant Applications

Grant applications will be made available for this funding opportunity on Monday, November 13, 2017 and will be due to the PA IOLTA Board on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Grant Use Provisions and Client Eligibility

Clients must be income-eligible. IOLTA Grant Use Provisions apply. They are available on our website at the following link: www.paiolta.org/grants/grant-policies/

Contact

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