

## Pennsylvania IOLTA Board

### Bank of America Surplus Distribution Grant Program Guidelines

The PA IOLTA Board (“Board”) invites proposals for the delivery of civil legal aid to low-income Pennsylvanians. Grant funded activities under this grant program will be restricted to foreclosure prevention legal assistance and community redevelopment legal assistance. The amount available for this grant category represents a portion of the Bank of America Surplus Distribution received by the Board in 2015.

Applicants are free to propose activities that they believe comply with the restrictions by relying on their knowledge of civil legal needs and the impact of the foreclosure crisis in their respective service areas.

**Eligible Applicants:** Legal aid organizations (PLAN and non-PLAN) that currently receive a grant from the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board

**Total Amount Available:** \$1,000,000

**Grant Term Begins:** July 1, 2020 (Single-year and multi-year proposals will be considered.)

**Restrictions:** Foreclosure prevention legal assistance and community redevelopment legal assistance

**Priority will be given to:**

- Proposals that target low-income communities that have experienced or are experiencing a high rate of foreclosure activity (see targeted counties below) or have been identified as an “at-risk” or “distressed” community in the Economic Innovation Group’s 2018 Distressed Communities Index Report (<https://eig.org/dci>).
- Proposals that demonstrate sustainable services during and beyond the term of this grant funding.

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

Adams County  
Armstrong County  
Beaver County  
Bedford County\*  
Berks County  
Blair County  
Bucks County  
Carbon County  
Dauphin County  
Delaware County  
Lackawanna County  
Lawrence County  
Lehigh County  
Luzerne County

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

\* New in 2020-21

## Data Collection

By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to collect and report to the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board data including, but not limited to, the number of foreclosures prevented, 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

## Grant Applications

Grant applications will be made available for this funding opportunity on Monday December 16, 2019 and will be due to the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board on Friday January 17, 2020.

## 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/](http://www.paiolta.org/grants/grant-policies/)

## Contact

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