



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

LEGAL SERVICES TRUST FUND PROGRAM

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April 28, 2010

Kevin M. Aslanian
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Dear Kevin:

Enclosed is an original fully-executed grant agreement for your 2009-2010 IOLTA-formula Equal Access Fund grant and a Schedule for Submitting Quarterly Financial Reports.

My understanding is that you plan to apply funds retroactive to October 1, 2009. If that is correct, you must submit expenditure reports for the first and second quarters now. Reports for the third and fourth quarters are due in the Trust Fund office no later than July 30 and November 1.

If you have any questions in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Lorna Choy
Senior Grants Administrator
Legal Services Trust Fund Program

Enclosure

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GRANT AGREEMENT

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

LEGAL SERVICES TRUST FUND PROGRAM - EQUAL ACCESS FUND

This Grant Agreement is made as of October 1, 2009, (the "Effective Date") between The State Bar of California ("State Bar"), a California public corporation, and Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, a California nonprofit corporation ("Recipient").

RECITALS

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 6210-6228 (the "Act") and the Budget Act of 2009 (Statutes 2009-10 Third Extraordinary Session, chapter 1, §9, item No. 0250-101-0001, schedule (8), provision 1, and item No. 0250-101-0932, schedule (7), provisions 9, 10, (AB X4 1, the "Budget Act")) and State Bar Rules, Title 3, Division 5, Chapter 2 regarding the Legal Services Trust Fund Program (the "Rules") and The State Bar of California Legal Services Trust Fund Program General Grant Provisions (the "Grant Provisions"), a Legal Services Trust Fund Program ("Program") has been established in the State of California and will administer an Equal Access Fund ("Fund").

Recipient has completed, executed and submitted to State Bar an Application for Funding under the Program and Fund. As part of the Application for Funding, Recipient has completed, executed and submitted to State Bar, Certifications, Assurances, Attachments, and a Proposed Budget (collectively, including the Application for Funding, the "Application Materials").

In reliance upon the representations and agreements made in the Application Materials, State Bar has determined that Recipient is eligible for a grant under the Program and the Fund for the period commencing on October 1, 2009 and ending on September 30, 2010 ("Grant Period").

The Board of Directors, the officers and similarly empowered staff of Recipient have read and understand the Act, Budget Act, Rules, the Grant Provisions and the Application Materials. Recipient has familiarized its staff with the requirements of the Act, Budget Act, Rules, the Grant Provisions and the Application Materials.

AGREEMENTS

1. Pursuant to the Program and Fund and in reliance upon the promises and representations made by Recipient, State Bar grants to Recipient \$98,181 ("Grant Amount").

2. The Act, Budget Act, Rules, Grant Provisions and Application Materials are incorporated into this Agreement as if set forth in their entirety in this Agreement. Recipient agrees to comply with the Act, Budget Act, Rules, Grant Provisions and Assurances and other agreements made in the Application Materials. Recipient agrees to comply with all lawful statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, instructions and similar directives pertaining to the Program and the Fund (collectively "Directives") issued by the State of California, the Supreme Court of the State of California or State Bar, including without limitation, any Directive adopted after the Effective Date.

3. State Bar will use its best efforts to pay the Grant Amount in accordance with the Grant Provisions. State Bar, however, will in no circumstances bear any liability to Recipient or to other persons or entities for delays in payments.

4. Notwithstanding the Grant Provisions or any other provision of the entire agreement regarding the payment of grants, Recipient acknowledges that the Grant Amount and all payments thereof shall be made from funds received by the State Bar pursuant to the Budget Act; and are contingent upon the availability and sufficiency of such funds to the State Bar, as determined by the State Bar. Consequently, Recipient shall not be guaranteed any specific dollar amount in grant funds or any grant funds at all, if funds received pursuant to the Budget Act ("State Funding") are insufficient or unavailable to the State Bar. This Agreement shall terminate automatically if State Funding becomes unavailable. The State Bar shall not assume any liability whatsoever to Recipient for any failure to pay the Grant Amount or any part thereof that results because funds are insufficient or unavailable.

5. Recipient must spend funds received in connection with the Program and Fund in each county served in the amounts set forth in Schedule of Grant Allocations, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

6. Recipient warrants that Recipient's Application Materials for a grant under the Program and Fund do not contain any misstatement of a material fact or omit any material fact necessary to make the statements contained in the Application Materials not misleading. Recipient will notify State Bar promptly of any change in any material fact affecting Recipient's eligibility to receive funds under the Program and Fund, including without limitation, any change that affects the accuracy of any statement made in conjunction with Recipient's application for a grant under the Program and Fund.

7. In support of the State Bar's obligation to the Judicial Council to ensure full participation by Trust Fund grant recipients in maintaining and utilization of statewide on-line resources for legal advocates and consumers of legal services, Recipient will:

a) Ensure that, during the grant year, Recipient is accurately identified on the statewide legal services websites, including, as appropriate, in the:

- i. Client referral directory on LawHelpCalifornia.org;
- ii. Legal Services Directories (support center and field program directories); and
- iii. *Pro Bono* Opportunities Guide on CALegalAdvocates.org.

b) Include information about LawHelpCalifornia.org and CALegalAdvocates.org in trainings for new advocates; circulate information about the sites when received from state coordinators; encourage advocates to join the CALegalAdvocate.org Web site; and encourage participation in available brief trainings about the sites.

8. Recipient will permit State Bar's agents to inspect at any time any office or other premises maintained by Recipient or used by Recipient in connection with the expenditure of funds received under the Program. Recipient will cooperate with State Bar's agents during such inspections and will furnish the agents with any information that the agents reasonably request as relevant to determining Recipient's compliance with this Agreement. State Bar's right of access to Recipient's records for purposes of compliance will survive the expiration of the Grant Period. In complying with disclosure requirements of this Agreement and of the Program and Fund, Recipient may withhold any client-identifying information when Recipient reasonably determines that disclosure would violate the Act, the Rules or a rule or canon of professional responsibility.

9. The Act, Budget Act, Rules, Grant Provisions and Directives set forth requirements concerning use of Program funds and payment for subcontracts to provide legal services ("Subcontracted Services"). Recipient acknowledges its obligation to inform all providers of Subcontracted Services with the requirements of the Program and to obtain from all Subcontracted Services providers a written

agreement to comply with all requirements of this Agreement as if that provider is the Recipient. Recipient assigns to State Bar all rights that Recipient has or will acquire to inspect the premises and records of providers of Subcontracted Services to ensure compliance with Program, provided that disclosure of client-identifying information by a provider of Subcontracted Services shall be governed by the provisions of paragraph 8 hereof.

10. (a) Recipient shall not represent or in any way suggest that it may obligate or pledge the credit of the State of California or of State Bar.

(b) Recipient agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless State Bar (including its Board of Governors, officers, agents, and employees, as the same may be constituted now and from time to time hereafter) from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, expenses or costs, whatsoever (including reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses), which may arise against or be incurred by State Bar as a result of or in connection with (i) claims by any and all contractors, subcontractors, providers of consulting services, materialmen, laborers, or any other person, firm, or corporation retained by Recipient to furnish or supply work, service, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement; and (ii) claims by any person, firm, or corporation for injury or damage by Recipient or Recipient's agents in connection with the provision of legal services pursuant to this Agreement. Recipient shall further protect, indemnify and hold harmless the State Bar from and against all liabilities, losses, damages, expenses, or costs, whatsoever (including reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses), arising from or in connection with the State Bar's enforcement of its rights under this paragraph. This indemnity provision shall survive the termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement.

(c) Recipient will use reasonable efforts to have State Bar named as an insured party to any liability insurance policies purchased by or for Recipient, and shall provide the State Bar with these certificates of insurance.

11. This Agreement does not impose on State Bar any obligation to provide Recipient funds in excess of the Grant Amount or beyond the end of the Grant Period.

12. (a) All notices given in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and be made personally or by first-class, certified, registered or express mail addressed to the parties at the addresses stated below:

State Bar:	The State Bar of California 180 Howard Street San Francisco, California 94105
Attention:	Stephanie L. Choy, Managing Director Legal Services Trust Fund Program
Recipient:	COALITION OF CALIFORNIA WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS 1901 Alhambra Boulevard 2nd Floor Sacramento, California 95816
Attention:	Kevin M. Aslanian Executive Director

Notices given by mail will be deemed to have been given five (5) business days after being deposited in a United States Postal Services mailbox or with an express courier mail service. Changes in address for purposes of giving notice will be effective two weeks after giving notice of the change in address.

(b) This Agreement, together with the Application Materials, Rules, Grant Provisions and Directives, contains and constitutes the entire agreement between State Bar and Recipient regarding the State Bar's grant of Equal Access Fund monies to Recipient and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement shall be binding upon agents and successors of both parties. No alteration of the terms of this Agreement will be valid or effective unless in writing and executed by each party.

(c) This Agreement was made and entered into by the parties in the State of California and shall be construed according to the laws of that state. Any action or suit brought to interpret, construe or enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall be commenced in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the county of San Francisco.

(d) Each party has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and the person signing this Agreement on behalf of each party has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Agreement. Each party further acknowledges that its Directors, Governors or similarly empowered persons have read this Agreement, understand it and agree to be bound by it.

(e) No term or provision herein shall be deemed waived and no breach excused unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. No consent or waiver by one party to a breach of this Agreement by the other party, whether expressed or implied, shall constitute a consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any other, different or subsequent breach. No amendment, consent, or waiver on behalf of State Bar shall be binding upon State Bar unless it is executed by the Executive Director of The State Bar of California or his/her designee.

By executing this Agreement below, the parties agree to its terms.

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

By 
Starr Babcock
Senior Executive, Member Services

DATE: 26 April 10, 2009

By 
Peggy Van Horn
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: 4-27-10, 2009

RECIPIENT

By 
Kevin M. Aslanian
Program Director

DATE: April 22, 2010, ~~2009~~

By 
Name Stephen Goldberg
Chairperson

DATE: April 22, 2010, ~~2009~~