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News Release

Elgin Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to Administer Justice, a nonprofit legal aid organization based in Elgin.

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

Administer Justice provides comprehensive legal assistance, financial counseling, conflict resolution services and educational outreach to low-income individuals and families in Northern Illinois. The grant will help fund the organization's Project Bilingual Legal Services by supporting the salary of an attorney who is bilingual in English and Spanish. This project is expected to provide civil legal assistance and education to hundreds of low-income, Spanish-speaking families.

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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.

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News Release

Two Rockford Nonprofits to Receive Grants 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 \$17,500 to Prairie State Legal Services and \$5,000 to Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors (NIFJON), both based in Rockford.

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

Prairie State's mission is to ensure equal access to justice and fair treatment under the law by providing legal advice and representation, advocacy, education, and outreach that serve to protect basic human needs and enforce or uphold rights. The IBF grant will support the cost of Prairie State's Telephone Counseling Service, which provides immediate legal advice and in some cases linkage to the branch offices for more extensive legal representation. This service helps increase access to legal assistance for vulnerable populations throughout Prairie State's 36-county service area in Northern and Central Illinois.

Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors' vision is a world where immigrants, refugees and other asylum-seekers are welcomed, supported and able to live without fear. The funding to NIFJON supports their mission to provide free, high-quality immigration legal services to low-income Illinois families through monthly legal clinics, which now include naturalization services at various locations throughout Northern Illinois.

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Galena Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to Riverview Center in Galena for legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence.

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

IBF funds will go to the organization's Legal Assistance for Survivors of Domestic Violence Program, which provides free and confidential comprehensive domestic violence services in the Jo Daviess and Carroll counties. More specifically, the program assists with plenary orders of protection support including child support and entering petitioner contempt charges at order of protection violation hearings.

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Oak Park Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to Pro Bono Network, a nonprofit organization in Oak Park.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

The Pro Bono Network's (PBN) mission is to expand the reaches of civil legal aid throughout the Chicagoland area by effectively mobilizing skilled, but underutilized attorneys. IBF's grant will support the management and development of programming with partnered legal aid agencies and offer enhanced mentoring support and efficient training to volunteer attorneys. Since its inception in 2011, over 15,000 hours of pro-bono work have been completed through PBN.

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Two East St. Louis Nonprofits to Receive Grants 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 grants of \$17,500 to Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation and \$10,000 to Neighborhood Law Office, both in East St. Louis.

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

The funding to Land of Lincoln will help cover general operating expenses to provide low-income and senior residents of central and southern Illinois with high-quality civil legal services in order to obtain and maintain their basic human rights. Serving over 65 counties, Land of Lincoln's programs help about 12,500 clients each year on a wide range of issues, including family law, orders of protection, healthcare and foreclosure.

The Neighborhood Law Office focuses on providing low-income individuals and families greater access to the justice system through representation. The funds will support the general operations of the Neighborhood Law Office, which will allow them to continue providing representation for a number of legal issues such as employment, consumer, government benefits, guardianship and criminal record expungement.

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Wheaton Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to Family Shelter Service (FSS), a nonprofit organization in Wheaton.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

The mission of Family Shelter Service is to transform lives by offering help and hope to those affected by domestic violence. The IBF's grant will go to support FFS's new Legal Readiness Program which will consist of a series of workshops where clients will be given information about relevant legal topics and have questions answered by volunteer attorneys. The program is part of an effort to address the many legal needs of victims of domestic violence.

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Highland Park Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to Highland Park – Highwood Legal Aid Clinic, a nonprofit organization in Highland Park.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

Highland Park – Highwood Legal Aid Clinic provides access to justice to people in need who live or work in Highland Park, Highwood and West Deerfield Township who cannot otherwise afford legal services. IBF funding will be directed towards the organization's Immigration Practice which will help support the salaries of their Director of Immigration Practice and a Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accredited representative.

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Evanston Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to James B. Moran Center for Youth, a nonprofit organization in Evanston.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

The Moran Center provides low-income Evanston youth and their families with integrated legal and social work services to improve their quality of life at home, at school, and in the community. Their unique programmatic approach focuses on legal representation integrated with social work services, youth advocacy, and restorative justice practices. IBF's grant to the Moran Center will assist in expanding the high demand for its Special Education Legal Advocacy (SELA) program which helps stem the school-to-prison pipeline for children with disabilities.

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Woodstock Nonprofit to Receive \$5,000 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 \$5,000 to Turning Point, a nonprofit organization in Woodstock.

The grant is one of 33 grants totaling \$240,000, which the Foundation will distribute this year to nonprofit legal aid organizations statewide, including Cook County and northern, central and southern Illinois.

Turning Point's mission is to confront violence against women and children in McHenry County, Illinois by offering resources and legal assistance to victims of domestic violence. IBF funding will support Turning Point's Legal Access Program which pays for attorney representation for low-income clients with complicated domestic violence cases.

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