Albany Housing Authority

Albany, NY

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $81,000

This funding opportunity will help to create the Capital Region Juvenile Reentry Assistance Project (CR-JRAP) to serve juveniles with a connection to public housing in New York's Capital Region. The Albany Housing Authority is the largest, most centrally located Housing Authority in the Capital Region (Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties) of upstate New York.

The CR-JRAP is a collaboration between the Albany Housing Authority and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, the primary provider of civil legal services to low-income residents of Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties. The CR-JRAP will provide civil legal services to ameliorate the collateral consequences of a criminal conviction for youth with a connection to a public housing household in the Capital Region. Legal services will include correction and sealing of criminal records as well as many optional legal and social services to address family, credit, employment, education and housing barriers.

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FY 2015

Boston Housing Authority

Boston, MA

Greater Boston Legal Services (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $32,549

The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) and Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) have established a partnership to implement Your Life Matters Youth and Community Empowerment Project in BHA's public housing developments. BHA and GBLS will also work with other community and social services organizations to conduct outreach and to strengthen the project.

The JRAP project will help transition-aged youth ages 16-24 who live in BHA housing or who would be eligible to live in BHA housing but for their CORI, to seal their records so that they can be reunited with their families in public housing. The project will also connect these young people with the BHA's Jobs Plus program in Charlestown, other job training programs, and social service organizations. These connections will ensure that the youth receive social support from other young people in the same circumstances, and access self-sufficiency and financial literacy programs that help them build skills for the future.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of the City of Camden

Camden, NJ

Rutgers University Law School Reentry Clinic (partner)

Grant Amount: $53,464 Contributed Match: $35,825

The Housing Authority of the City of Camden (HACC) has entered into a partnership with Rutgers University Law School Reentry Clinic (RLSRC). The HACC will combine the resources of its well established YouthBuild program, Success Learning ABE Center, and Family Self Sufficiency programs to seamlessly link and leverage federal with State resources. We will execute pledges of Mutual Commitment with participants detailing the youths' active involvement and HACC's and RLSRC's responsibility to provide the required and optional legal and support services. Youth will market JRAP by creating a series of crime prevention and collateral consequences videos for uploading to YouTube and establishing Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Our approach to implementing JRAP will also support the Office of the Mayor's Promise Zone goals of Increasing Economic Activity (provide job training services and family self-sufficiency programs) and Improving Educational Outcomes by increasing the number of parents who have the information, services, and support they need to help their children succeed.

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FY 2015

Chicago Housing Authority

Chicago, IL

Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern University (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $55,216

Despite existing training and job programs, 55% of work-eligible youth 18-24 receiving assistance from the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) are unemployed. Many live in Chicago neighborhoods where youth incarceration rates are seven times the state average. Research is clear that the socio-economic futures, safety, and stability of young people who have had police contact depend a great deal on a legal system that allows them to move past youthful mistakes.

Over the past ten years, only 30% of young people eligible for expungement of their juvenile records actually sought to do so in all of Cook County. To address the needs of its young clients, the CHA has partnered with a legal clinic at the Northwestern University School of Law, the Children and Family Justice Center (CFJC) to propose the Chicago Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program. The program will include targeted literature for youth and adults, bi-monthly informational presentations, monthly onsite intake clinics, and as-needed telephone intake. A JRAP attorney will engage CHA partners, community members, CFJC law students and social workers, and *pro bono* attorneys to provide eligible CHA youth with information, legal representation, and social work support concerning their records and removal of related barriers such as those for education, employment and housing.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of Cook County

Chicago, IL

LAF (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000

Contributed Match: $25,000

The Housing Authority of the County of Cook (HACC) is the second largest public housing authority in Illinois. HACC has been working on a comprehensive program to improve educational, economic, health, and socio-emotional outcomes within communities plagued by the effects of poverty. With violent crime rates high and school performance low, HACC is focused on improving the life and educational chances of young residents at its family sites located in Chicago Heights, Robbins and Ford Heights.

HACC will partner with the Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) to provide legal services in order to reduce recidivism and increase reintegration into the community. LAF has provided free legal services to clients throughout Chicago and Cook County for almost 50 years, and has been providing expungement services to clients for eight years, including a specific focus on juvenile expungements. LAF and HACC have a long and successful history of collaboration. LAF has developed a successful model for an on-site clinic which has been used in school settings and which is replicable in programs like those of HACC under this grant opportunity.

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FY 2015

Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

Cleveland, OH

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $123,200

Established as the first housing authority chartered in the United States and the fifth oldest legal aid provider in the country, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (CLA) have worked diligently to serve low-income residents of Cuyahoga County and Greater Cleveland. The Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP) will afford the opportunity for CMHA and CLA to enhance their partnership to provide much needed legal services to targeted youth.

CLA will utilize its team of staff and volunteer attorneys who will provide assistance including community education/outreach and legal services, to eliminate legal barriers affecting targeted youth residing in or formerly residing in CMHA housing. CMHA will utilize its longstanding partnerships to facilitate access to community support and workforce development services of the CMHA Jobs Plus Program and Cleveland-Cuyahoga OhioMeansJobs that provide access to occupations in industries important to Cleveland ensuring a more stable future for JRAP youth while enhancing the local economy.

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FY 2015

City of East Chicago Housing Authority

East Chicago, IN

Indiana Legal Services Inc. (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $172,000

Approximately 60,000 youth up to the age of 24 are incarcerated on a daily basis in a juvenile detention center. The ramifications of incarceration are far-reaching. It may affect their prospects for long-term success in adulthood, as well as the transitioning process back into society. These youth need a second chance, but more than that, they need a guiding hand to show them what to do and how to get started. The Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program will provide East Chicago Housing Authority the means to help target youth regain their dreams.

The program aims to provide target youth with a second chance at success, as originally intended by the establishment of the juvenile court system. With the assistance of Indiana Legal Services, Inc., the organization will provide resources to juveniles in need of legal assistance to expunge/seal/correct the criminal records for youth ages 16-24. Through this program, target youth will have increased opportunities to pursue education, find work, and secure affordable housing.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of the City of Hartford

Hartford, CT

Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc. (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $25,000

According to the Hartford Youth Opportunity Collaborative, 1 in 3 youth and young adults in Hartford have been identified as Opportunity Youth, defined as 16-24 year olds, with no high school diploma, not in school, unemployed, have poor health, are involved in criminal activity, and face multiple hurdles to success such as homelessness, food insecurity, domestic violence, mental and physical health problems and incarceration or a criminal record. Hartford has the highest number of juvenile (10-17) referrals in the state, and of the 5,239 cases with an arrest of 17-24 year olds adjudicated in the state's Judicial System, 4,044 were misdemeanors.

The goals of the project are to provide legal services to youth with juvenile or adult criminal records in order to remove barriers, to education, employment, housing and other critical activities that are created by the presence of a juvenile or adult criminal record and the collateral consequences of that record. Target youth are 16-24 residing in the North Hartford Promise Zone (NHPZ), comprised of the Clay Arsenal, Northeast and Upper Albany neighborhoods. The NHPZ has a concentration of public housing units that are inaccessible to unaccompanied youth and young adults, who but for their arrest record, could be living with their families in a more stable, safe environment. The NHPZ has pervasive poverty, high crime rate, low employment rate.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

Public Counsel (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $1,390,650

The Housing Authority of Los Angeles (HACLA) will serve the many disconnected and justice system-involved youth among the 21,712 residents of its 14 public housing developments located within the most disadvantaged areas of inner-city Los Angeles. Our partner is Public Counsel, the nation's largest public interest law firm specializing in delivering pro bono legal services to low-income communities. Public Counsel will offer services primarily through its transition-age youth advocacy project.

Candidates for JRAP services will be referred through HACLA's Watts/LA WorkSource Center, onsite Boys & Girls Clubs and other partners. With an in-kind match of $1,390,650 (includes $1.3M in funding as part of the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development's intensive wrap-around gang intervention services, with case management for up to 235 youth at 9 HACLA sites), JRAP will assist target youth while alleviating the persistent problem of resident households keeping youth-age family members off their lease to prevent eviction should they garner a criminal record.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI

Legal Action of Wisconsin (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000

Contributed Match: $25,000

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) is partnering with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. to provide legal services to young adults (18-24) who are current public housing residents or former household members of current public housing residents who, but for their criminal record, would be living in public housing. The need in Milwaukee is high for such services: the overall incarceration rate for adults and for young adults in Milwaukee is higher than in neighboring counties, the State of Wisconsin, or the U.S. overall. Youth of color in Milwaukee, especially African-American men, face severe barriers to employment, housing or training, in part due to criminal record history.

Legal Action will provide direct, extended representation to these clients on expungement, occupational licensing, driver's license restoration and other issues presenting barriers to employment, housing and a self-sufficient life. In addition, through ongoing educational sessions and individual intake, Legal Action will provide information and advice other eligible individuals.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $240,463

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) have joined forces to create positive pathways to success for public housing residents whose futures are currently hampered by a criminal record. One in seven African-American males in New Orleans are involved with the criminal justice system. Criminal records, even for minor offenses or simply arrests, result in lifelong barriers standing in the way of a person's future ability to obtain housing, employment, and an education. These impacts affect not only the individual, but the stability of their children. The prevalence of criminal records is a driver of high poverty and inequality. In New Orleans, dubbed the most incarcerated city in the world, we are familiar with the seemingly intractable problems faced by our citizens with criminal records.

To address this community crisis, we have designed the HANO Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP) using civil legal aid, an often overlooked yet essential supportive service, to promote successful reentry to help public housing communities thrive. Our project will include outreach, legal help with expungements, sealing/correction of criminal records, litigation against credit reporting agencies, legal aid in family law matters to improve healthy parenting, housing advocacy, and legal help to obtain public benefits. Workshops, including five (5) JRAP Clean Jacket Day Clinics to tackle criminal record expungements, will be held. In-kind supportive services from local partners will also be provided.

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New York City Housing Authority

New York, NY

Youth Represent, Inc. (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $88,412

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) in partnership with Youth Represent is pleased to announce the Youth Re-Entry Project serving youth and young adults, aged 24 and under, who live in underserved NYCHA public housing communities who are suffering the collateral consequences of involvement in the criminal justice system.

Youth Represent will provide legal representation in sealing, expunging, and correcting criminal records, and will offer additional legal services to minimize the effects that a criminal history can have on a young person's ability to secure employment, an education, a safe place to live, and a stable family life. Youth Represent will develop and disseminate a collateral consequences checklist and also will deliver Know Your Rights workshops on-site at selected NYCHA community centers to educate youth, their families, NYCHA staff, and community members on their rights and responsibilities as they relate to the criminal justice system and re-entry.

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FY 2015

Philadelphia Housing Authority

Philadelphia, PA

Community Legal Services of Philadelphia (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $25,000

Philadelphia Housing Authority's (PHA) participation in the Moving to Work (MTW) program has allowed PHA to create locally-driven programs that not only address the basic need for housing, but also ancillary needs such as education/workforce development, life skills, and social services. It is through this designation that PHA was able to institute a time-limited, ten voucher pilot program to provide supportive services and housing subsidy to returning citizens. PHA will build upon this existing second chance initiative and collaborate with Community Legal Services to implement an innovative juvenile reentry program focusing on public housing youth aged 16 -24 years, which make up 20% of PHA's overall resident population.

The proposed JRAP program aims to provide target youth with a second chance at success, through legal services such as expunging juvenile and adult criminal records, while also providing opportunities to pursue education, find sustainable employment and housing. The grant will be used to expunge criminal records, educate the community on collateral consequences, satisfy court fees and costs, reinstate drivers' licenses, and remediate eviction proceedings related to criminal histories. Matching funds will provide additional support to the target youth through existing employment, training, life skills, and social service programming that assists with removal of barriers and reintegration to the community.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of the City of Providence

Providence, RI

Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $27,161

The Providence Housing Authority (PHA) and Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. (RILS) partnership will provide holistic legal services to 1) current public housing residents ages 16-24 of the PHA and/or 2) former residents of the PHA ages 16-24 who would be living there but for their criminal records. The Project will assist participants with: removing criminal records via expungement and sealing; accessing appropriate educational services; information about collateral consequences of a criminal record; and returning former PHA residents to public housing. RILS will utilize a holistic approach using a team of advocates from various substantive law units working part time on the Project including three attorneys of the Employment Opportunity Legal Corps, an education attorney, a housing attorney, coordinated by the Supervising Attorney of the Holistic Legal Assistance Network.

Services will include: expungement and sealing of certain criminal records; counsel and advice and representation of former public housing residents seeking readmission to public housing; counsel and advice regarding rights in searching for employment; representation to secure occupational or driver's licenses; counsel and advice in securing appropriate educational services; public fora and on-site outreach activities; and publication and distribution of educational materials including a collateral consequences check list.

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FY 2015

Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport

Shreveport, LA

Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $109,811

The Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport has partnered with Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. to establish and administer a new collaborative project that will offer eligible youth ages 12-24 free legal assistance to help them expunge, seal or correct their criminal records, where permitted by law, and to access other legal services and related services that would make the difference between their remaining stagnant or moving on to a full and productive life. The expungement of their criminal records, in particular, will remove barriers currently preventing these youth from accessing opportunities for public housing, employment, licensing for certain trades and professions, additional education or job training, and other services.

Legal Services expects to provide extensive legal representation and counsel eligible youth and/or their families about their rights to expungement and other legal remedies. The outreach efforts under this grant also will educate families, at-risk youth, other agencies, and the public about the collateral consequences of a criminal record, and the help that is available to avoid those consequences.

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St. Louis Housing Authority

St. Louis, MO

St. Louis School of Law Legal Clinic (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $99,202

Over the last 15 years, the St. Louis Housing Authority (SLHA) has dramatically changed the landscape of public housing in the City of St. Louis. SLHA and its partners created economically diverse neighborhoods, increasing the stability and upward mobility of residents. However, for young residents with criminal backgrounds, the opportunities for stable, affordable housing, education and employment are extremely limited. Criminal records have a significant impact on a young individual's ability to obtain academic degrees, find work, and secure affordable housing.

SLHA and partner, the Saint Louis University School of Law Legal Clinic (Legal Clinic) will focus on sealing and correcting criminal records for target youth, removing records by participation in diversion programs and reinstating revoked or suspended drivers' licenses. The Program will also provide information about collateral consequences of criminal involvement and connect target youth to existing supportive service partners to assist with a variety of needs including employment, housing and health.

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- Expunging, Sealing, and/or Correcting Juvenile or Adult Records as permitted by State law (required services), and
- Coordinating Supportive Services to Assist Target Youth in Mitigating or Preventing Collateral Consequences (optional services), for example,
  - Reinstating revoked or suspended drivers' licenses,
  - Counseling regarding legal rights and obligations in searching for employment,
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Syracuse Housing Authority

Syracuse, NY

Center for Community Alternatives (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $58,744

The Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA) is collaborating with the Center for Community Alternatives, Inc. (CCA) because of our shared commitment to ensure that young people with criminal/juvenile records have a fair chance to redirect their lives and become productive and safe citizens. CCA's mission is precisely aligned with HUD's goals for the Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program (JRAP).

The target population is youth between 14 and 24 residing in SHA public housing or who, but for their criminal record, would still be residing in such housing. CCA will provide direct services including all required services and several of the optional services as part of our JRAP Project Plan. Other optional services will be available through referrals to other community organizations. CCA will also provide education and information to SHA residents about collateral consequences of a criminal or juvenile conviction and options for addressing such including JRAP services.

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Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Akron, OH

University of Akron School of Law Clinic (partner)

Grant Amount: $100,000 Contributed Match: $174,115

One in six Ohioans has a criminal record. Those convictions carry significant collateral consequences – including the inability to find employment, obtain a professional license, pursue higher education or find housing. Ohio has compiled a survey of these consequences. To date, there are more than 800 collateral consequences mandated by Ohio law.

This grant will address these collateral consequences by building on the strong relationship that Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) has with the University of Akron School of Law (UA). The grant will allow UA to target youth with an expanded set of legal services to address the collateral consequences they face from their juvenile adjudications and criminal convictions. UA will be able to leverage law student resources, under the supervision of a full-time faculty member, to provide the needed services. This will include students enrolled in a credit Reentry Clinic and volunteer law students. Legal services will include juvenile and adult sealings, Certificates of Qualification for Employment (CQEs), child support modifications and driver's license reinstatement. All of these remedies are targeted to assist youth with finding employment and affordable housing.

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