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### **CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNNECTION**

Project: Creating Leaders From Within • Grant awarded: \$2,500 Providing a transformative experience for current and former foster youth through its dual goals of empowering youth and improving foster care.

# **CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY DALE E. FOWLER SCHOOL OF LAW**

Project: Bette and Wylie Aitken Family Protection Clinic • Grant awarded: \$6,000 Provides free legal representation, legal advice, and pro per workshops to indigent and low-income people and survivors of family violence, sexual assault, and trafficking.

### **COLLABORATIVE COURTS FOUNDATION**

Participant Assistance Project • Grant awarded: \$10,000 Provides court-requested assistance to participants in the various Collaborative Court programs such as Drug Court, DUI Court, Veterans & Military Diversion Courts and numerous Mental Health Courts.

#### **COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SO CAL** (formerly Legal Aid Society of Orange County)

Project: Collaborative Court Partnership Project • Grant Awarded: \$40,000 Provides on-site screening and "legal check ups" relating to civil legal matters for individuals at the collaborative courts, performs intakes f or eligible individuals, and provides referrals to pro bono attorneys for ineligible individuals.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION -ORANGE COUNTY (CRF-OC)**

Project: Civic Education • Grant awarded: \$40,000 Provides civic and law-related educational programs made available to all high school students in Orange County including Mock Trial, Peer Court, Constitution Day, Law Day, and the Orange County Career Forum.

# COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

Project: Mentor Advocate Program • Grant awarded: \$4,000 Provides a voice for youth in the child welfare system through a unique one-on-one relationship with trained and supervised court appointed volunteer advocates.

## **ELDER LAW & DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER (ELDR)**

Project: Youth Advocacy Project • Grant awarded: \$7,000 Provides community legal education, advocacy, and representation to disabled children and their families in the area of special education law.

# **HUMAN OPTIONS**

Project: Legal Advocacy Program • Grant awarded: \$5,000 Provides victims of domestic violence and late life family violence with education on legal rights, court accompaniment and support, direct assistance and resources.

#### LAURA'S HOUSE

Project: Legal Advocacy Program • Grant awarded: \$5,000 Provides victims of domestic violence with a broad range of services and support to assist them in understanding and securing their legal rights so they can lead safe, productive and violence-free lives.

#### **OCBF PROJECT YOUTH**

Project SELF • Grant awarded: \$3,500 Provides low-income and at risk high school students with hands on internships in the legal field.

Project Youth/Shortstop • Grant awarded: \$2,500 Provides a juvenile crime diversion program for at-risk Orange County youth and their families to prevent youth delinquency from escalating into chronic criminal behavior.

### ORANGE COUNTY GANG REDUCTION AND INTERNVENTION **PARTNERSHIP (OC GRIP Foundation)**

Grant awarded: \$5,000

Provides a partnership program between The Orange County District Attorney's Office and law enforcement to prevent at-risk minors in grades fourth through eighth grade from joining a criminal street gang and promotes opportunity and education to help students make the right choices.

### **ORANGE COUNTY JUSTICE FUND**

Grant awarded: \$2,000

Coordinates efforts among the legal community to enhance deportation defense services.

# **PUBLIC LAW CENTER (PLC)**

Project: Orange County Expanded Domestic Violence Assistance Project Grant awarded: \$25,000

Provides free civil legal services, including counseling, individual representation, community education and strategic litigation and advocacy to challenge societal injustices.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW Project: Pre-Law Outreach Program (POP) • Grant awarded: \$2,500 Provides assistance to undergraduate students from disadvantaged backgrounds to prepare for the law school application and admissions process, and to understand the unique demands of legal education.

Project: Saturday Academy of Law (SAL) • Grant awarded: \$5,000 Provides an educational pipeline program for under-served 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from Santa Ana, Anaheim and Garden Grove school districts.

#### **VETERANS LEGAL INSTITUTE**

Project: Pro Bono Veterans Legal Mobile Clinics • Grant awarded: \$30,000 Provides pro bono legal assistance to homeless, at risk, disabled, and low-income veterans and service members. Seeks to eradicate barriers to housing, education, employment, and healthcare and to foster self-sufficiency.

# **WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER (WTLC)**

Project: Survivor Immigration Legal Services • Grant awarded: \$5,000 Assists individuals and families to escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation, and specifically assists survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking with immigration relief such as U-Visas, T-Visas and VAWA petitions.

Grant Recipients selected in January 2020

The mission of the Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund is to provide resources to organizations and programs in order to enhance the system of justice and promote equal justice for all.