

County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

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Request is for Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Application Date (public) Monday, March 28, 2022

Project Number 30

Organization Information

Full Legal Name (public) New Beginnings Law Center

Organization URL (public) www.nblawcenter.org

Mission

What is the mission/purpose of your organization? (Limited to 1000 characters) (public)

NBLC's Community Reentry Program provides socio-legal services to those with a criminal history. Our program is designed to pick up where government involvement/support ends. Our Mission is to empower and transform the lives of those who are burdened by a criminal record and to provide a safety net for those at risk of re-entering the criminal justice system. This is achieved through legal advocacy, case management and collaboration with other community organizations. NBLC's focus is on the needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations in our community that have a criminal history. These include the economically disadvantaged, black, indiginous and people of color (BIPOC), the homeless, the non-citizen, the addicted, members of the LGBTQ community, those re-entering the community from serving a prison sentence and those required to register as a sex offender.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name (public) New Beginnings Law Center Community Reentry Program

Provide a very brief summary description of your project. (Limited to 250 characters) (public) NBLC's Community Reentry Program provides socio-legal services to those with a criminal history. Our outreach/services focuses on individuals in vulnerable populations.

Amount Requested Dollar (public) 10000

Total Project Cost (public) 139000

Being as specific as possible, describe the proposed project/program and its goal(s). Include implementation plans as related to the COVID 19 pandemic and identify what elements of the project would be paid for using County funds. (Limited to 2000 characters) (public)

In California, we are fortunate to have county agencies that devote some of their resources to statutory

post-conviction relief. However, because government entities have constitutional, state and county mandates to provide other services, there is only so much time and support they can give. NBLC has no other focus or mandate and devotes all its resources and time to serving those with a criminal history. We believe that community reentry assistance cannot and should not end when the government's assistance ends. The community must step in and continue this important work to ultimately reduce recidivism. NBLC believes that reentry is not a "one size fits all" process. Each vulnerable population has unique needs that must be honored and addressed. NBLC does so on a one-on-one basis by clearing up the criminal history and helping the individual reintegrate in a way that is empowering and transforming. Those who NBLC serves become life partners with our organization and there is no end date to our support in their journey. NBLC understands that some individuals require complete financial assistance at the beginning of their journey; for example, those that are residing in homeless encampments. Through direct outreach and grants, we provide the needed assistance to those at this level. For those who are differently situated, it is NBLC's philosophy that they pay for our service, no matter how little. This helps develop self-worth and social responsibility; two important lessons for rehabilitation. This is empowerment. NBLC provides clients the opportunity to give back to the community through its "Pay it Forward" program. This includes the opportunity to participate on NBLC's Board of Directors and various Committees. This develops credibility and accountability by caring for others' needs. This is transformation. All services will be performed within CDC and Marin Health and Human Services COVID-19 guidelines. All County funds would be used for this program.

List all community interests that will be affected by the proposed project/program and the public benefit to be derived from it. (Limited to 2000 characters)

One in three U.S. adults has been arrested by age 23. Communities of color, noncitizens, 290 registrants, LGBTQ individuals, and people with histories of substance abuse/mental illness are disproportionately affected. Having even a minor criminal record, such as a misdemeanor or even an arrest without conviction, can create an array of lifelong barriers that stand in the way of successful re-entry. The consequences of having a criminal record do not occur in isolation but have direct and substantial impacts for families and communities. The community benefits of NBLC's Community Reentry Program include helping the justice-involved obtain employment, licenses, attaining and maintaining housing, qualifying for public assistance, pursuing higher education, engaging in civic participation, changing immigration status, and family reunification, all of which strengthen both the individual and the community within which he/she resides.

Has your organization received Community Service funds before? (public)

If Yes, please list the total amount received for the past three fiscal years: (public)

	Amount (\$)	Project
FY 2020-2021	2000	Homelessness Project
FY 2019-2020	4500	Immigrant Post-Conviction Relief Project
FY 2018-2019		

Is your organization receiving any other County funding for this project or others? (public)

Can you successfully complete your project by June 30, 2021 if you receive less than your requested amount of Community Service funds? (public)

Yes

Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding from other non-County sources, and priority will be given to requests that represent no more than 50% of total project cost. To demonstrate all sources of project funding, including other County sources, please provide a project/program budget below.

Please fill in as applicable, and round to the nearest dollar. (public)

	Funding Agency	Funding Requested (\$)	Funding Received (\$)	Notes
County CSF	Marin	10000	0	
Federal Grant				
State Grant	Marin CPP	40000	0	Application submitted
Individual Contributions	Donations	10000	7465	
Other Local Agencies	Buck Family Fund	66000	66000	
In kind services	Volunteers	25000	15166	
Other	Fees for Services	8000	5100	

Total Funding Requested \$159000

Total Funding Received \$78565

Please fill in as applicable, and round to the nearest dollar.

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Personnel Costs	86000	50169	
Services and Supplies	28000	16331	
Capital			
Other	25000	15166	

Total Budgeted Expenses (public) \$139000

Total Spent to Date (public) \$81666

This cycle is funded by proceeds from the American Rescue Plan Act and the following questions are necessary to satisfy federal reporting criteria. All applicants are required to respond to these questions for completion of this application, but the responses will not be used in evaluating whether your project will receive Community Service Fund program funds from the County of Marin:

Has your organization been significantly impacted economically by COVID (such as financial loss due to periods of closure, implementing additional COVID safety precautions, lost fundraising opportunities, or inability to meet payroll, rent or utilities?) (public)

Yes

If Yes, please provide a specific description of the impacts and quantifying impact where possible. (public)

Loss of clients who pay fees for service, closure of office while still paying rent, lost fundraising opportunities and loss of ability to build an in-person relationship which develops trust.

Are you serving disadvantaged, minority or low-income residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID? (public)

Yes

If Yes, please provide a specific description of how the people you serve have been impacted. (public)

All those with criminal histories are marginalized and have difficulty finding employment, housing, loss of professional licenses and community engagement. Many people have lost jobs and housing due to the pandemic. There will be more competition in the job and housing market and the people we serve, already have a handicap making it more difficult for them to integrate into the community.

Does your organization have future plans for improvements needed to mitigate the impacts of COVID or to contain its spread? (public)

Yes

If Yes, please provide a description of your improvement plans with quantifying statements when possible. (public)

We intend to follow county, state and federal directives and recommendations.