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News Release

Normal, Ill. Nonprofit to Receive \$7,000 Grant from Illinois Bar Foundation

CHICAGO, IL, July 18, 2018 – The Illinois Bar Foundation (IBF), the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association, has approved a grant of \$7,000 to the Immigration Project, a nonprofit organization in Normal, Ill., which provides access to high quality, competent legal assistance on immigration matters to individuals throughout the downstate area.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide.

The Immigration Project recognizes the geographic and economic restrictions in place that prevent immigrant populations in downstate Illinois from gaining access to legal services and information. IBF funding will be directed towards the Immigration Project's recurring Regional Immigration Clinics that provide free individualized evaluations and consultations in English and Spanish for individuals and families seeking various types of immigration relief.

The mission of the Illinois Bar Foundation is to ensure meaningful access to the justice system, especially for those with limited means, and to assist lawyers who can no longer support themselves due to incapacity. This fiscal year, the Foundation will distribute over \$820,000 in funding to help those without attorneys receive the legal assistance they need, support attorneys and their families who have fallen on hard times, and provide navigational and procedural guidance inside courthouses across the state.

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