

First Amendment to Grant Contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition, Contract #L-5290

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO GRANT CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY
AND
TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS COALITION**

This First Grant Contract Amendment is entered into pursuant to Resolutions RS2024-200 and RS2024-271, by and between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County ("Metro"), and Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition ("Recipient").

It is mutually agreed by and between Metro and Recipient, that Grant Contract #L-5290 is hereby amended as follows:

I. Section A.1. of the Grant Contract is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

A.1.i. For the period of June 8, 2022 to June 30, 2024, the Recipient will use the funds appropriated by Resolution RS2022-1560 to administer the program for immigrant legal services described in Exhibit A of Resolution RS2022-1560 and Exhibit A-1 of Resolution RS2024-200. The Scope of Work described in Exhibit A of Resolution RS2022-1560 remains in effect to the extent that it does not conflict with Exhibit A-1 of Resolution RS2024-200.

A.1.ii. For the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, the Recipient will use the funds appropriated by Resolution RS2024-271 to administer the program described in Exhibit A of Resolution RS2024-271.

II. Section B.1. of the Grant Contract is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

B.1. **Grant Contract Term.** The term of this Grant will commence on June 8, 2022 and end on June 30, 2026. Metro will have no obligation for services rendered by the Recipient that are not performed within this term.

III. Section C.1 of the Grant Contract is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

C.1. **Maximum Liability.** In no event will Metro's maximum liability under this Grant Contract exceed **\$2,618,069.00**. The Grant Spending Plan will constitute the maximum amount to be provided to the Recipient by Metro for all of the Recipient's obligations hereunder. The Grant Spending Plan line items include, but are not limited to, all applicable taxes, fees, overhead, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by the Recipient. Subject to modification and amendments as provided in section D.2 of this agreement, this amount will constitute the Grant Amount and the entire compensation to be provided to the Recipient by Metro.

IV. Attachment 1 (Grant Spending Plan) to the Grant Contract is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised Attachment 1 that is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

V. **Effective Date.** This Grant Contract Amendment shall not be binding upon the parties until it has been signed first by the Recipient and then by the authorized representatives of the Metropolitan Government and has been filed in the office of the Metropolitan Clerk. The revisions set forth herein shall become effective once the Grant Contract Amendment has been so signed and filed. All other terms and conditions of the Grant Contract not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

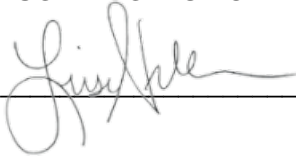
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**RECIPIENT: TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT &
REFUGEE RIGHTS COALITION**

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDS:

By:  _____

Kevin Crumbo/mjw
Director of Finance

Title: Executive Director

Date: 04/17/2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY

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Metropolitan Attorney

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METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY GRANT SPENDING PLAN REVISION

RECIPIENT NAME:	Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)
REVISION DATE:	3/25/2024

THE FOLLOWING IS APPLICABLE TO EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE CURRENT CONTRACT GRANT PERIOD.							
	EXPENSE OBJECT LINE-ITEM CATEGORY	ORIGINAL METRO GRANT FUNDS	REVISED METRO GRANT FUNDS	ORIGINAL RECIPIENT MATCH (participation)	REVISED RECIPIENT MATCH	ORIGINAL TOTAL PROJECT	REVISED TOTAL PROJECT
	Salaries and Wages	\$553,173.00	\$1,119,808.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$553,173.00	\$1,119,808.00
	Benefits and Taxes [enter %]	\$154,889.00	\$272,601.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,889.00	\$272,601.00
	Professional Fees	\$130,000.00	\$167,538.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130,000.00	\$167,538.00
	Supplies	\$6,500.00	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$9,600.00
	Communications	\$1,860.00	\$1,860.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,860.00	\$1,860.00
	Postage and Shipping	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00
	Occupancy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Equipment Rental and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Printing and Publications	\$3,038.00	\$3,038.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,038.00	\$3,038.00
	Travel/ Conferences and Meetings	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Specific Assistance to Individuals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Other Non-Personnel	\$167,547.00	\$240,046.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$167,547.00	\$240,046.00
	Subgrantee	\$796,960.00	\$796,960.00			\$796,960.00	\$796,960.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$1,820,585.00	\$2,618,069.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,820,585.00	\$2,618,069.00

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Resolution No. RS2024-271

A resolution appropriating \$1,630,679.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to extend the provision of critical immigrant legal services in Davidson County.

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the Metropolitan Council passed Resolution RS2021-966, a resolution which accepted grant funds for local government support from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARP Funds”) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, which was subsequently signed into law by Mayor John Cooper on June 16, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution RS2021-966 established a COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee (“the Committee”) whose role is to collect, consider, and recommend appropriate uses of the ARP Funds as designated by the Metropolitan Council disbursement plan. The Committee will submit its reports and recommendations to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Metropolitan Council not later than June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022, Metro Council passed RS2022-1560, which appropriated \$1,820,585.00 in ARP Funds to Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (“TIRRC”), working in connection with Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (“TNJFON”), for a two-year pilot program for immigration legal services; and,

WHEREAS, RS2022-1831 appropriated an additional \$272,042.00 in ARP Funds to completely fund the pilot program; and,

WHEREAS, due to the success of the program and the continued need for such services in our community, the Committee now seeks to extend the program through June 2026 and appropriate an additional \$797,484.00 in ARP Funds to TIRRC and an additional \$833,195.00 in ARP Funds to TNJFON; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this resolution be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council accepts this resolution as a recommendation of the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee.

Section 2. That \$797,484.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition to be used to administer the program described in Exhibit A.

Section 3. That \$833,195.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors to be used to administer the program described in Exhibit A.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY
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Immigration Legal Services Pilot Program Extension Request

In 2022, Metro Nashville piloted a historic investment in local immigration legal services using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The two leading local providers of immigration legal services and resources, Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON) and the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC), have used Metro’s ARPA support to expand their legal programs and enable hundreds of Metro residents to adjust or maintain lawful immigration status or U.S. citizenship. Between June 2022 and December 2023, TIRRC and TNJFON provided free immigration legal services to more than 700 Davidson County residents, enabling them to understand their rights and obligations under federal law and in many cases to secure or extend immigration status and work authorization.

Scope of work for extension period July 1, 2024-June 30, 2026



Legal Information and Education

TIRRC will provide high-quality legal information, resources, and referrals to 2000 individuals through our resource line and resource desk over the grant period



Legal Representation

TIRRC will provide ongoing legal representation to at least 200 clients in naturalization, DACA, and other cases during the grant period.

With this funding, TNJFON will provide limited legal representation (advice and counsel) to at least 300 individuals and extended representation to at least 100 individuals in cases including affirmative asylum, U visas, T visas, VAWA, Special immigrant Juvenile, Lawful Permanent Residence, inadmissibility waivers, and defensive asylum.



Immigrant community resource line and resource desk

TIRRC will reach at least 500 community members through at least 30 community legal education sessions over the grant period

Submitted by:



TENNESSEE
Immigrant
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COALITION



Tennessee Justice For Our Neighbors

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IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION REQUEST

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) and Tennessee Justice for our
Neighbors (TNJFON)
February 2024

1. Context and Project Summary

A diverse and vibrant community of immigrants and refugees calls Davidson County home. Nearly 13% of Nashville residents are foreign born¹ and more than 100 languages are spoken in Metro Public Schools,² and tens of thousands of U.S. born Nashvillians have parents, spouses, or other close relatives who are foreign-born. While immigrant communities have grown rapidly over the past two decades, so too has the need for services tailored to this population's unique needs. In particular, the need for accessible, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and information greatly outstrips available local nonprofit legal resources. Given the complexities and high stakes of federal immigration laws, high-quality legal services and support are critical to enabling local immigrants to become full participants in Nashville's economic and community life.

In 2022, Metro Nashville piloted a historic investment in local immigration legal services using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The two leading local providers of immigration legal services and resources, Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON) and the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC), have used Metro's ARPA support to expand their legal programs and enable hundreds of Metro residents to adjust or maintain lawful immigration status or U.S. citizenship. Between June 2022 and December 2023, TIRRC and TNJFON provided free immigration legal services to more than 700 Davidson County residents, enabling them to understand their rights and obligations under federal law and in many cases to secure or extend immigration status and work authorization.

With support from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) over the last 18 months, TIRRC and TNJFON have been able to scale up their services and infrastructure to respond to the growing legal needs of immigrant residents of Davidson County. Unfortunately, the community's need continues to outstrip existing immigration legal resources and services. With ongoing support from Metro, TIRRC and TNJFON will work to ensure that local immigrant community members have access to legal and community resources and referrals; to provide legal representation when possible; to equip those community members forced to navigate the legal system without legal representation to do so as effectively as possible; and to enable eligible community members to

¹ US Census Bureau 2020 ACS 5-year estimate data profile

² MNPS Office of English Language Learners

obtain work permits, protection from deportation, become U.S. citizens, and live safely and freely with their loved ones while making valuable contributions to the Nashville community. The range of immigration legal information and representation needed by Davidson County residents is vast but together, TIRRC and TNJFON efficiently use their resources to coordinate efforts so that each step of the path is compassionately and competently addressed.

2. Background

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)

The Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) is a statewide, immigrant and refugee-led collaboration. Our mission is to build power, amplify our voices, and organize communities to advocate for our rights. Since our founding in 2003, we have worked to develop immigrant leadership, build the capacity of our immigrant-led member organizations, help immigrant community members understand and engage in the civic process, educate the public about policies that better promote the well-being of new immigrants, and facilitate their full participation in U.S. society. Now in our 21st year, TIRRC has grown from a grassroots network of community leaders into one of the most diverse and effective coalitions of its kind, a model for organizations in the Southeast and throughout the United States. TIRRC was awarded “Nashvillians of the Year” by the [Nashville Scene](#) in 2019, and our work has been featured in the [New Yorker](#) and [Rolling Stone Magazine](#).

In the first phase of TIRRC’s work funded by ARPA funds from Metro Nashville from June 2022 through December of 2023, our legal team made strides in assisting immigrant and refugee community members with immigration legal matters, expanding the capacity of our team and that of Nashville’s legal services ecosystem, and ensuring that the wider immigrant community was aware of the services available to them and of their rights under the law. Through this funding, TIRRC hired three new full-time staff members and supported the work of four more. Between June 2022 and December 2023, TIRRC provided legal consultations/brief advice and counsel to 404 Davidson County clients. TIRRC also provided extended representation in applications for immigration relief or naturalization to 139 Davidson County clients. The TIRRC team also established and built out a phone line specifically for legal matters for immigrant and refugee community members to call for intake, screenings, and referrals. From June 2022 through December 2023, we received over 800 calls from Davidson County residents. Additionally, twenty professionals in Nashville’s legal sector took their first steps toward DOJ accreditation by attending a Comprehensive Overview of Immigration Law (COIL) training, a 40-hour course, hosted by TIRRC and our Senior Legal Advisor Diego Bonesatti. We also shared valuable Know Your Rights information at 27 outreach events. Through our relationships with local Spanish-language media outlets and multimedia distribution of informational materials in eight languages, information on legal services and resources in Nashville reached a combined

following of 551,000. Our partnerships with eight community organizations has led to 14 in-person and virtual presentations and events that brought details on our work straight to the immigrants and refugees who are most in need of legal assistance while building trust and rapport with diverse community groups.

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON)

Since 2008, TNJFON has provided immigration legal representation (legal representation provided by a licensed attorney pursuant to a written representation agreement signed by the client) to thousands of immigrant residents of middle Tennessee.

TNJFON attorneys and DOJ-accredited representative provide one-on-one limited legal representation (advice and counsel) to clients regarding eligibility for immigration relief and extended representation to clients eligible for affirmative relief such as U visas, T visas, protection under the Violence Against Women Act, asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile status, adjustment of status (lawful permanent residence), DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) renewals, and advance parole (travel documents) before US Citizenship and Immigration Services. In September 2023, we added a Memphis-based Senior Staff Attorney who represents Davidson County residents in removal proceedings before the Memphis Immigration Court. Extended representation represents a significant commitment of legal staff time over a period of months to years, depending on the case type.

TNJFON CLIENTS SERVED FROM JUNE 2022-DECEMBER 2023

Metro funding provides Davidson County residents with access to free, high-quality legal representation by TNJFON lawyers and our DOJ-accredited representative. From June 2022 through December 2023, Metro funding allowed our legal staff to open 360 cases for Davidson County residents (advice and counsel for 244; extended representation for 116).

The 331 Davidson County residents represented include:

- 92 children and 239 adults
- 171 who identify as female and 160 who identify as male
- 249 identify as Hispanic, 68 as Asian, and 12 as Non-Hispanic Black or African.
- They come from 21 countries (Afghanistan, Bahamas, Cuba, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, and Venezuela).

Metro funding allowed TNJFON to represent a family of ten who fled Afghanistan when the Taliban seized control in 2021. The head of the family had worked extensively with US troops in

Afghanistan, serving for almost fifteen years. Because of that work, the Taliban was certain to target the entire family. A TNJFON staff attorney represented the family in their request for asylum. Preparing the applications was challenging due to the father's extensive military background and because the family's native language was not one of the two main Afghan languages—Dari and Pashto. The TNJFON staff attorney dedicated hours to preparing the applications, sworn declarations, and extensive country conditions evidence, documenting why the family would be subject to persecution by the Taliban if they were forced to return to Afghanistan. The TNJFON staff attorney represented the family at interviews before the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Asylum Office. The father's military history raised some questions, and USCIS scheduled him for an unusual follow-up interview. The TNJFON staff attorney anticipated the questions that would be asked and prepared the client. USCIS approved the asylum applications, and TNJFON now represents all ten on applications for lawful permanent residence ("green card") and on a request to help other family members flee Afghanistan.

3. Proposed Extension Activities

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)

A. Promote Naturalization and DACA representation:

We will continue to provide critically-needed legal representation for immigrants in immigration cases in which TIRRC has developed particular experience and expertise.

TIRRC has a long track record of conducting outreach, screening, and assisting eligible immigrants with the naturalization process. According to USCIS,³ more than 80,000 residents of Tennessee are eligible to become U.S. citizens. With the state's largest share of foreign-born individuals, many of those tens of thousands of Tennesseans eligible to naturalize are Davidson County residents. With this funding, TIRRC will continue to assist this population through outreach, education, and legal assistance in the naturalization application process. Becoming a United States citizen opens a world of opportunities; namely, the ability to fully participate in the civic life of one's community by voting. On average, new U.S. citizens will increase their income by 8 to 11 percent and are less likely to be unemployed, which decreases the likelihood they will rely on public services. In fact, new citizens actually increase local and federal tax revenues through homeownership and enhanced spending power. Through naturalization, new Americans can access many options not previously available to them, such as public-sector jobs, a U.S. passport, the ability to visit their home countries, and freedom from the ever-present fear of deportation.

³ [Eligible to Naturalize Dashboard | USCIS](#)

Additionally, over 2000 Davidson County residents are recipients of DACA, the federal program created in 2012 to provide protection from removal and work authorization to long-term residents brought to the U.S. as children. While that program is currently the subject of litigation that is expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court later this year, it is vitally important that its beneficiaries maintain their status, explore other immigration options, and stay abreast of DACA-related legal updates. We will continue to provide legal assistance to DACA recipients to enable them to maintain their DACA status and, where possible, to secure other forms of durable immigration protections. Maintaining this status is a vital component to individuals' ability to work, build a career, and provide for their families.

We will also stay abreast of immigration law changes and adapt our extended representation services to the most pressing and urgent needs that we are well-equipped to address.

We anticipate providing ongoing legal representation to at least 200 clients in naturalization, DACA, and other cases during the grant period.

B. Enhance and expand immigrant community resource line and resource desk:

As a trusted and accessible institution for immigrants in Tennessee, TIRRC is often the first place immigrants and refugees turn to when they experience problems or need reliable information. Every year, TIRRC receives thousands of requests for assistance and information from immigrants and refugees; most of these requests implicate legal issues and problems. With this continued ARPA funding, TIRRC will invest in our resource line and resource desk to enhance and expand our capacity to provide high-quality legal information, self-help resources, and referrals on immigration matters and on other legal issues that impact the daily lives of immigrant community members.

Across the country, immigration legal services organizations have responded to the overwhelming unmet need for representation in immigration court proceedings by developing self-help centers and resource desks. These programs provide immigrants with high-quality, reliable information about the immigration court process and how to protect their rights as they navigate it on their own. Through the hundreds of immigration legal consultations TIRRC legal service providers have conducted since June 2022, we have learned that there is an enormous need in Davidson County for this sort of widely-available legal information and self-help assistance with the removal process. Because capacity for direct representation is so limited with respect to the need for legal assistance, this type of resource that equips community members to navigate legal processes on their own is particularly valuable. With continued support from Metro, we will devote additional staff resources to our community resource line to ensure that all callers who are in removal proceedings have access to specific, tailored, high-quality information about their rights and obligations in immigration court. We will also provide this information and assistance in-person to community members who come to our building. While the resource line

will be staffed by community navigators, an experienced immigration practitioner will supervise the development of the resource line materials, protocols, and engagement with individuals seeking assistance.

In addition to information about immigration matters and the immigration court process, immigrant community members also turn to TIRRC for information, referrals, and assistance on other matters affecting their daily lives - for example, problems with work, access to health care, or child custody. With Metro support for additional staffing for our resource line, our legal staff will develop information, self-help resources, and referrals tailored for immigrant community members on these other areas of need as well.

We anticipate providing high-quality legal information, resources, and referrals to 2000 individuals through our resource line and resource desk over the grant period.

C. Community legal education and information:

In addition to expanding and deepening our community resource line, we intend to address the acute unmet need for legal information and support among immigrants in Nashville with community legal education and Know Your Rights (KYR) sessions. As with the legal information provided to callers to TIRRC's resource line, the content of the KYR sessions will be developed by legal staff with subject area expertise and delivered in a way that is accessible to community members.

We have learned over the past several years that in order to be most beneficial to community members, each KYR session should be as detailed, specific, and customized as possible to the audience. We've also learned that we can reach different sectors of the immigrant community by hosting these sessions in diverse settings and spaces - for example, sessions hosted in local schools; in our building; and virtually have all helped us reach distinct audiences and populations. We intend to apply these learnings and leverage the enhanced legal staff capacity that continued Metro support will provide to deliver high-quality, tailored legal education on a range of immigration and related topics to immigrant community members throughout Metro. We anticipate focusing in particular on the following topics and audiences:

- Recently-arrived migrants navigating the asylum and court process;
- DACA recipients, whose status may be in jeopardy in coming years due to litigation that is expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Immigrant victims of workplace exploitation and abuse who may be eligible for immigration protections and work authorization.

We also anticipate collaborating with other partners to deliver high-quality, tailored community legal education sessions on a range of topics affecting immigrant community members' lives,

such as access to health care and nutrition programs, access to workers' compensation benefits, and information regarding family law and child custody rules.

We estimate that we will reach at least 500 community members through at least 30 community legal education sessions over the grant period.

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors

TNJFON requests \$839,203 to continue the work of this successful pilot program for an additional two years. The extended representation cases opened in years one and two of the grant require ongoing representation. With this funding, TNJFON will provide limited legal representation (advice and counsel) to at least 300 individuals and extended representation to at least 100 individuals in cases including affirmative asylum, U visas, T visas, VAWA, Special immigrant Juvenile, Lawful Permanent Residence, inadmissibility waivers, and defensive asylum.

A. Legal Representation

At an advice and counsel consultation, a TNJFON attorney or DOJ-accredited representative meets with the client to gather information, answer the client's questions, and provide the client with an expert legal opinion on her immigration situation. The attorney or DOJ-accredited representative explains the US immigration system and any options the client has for changing immigration status. For each possibility, we explain the eligibility requirements, the process, the filing fees, the timelines, and the risks and benefits. Sometimes, US immigration law does not provide the client with any options. If additional information from the client or research by TNJFON is required, we schedule a follow-up appointment.

On average, a TNJFON attorney or DOJ-accredited representative will spend 6 hours on an advice and counsel consultation. TNJFON does not charge any client for an advice and counsel consultation. We are committed to ensuring that vulnerable immigrants have access to a free and reliable assessment of their immigration situation.

While reliable advice and counsel consultation is a critical first step in an immigrant's path toward lawful immigration status, it is not sufficient on its own. Davidson County residents not only need an evaluation, they also need representation. Just like a medical diagnosis without access to treatment is heart-breaking, a legal evaluation without access to representation gives rise to despair.

There are a limited number of private immigration attorneys in the Nashville area. According to CLIO, a case management software platform, the average hourly rate for an immigration

attorney in private practice in Tennessee is \$452. Many immigrants are not able to pay private rates and/or are not informed of how the immigration system works. As a result, they may unknowingly turn to notaries, tax and document preparers, and others engaged in the unlawful practice of law, who may provide incorrect or even harmful advice.

US immigration law is complex, and policies change frequently. The immigration process is lengthy and complicated. There are many opportunities for missteps and errors that result in denial. In certain cases, those missteps can result in permanent denial of any access to immigration status. Unlike a defendant in a criminal proceeding, an immigrant does not have the right to government-appointed counsel. Immigrants with competent legal representation are far more likely to succeed than those without.

TNJFON attorneys and our DOJ accredited representative provide legal representation for the life of the immigration case. Depending on the type of case, this is currently a commitment of anywhere from six months to eight years.

Although we cannot guarantee a certain outcome or success in every case, we provide expert, professional legal services to our immigrant clients. For those clients who are successful, they have the right to live and work safely in the United States. For our clients and their families, this means opportunity, stability and, most importantly, peace of mind.

As proposed in 2022, TNJFON is meeting its commitment to increase capacity and provide 320 advice and counsel consultations and representation in 110 extended representation to Davidson County residents. This work allows our clients, who would otherwise not have been able to afford these services, to find safety and economic stability. A change in immigration status for Davidson County residents leads to expanded opportunities to participate in civic life; pursue further education; build a career; increase earnings and spending power; contribute to local, state, and federal taxes; create businesses; and buy homes. TNJFON seeks funding for two more years to continue this critical program.

4. Budget Narrative

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

TIRRC's proposed budget for the next two-year grant period includes \$566,635 in salaries, wages, and benefits and taxes for portions of time for seven key full-time personnel undertaking this work, along with three part-time staff members who will together manage our resource line and resource desk. This personnel team includes a Legal Director, two Staff Attorneys, and a DOJ-Accredited Resource Desk and Legal Services Manager. A Community Legal Education Coordinator and Grants and Data Coordinator will round out the team. Together, the team will

ensure that our resource line and resource desk provide high quality legal information and referrals; develop and implement self-help workshops and limited scope clinics; plan and execute community legal education events; and manage representation cases. TIRRC's budget also accounts for \$117,712 in benefits and taxes for the implicated staff at a rate of 22%. Additionally, the budget includes \$21,500 per year in professional fees to account for consultant and contractor assistance with grant-related work as needed. A supply line item of \$1,550 per year will cover the costs of online platforms that the TIRRC team will use to manage our phone and intake systems. TIRRC elects to use a 10% de minimis rate for indirect costs, totaling \$73,045 for the two year period. TIRRC's total funding request is \$803,492.

Budget Category	Year 1 (July 2024 - June 2025)	Year 2 (July 2025 - June 2026)	Total
Salaries and Wages	\$265,774	\$300,862	\$566,635
Benefits and Taxes:	\$57,540	\$60,172	\$117,712
Professional Fees	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$43,000
Supplies	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$3,100
Other Non-Personnel	\$34,636	\$38,408	\$73,045
TOTAL:	\$381,000	\$422,492	\$803,492

Tennessee Justice for our Neighbors

TNJFON's proposed budget for the next two-year grant period includes \$687,308 to partially fund the salaries, wages, benefits and taxes for eight key personnel performing this work. The TNJFON personnel team includes two staff attorneys, one DOJ-accredited representative, two paralegals, one administrative assistant, legal director and executive director. TNJFON's proposed budget also includes 11% in benefits and taxes totalling \$75,604. A 10% indirect cost rate is also included in the budget. TNJFON's total funding request is \$839,203.

Budget Category	Year 1 (July 2024 - June 2025)	Year 2 (July 2025 - June 2026)	Total
Salaries and Wages	\$335,272	\$352,036	\$687,308
Benefits and Taxes:	\$36,880	\$38,724	\$75,604
Professional Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Non-Personnel (Indirect)	\$37,215	\$39,076	\$76,291
TOTAL:	\$409,367	\$429,836	\$839,203

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METROPOLITAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Resolution No. RS2024-271

A resolution appropriating \$1,630,679 in American Rescue Plan Act Funds from #30216 to extend the provision of critical Immigrant legal services in Davidson County.

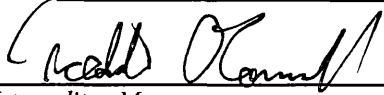
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Resolution No. RS2024 - 200

A resolution amending Resolution RS2022-1560 to include Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition’s revised scope of services.

WHEREAS, RS2022-1560 approved the appropriation of \$1,820,585.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 to the Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (“TIRRC”), a statewide, immigrant and refugee-led collaboration, for a two-year pilot program to provide essential services to keep families united and increase access to opportunities; scale TIRRC’s staff and program capacity; promote community education and legal services; and invest in the Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (“the TNJFON”) staff and program capacity; and,

WHEREAS, TIRRC’s staff has determined that the scope of services originally envisioned need to be scaled back, in order to provide intensive legal services to fewer clients eligible for naturalization throughout the life of a case, as further described in the attached Exhibit A-1, Expanding Critical Immigration Legal Services in Davidson County; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this resolution be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council accepts this resolution as a recommendation of the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee.

Section 2. That Resolution RS2022-1560 is hereby amended by adding Exhibit A-1, Expanding Critical Immigration Legal Services in Davidson County. Exhibit A to Resolution RS2022-1560 shall remain in effect to the extent that it does not conflict with Exhibit A-1.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

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EXHIBIT A-1

Expanding Critical Immigration Legal Services in Davidson County Metro Grant Award RS 2022-1560 and RS 2022-1831 Proposed Modifications 11/22/23

As explained in the original proposal for ARP support, Nashville has historically been an immigration legal services desert. The need for high-quality, low-cost immigration legal services has long outstripped local nonprofit capacity to meet it. TIRRC put together an ambitious proposal designed to respond to the pressing legal needs in immigrant communities we have long seen in our grassroots outreach work. The proposal represented something of an experiment, because it was the first time TIRRC sought to translate its community-based relationships, presence and visibility into the delivery of legal resources and services at scale. It contemplated using innovative community-based methods - such as the development of a large volunteer base, a reliance on non-attorney navigators, and the dissemination of legal information through Know Your Rights sessions and clinics - to deliver legal resources and advice to a large number of individuals.

We have learned over the past fifteen months that the need for immigration legal services in Nashville is not just widespread, but also deeper than we anticipated. The arbitrariness and complexities of the immigration legal system limit community members' ability to navigate it successfully without intensive, individualized, ongoing assistance from experienced immigration practitioners. We also learned that experienced immigration practitioners are scarce; it is very difficult to recruit and retain them, especially at nonprofit salaries.

In light of what we've learned over the past year and a half, the challenges we have faced in staffing our program, and the recommendations our new legal director has shared, we seek to modify proposal deliverables in three key ways:

- The number of clients served through consultations and screenings
- Our approach to training and engaging volunteers
- Our approach to and the scale of Know Your Rights sessions

Number of clients served via consultations and screenings:

We originally estimated that the enhanced capacity generated by this grant would allow us to conduct 1200 consultations and screenings, with legal filings as needed "depending on case details and staffing." As it turns out, most of the clients to whom we have provided

consultations require ongoing legal representation to resolve their immigration status or to become naturalized citizens. We have endeavored to provide ongoing legal representation to legal consultation clients so that we can help ensure that they are able to acquire or maintain immigration status, or become citizens. Our provision of ongoing case representation to a substantial number of clients has limited the number of legal consultations and screenings we can provide.

As such, we propose modifying the deliverable relating to consultation/screenings and follow-up services as follows:

- We estimate that we will serve at least 600 clients with consultations/screenings over the grant period. We will provide ongoing case representation (such as representation in naturalization, DACA, and adjustment of status applications) and/or assistance with administrative immigration filings (such as changes of address, applications to replace green cards, and inquiries about immigration records) to at least 200 of these clients.

The modification of this deliverable makes sense given the vast differences in staff time required to carry out a consultation versus representing a client through the life of a case. Whereas a legal consultation can be accomplished in 1-2 hours of legal staff time, ongoing case representation for a single client can take anywhere from 5-30 hours. We believe our shift to providing ongoing representation has been worthwhile because it enables most of those individuals who receive it to become citizens or acquire an immigration status adjustment.

Volunteer training and capacity:

In the original proposal, we put forward a plan to develop volunteer capacity to assist with immigration legal services. The plan included stewarding 6-10 volunteers to qualify for, apply for and receive DOJ accreditation after at least 1 year of volunteer support; training 10-20 volunteers monthly in year 2, and hosting a 40-hour COIL training in years 1 and 2.

We propose revising these plans as follows:

- We intend to support 2-3 qualified volunteers on their path towards DOJ accreditation; we will continue to train volunteers who participate in our clinics, but will not seek to train a monthly cohort outside of our clinics; and we will forgo the COIL training in year 2.

While scaling back the community volunteer plans, we intend to instead invest staff resources in conducting trainings/CLEs for local attorneys on immigration law issues and on issues relating to the intersection of immigration and other areas of law (eg, family, employment, housing). We anticipate conducting 3 such trainings/CLEs for attorneys before June 2024.

We learned from our COIL training last year that immigration law is so complex it is difficult for volunteers to master it at the level required to acquire DOJ accreditation. Moreover, we've seen that a number of local attorneys who are not familiar with immigration law have an interest in learning it and that there is particular interest in the intersections of immigration and other areas of law as they affect low-income clients. Building capacity and familiarity with immigration law within the local bar will help expand a pool of pro bono attorneys willing to take pro bono cases for immigrants who need assistance.

Modifying our approach to Know Your Rights (KYR) sessions:

In our original proposal, we estimated that we would host 30 sessions per year, or 60 sessions total. While we have reached a number of community members with information about our legal services through events and media outreach, our reduced staffing capacity has meant that we have not been able to host as many KYR sessions as we anticipated. Additionally, we have learned that in order to be most beneficial to community members, each KYR session should be as detailed, specific, and customized as possible to the audience. For example, the legal information recently-arrived asylum seekers who are in immigration court proceedings need is very different from the legal information long-standing residents who hold DACA status need.

We would like to reduce the number of KYR sessions we will carry out in order to ensure we have staff capacity to develop tailored, high-quality programs for different sectors of the immigrant community. We estimate that we will host 30 total sessions over the grant period.

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Dear Division of Grants Coordination:

The Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition does hereby request to deviate from our approved current contract budget. The attached Grant Spending Plan Revision form indicates the line items which are revised. This revision will not affect the terms and conditions as outlined in our current executed contract with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

The deviation is necessary due to the Metro Council's approval of an extension of our grant for two additional fiscal years along with \$797,484 in added funding, making a total grant amount of \$2,618,069 over the entire grant period.

Please direct any questions on this matter to TIRRC's Executive Director, Lisa Sherman-Nikolaus, at lisa@tnimmigrant.org.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sherman-Nikolaus
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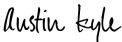
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**GRANT CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT
OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY
AND
TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS COALITION**

This Grant Contract is issued and entered into pursuant to Resolution RS2022-1560, by and between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County ("Metro"), and Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition ("Recipient"). This Grant is to be used to administer the program for immigrant legal services described in Exhibit A of Resolution RS2022-1560, as further defined in the "SCOPE OF PROGRAM". The Recipient's annual report and audit are incorporated herein by reference.

A. SCOPE OF PROGRAM:

- A.1. The Recipient will use the funds to administer the program for immigrant legal services described in Exhibit A of Resolution RS2022-1560.
- A.2. The Recipient must spend these funds consistent with the Grant Spending Plan, attached and incorporated herein as **Attachment 1**. The Recipient must collect data to evaluate the effectiveness of their services and must provide those results to Metro upon request.
- A.3. The funds received through this contract are considered federal funds subject to the Single Audit Act and the related provisions of 2 CFR § 200 Uniform Guidance. Recipient shall comply with all applicable American Recovery Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 requirements in the administration of this Grant. Documentation will be required to support compliance with the criteria for ARP Act funds expenditures or the funds will need to be returned to Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.
- A.4. Additionally, the Recipient must collect data on the clients it serves and provide that data to Metro upon request.

B. GRANT CONTRACT TERM:

- B.1. **Grant Contract Term.** The term of this Grant will commence on June 8, 2022, and end on June 30, 2024. Metro will have no obligation for services rendered by the Recipient that are not performed within this term.

C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- C.1. **Maximum Liability.** In no event will Metro's maximum liability under this Grant Contract exceed \$1,820,585.00. The Grant Spending Plan will constitute the maximum amount to be provided to the Recipient by Metro for all of the Recipient's obligations hereunder. The Grant Spending Plan line items include, but are not limited to, all applicable taxes, fees, overhead, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by the Recipient.

Subject to modification and amendments as provided in section D.2 of this agreement, this amount will constitute the Grant Amount and the entire compensation to be provided to the Recipient by Metro.

- C.2. **Payment Methodology.** The Recipient will only be compensated for actual costs based upon the Grant Spending Plan, not to exceed the maximum liability established in Section C.1.

Payment to the Recipient shall be made in 4 equal installments, with the first payment made upon approval of this Grant Contract and continuing every 6 months. Prior to the next payments being

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released, Recipient will send an updated Grant Spending Plan showing actual costs incurred to date. Adjustments to the next payment will be made accordingly, if necessary based on funds received and spent to date.

- C.3. **Annual Expenditure Report.** The Recipient must submit a final grant Annual Expenditure Report, to be received by the Finance Administrator within the Finance Director Office, within 45 days of the end of the Grant Contract. Said report must be in form and substance acceptable to Metro and must be prepared by a Certified Public Accounting Firm or the Chief Financial Officer of the Recipient Organization.
- C.4. **Payment of Invoice.** The disbursement of funds or payment of any invoice by Metro will not prejudice Metro's right to object to the invoice, use of funds, or any other related matter. Any payment by Metro will neither be construed as acceptance of any part of the work or service provided nor as an approval of any of the costs included therein.
- C.5. **Unallowable Costs.** Any amount paid to Recipient, would need to be returned to Metro, if it is determined by Metro, on the basis of audits or monitoring conducted in accordance with the terms of this Grant Contract, to constitute unallowable costs. Utilization of Metro funding for services to non-Davidson County residents is not allowed.
- C.6. **Deductions.** Metro reserves the right to adjust any amounts which are or become due and payable to the Recipient by Metro under this or any Contract by deducting any amounts which are or become due and payable to Metro by the Recipient under this or any Contract.
- C.7. **Travel Compensation.** Payment to the Recipient for travel, meals, or lodging is subject to amounts and limitations specified in Metro's Travel Regulations and subject to the Program Requirements and Grant Spending Plan.
- C.8. **Electronic Payment.** Metro requires as a condition of this contract that the Recipient have on file with Metro a completed and signed "ACH Form for Electronic Payment". If Recipient has not previously submitted the form to Metro or if Recipient's information has changed, Recipient will have thirty (30) days to complete, sign, and return the form. Thereafter, all payments to the Recipient, under this or any other contract the Recipient has with Metro, must be made electronically.
- D. **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**
 - D.1. **Required Approvals.** Metro is not bound by this Grant Contract until it is approved by the appropriate Metro representatives as indicated on the signature page of this Grant.
 - D.2. **Modification and Amendment.** This Grant Contract may be modified only by a written amendment that has been approved in accordance with all Metro procedures and by appropriate legislation of the Metropolitan Council.
 - D.3. **Termination for Cause.** Should the Recipient fail to properly perform its obligations under this Grant Contract or if the Recipient violates any terms of this Grant Contract, Metro will have the right to immediately terminate the Grant Contract and the Recipient must return to Metro any and all grant monies for services or programs under the grant not performed as of the termination date. The Recipient must also return to Metro any and all funds expended for purposes contrary to the terms of the Grant. Such termination will not relieve the Recipient of any liability to Metro for damages sustained by virtue of any breach by the Recipient.

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- D.4. **Subcontracting.** Metro acknowledges that the Recipient will enter into subcontracts with subgrantees as contemplated by Resolution RS2022-1560. Notwithstanding the use of subcontractors, the Recipient will be considered the prime Recipient and will be responsible for all work performed.
- D.5. **Conflicts of Interest.** The Recipient warrants that no part of the total Grant Amount will be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of Metro as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Recipient in connection with any work contemplated or performed relative to this Grant Contract.
- D.6. **Nondiscrimination.** The Recipient hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person will be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Grant Contract or in the employment practices of the Recipient on the grounds of disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification which is in violation of applicable laws. The Recipient must, upon request, show proof of such nondiscrimination and must post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.7. **Records.** The Recipient must maintain documentation for all charges to Metro under this Grant Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Recipient, insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under this Grant Contract, must be maintained for a period of seven (7) full years from the date of the final payment. The books, records, and documents of the Recipient insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under this Grant Contract are subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by Metro or its duly appointed representatives. Records must be maintained in accordance with the standards outlined in the Metro Grants Manual and in accordance with 2 CFR § 200 Uniform Guidance. The financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- D.8. **Monitoring.** The Recipient's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Grant Contract are subject to monitoring and evaluation by The Metropolitan Office of Financial Accountability or Metro's duly appointed representatives. The Recipient must make all audit, accounting, or financial records, notes, and other documents pertinent to this grant available for review by the Metropolitan Office of Financial Accountability, Internal Audit or Metro's representatives, upon request, during normal working hours.
- D.9. **Reporting.** The Recipient must submit reports as outlined in the Program Requirements. Recipient must submit a Final Program Report, to be received by the Finance Administrator within the Finance Director Office, within ninety (90) days of the end of the Grant Contract. Said reports shall detail the outcome of the activities funded under this Grant Contract.
- D.10. **Strict Performance.** Failure by Metro to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this agreement is not a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Grant Contract is considered to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment by the appropriate parties as indicated on the signature page of this Grant.
- D.11. **Insurance.** The Recipient agrees to carry adequate public liability and other appropriate forms of insurance, and to pay all applicable taxes incident to this Grant Contract.
- D.12. **Metro Liability.** Metro will have no liability except as specifically provided in this Grant Contract.
- D. 13. **Independent Contractor.** Nothing herein will in any way be construed or intended to create a partnership or joint venture between the Recipient and Metro or to create the relationship of principal and agent between or among the Recipient and Metro. The Recipient must not hold

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itself out in a manner contrary to the terms of this paragraph. Metro will not become liable for any representation, act, or omission of any other party contrary to the terms of this paragraph.

D. 14. Indemnification and Hold Harmless.

(a) Recipient agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Metro, its officers, agents and employees from any claims, damages, penalties, costs and attorney fees for injuries or damages arising, in part or in whole, from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Recipient, its officers, employees and/or agents, including its sub or independent contractors, in connection with the performance of the contract, and any claims, damages, penalties, costs and attorney fees arising from any failure of Recipient, its officers, employees and/or agents, including its sub or independent contractors, to observe applicable laws, including, but not limited to, labor laws and minimum wage laws.

(b) Metro will not indemnify, defend or hold harmless in any fashion the Recipient from any claims, regardless of any language in any attachment or other document that the Recipient may provide.

(c) Recipient will pay Metro any expenses incurred as a result of Recipient's failure to fulfill any obligation in a professional and timely manner under this Contract.

(d) Recipient's duties under this section will survive the termination or expiration of the grant.

D.15. Force Majeure. The obligations of the parties to this Grant Contract are subject to prevention by causes beyond the parties' control that could not be avoided by the exercise of due care including, but not limited to, acts of God, riots, wars, strikes, epidemics or any other similar cause.

D.16. State, Local and Federal Compliance. The Recipient agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations in the performance of this Grant Contract.

D.17. Governing Law and Venue. The validity, construction and effect of this Grant Contract and any and all extensions and/or modifications thereof will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. The venue for legal action concerning this Grant Contract will be in the courts of Davidson County, Tennessee.

D.18. Completeness. This Grant Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein, including all the terms and conditions of the parties' agreement. This Grant Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the parties relating hereto, whether written or oral.

D.19. Headings. Section headings are for reference purposes only and will not be construed as part of this Grant Contract.

D.20. Metro Interest in Equipment. The Recipient will take legal title to all equipment and to all motor vehicles, hereinafter referred to as "equipment," purchased totally or in part with funds provided under this Grant Contract, subject to Metro's equitable interest therein, to the extent of its *pro rata* share, based upon Metro's contribution to the purchase price. "Equipment" is defined as an article of nonexpendable, tangible, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.00.

The Recipient agrees to be responsible for the accountability, maintenance, management, and inventory of all property purchased totally or in part with funds provided under this Grant Contract. Upon termination of the Grant Contract, where a further contractual relationship is not entered into, or at any time during the term of the Grant Contract, the Recipient must request written

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approval from Metro for any proposed disposition of equipment purchased with Grant funds. All equipment must be disposed of in such a manner as parties may agree as appropriate and in accordance with any applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations.

- D. 21. **Assignment—Consent Required.** The provisions of this contract will inure to the benefit of and will be binding upon the respective successors and assignees of the parties hereto. Except for the rights of money due to Recipient under this contract, neither this contract nor any of the rights and obligations of Recipient hereunder may be assigned or transferred in whole or in part without the prior written consent of Metro. Any such assignment or transfer will not release Recipient from its obligations hereunder. Notice of assignment of any rights to money due to Recipient under this Contract must be sent to the attention of the Metro Department of Finance.
- D.22. **Gratuities and Kickbacks.** It will be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparations of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement of a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. It will be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or a person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order. Breach of the provisions of this paragraph is, in addition to a breach of this contract, a breach of ethical standards which may result in civil or criminal sanction and/or debarment or suspension from participation in Metropolitan Government contracts.
- D.23. **Communications and Contacts.** All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications from the Recipient required or contemplated by this Grant Contract must be in writing and must be made by facsimile transmission, or by first class mail, addressed to the respective party at the appropriate facsimile number or address as set forth below or to such other party, facsimile number, or address as may be hereafter specified by written notice.

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For contract-related matters:
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Recipient

Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition
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3310 Ezell Rd
Nashville, TN 37211
(413) 768-9322

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D.24. **Lobbying.** The Recipient certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

- a. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Recipient, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, and entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Recipient must complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- c. The Recipient will require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-grants, subcontracts, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subcontractors of federally appropriated funds shall certify and disclose accordingly.

D.25. **Effective Date.** This contract will not be binding upon the parties until it has been signed first by the Recipient and then by the authorized representatives of the Metropolitan Government and has been filed in the office of the Metropolitan Clerk. When it has been so signed and filed, this contract will be effective as of the date first written above.

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THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

RECIPIENT: TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RIGHTS COALITION

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

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GRANT PROPOSAL

EXPANDING CRITICAL IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES IN DAVIDSON COUNTY



TENNESSEE
**Immigrant
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COALITION



Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) and Tennessee Justice for Our
Neighbors (TNJFON)
April 8, 2022

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY

1. Project Title: Expanding Critical Immigration Legal Services in Davidson County

2. Organizations:

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3. Contact:

Erin Luce
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4. Funding Requested: \$3,534,836

5. Project Period:

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

SECTION 2 – NARRATIVE

A. PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Context

Davidson County is home to a diverse and vibrant immigrant population - nearly 13% of Nashville residents are foreign born¹ and more than 140 languages are spoken in Metro Public Schools.² While the immigrant community has grown rapidly over the past two decades, nonprofit infrastructure has not kept pace. As a result, there are not sufficient high-quality, low-cost legal services available to meet the needs of this highly vulnerable community. Many potential clients face difficulties in accessing the legal resources that are available due to barriers such as language, fear or intimidation, or simply a lack of knowledge of where and how to find help. Many of these individuals are long-time Nashville residents who are entitled to immigration relief under the law.

In the last year, we have seen an influx of Haitian and Afghan arrivals in Nashville needing assistance seeking asylum. And, in the months ahead, the President has committed to welcome 100,000 refugees from Ukraine, of whom a large number may settle in our area, as well as having made Temporary Protected Status available for other Ukrainians who are already here. Also, in a pending court case in Texas, a judge is expected to rule on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that provides temporary protections and work permits for about 2,200 young adults in Davidson County. Our national level partners have informed us to expect the program to be terminated, which means we would need to quickly pivot to assisting DACA recipients with renewals to guarantee their protections for two final years. Lastly, the presidential administration has removed the controversial Title 42, which means we could see an influx of asylum seekers arriving through our Southern border. These trends underscore the growing need for an expanded, stable immigration legal services infrastructure in Nashville.

As an example of the critical need for more robust legal services, the influx of more than 537 Afghan evacuees since last fall have added to the demand for legal representation, overwhelming the already stretched capacity of legal services providers. The urgency of the evacuation has meant that most Afghans in the United States are on a temporary immigration status called parole, which gives permission to live and work in the US for only two years. If they intend to remain permanently in the United States, however, they must apply for asylum or some other form of permanent relief. This distinguishes the Afghan arrivals from typical refugees, who arrive in the United States with permanent status or immediate eligibility for permanent status.

¹ US Census Bureau 2020 ACS 5-year estimate data profile

² MNPS Office of English Language Learners

Most Afghans will have to prove that they are eligible for asylum, a lengthy and complicated process. Without the help of an immigration attorney, the chances of success are slim. Furthermore, to ensure that their asylum applications are even considered, they have to be filed within one year of arrival, so they're also fighting against a deadline.

Known as an immigration legal services desert, the metropolitan Nashville area has few immigration practitioners in private practice and even fewer working in non-profit organizations, compared to other cities of comparable size with comparable immigrant populations. There are only six pro-bono organizations that offer limited services for immigration cases in Nashville. According to the American Immigration Lawyers Association, there are only about 15 immigration lawyers in the Nashville area that handle humanitarian cases, and only 57 private attorneys dealing with some aspect of immigration law (though many are committed solely to business-based practices).

Changes in immigration policy in recent years have only intensified the demand for immigration attorneys and accredited representatives³ who can provide quality legal assistance at a low cost. With substantial relief funds going to state and local governments, now is the time for some of these resources to be invested in immigration legal services. Immigration legal services make it possible for immigrants to obtain temporary or permanent status to which they are entitled, allowing them to live stable and productive lives. Investing in immigration legal services is imperative for equitable access to due process, economic mobility, and shared prosperity.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury encourages governments to spend ARPA dollars to “foster a strong, inclusive, and equitable recovery, especially with long-term benefits for health and economic outcomes.” Leveraging funds made available by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), TIRRC aims to systematically build the capacity of immigration legal services providers in Davidson County in order to meet growing demand and ensure that those fleeing violence and persecution have the assistance and representation they need to safely settle and build a life in our city and keep families together.

Allocating ARPA funding for immigration legal services will aid in economic recovery and stability for immigrant communities by providing vital community education, and by providing legal representation to individuals and families applying for life-changing immigrant benefits.

2. Overview

The Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) is a statewide, immigrant and refugee-led collaboration. Our mission is to build power, amplify our voices, and organize

³ Federal immigration law allows an individual who is accredited by the Department of Justice and employed by a Department of Justice-recognized organization to represent families before USCIS and other agencies in the Department of Homeland Security.

communities to advocate for our rights. Since our founding in 2003, we have worked to develop immigrant leadership, build the capacity of our immigrant-led member organizations, help immigrant community members understand and engage in the civic process, educate the public about policies that better promote the well-being of new immigrants, and facilitate their full participation in U.S. society. Now in our 19th year, TIRRC has grown from a grassroots network of community leaders into one of the most diverse and effective coalitions of its kind, a model for organizations in the Southeast and throughout the United States. TIRRC was awarded “Nashvillians of the Year” by the [Nashville Scene](#) in 2019, and our work has been featured in the [New Yorker](#), [Rolling Stone Magazine](#), and in partnership with the [City of Nashville](#). In 2021, TIRRC opened the doors to its new home, a community hub in Antioch, the heart of the immigrant and refugee community. In just 3 years, we raised \$2.9 million, closing our capital campaign debt free.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides a unique opportunity to scale the size and effectiveness of immigration legal services in Davidson County to improve the economic mobility of Nashville’s immigrant residents. Following the model of numerous other localities across the country, Davidson County can leverage ARPA funds to assist immigrant residents in obtaining protections from deportations, keeping families whole, and increasing access to work permits and public benefits. Over the last decade, TIRRC and TNJFON have collaborated to serve the immigrant community, each focusing on its mission and strength to provide complimentary services. Over the next three years, TIRRC and TNJFON are requesting \$3,542,809 to build regional capacity for legal services to reach thousands of immigrants and refugees.

In response to a growing need for legal services, we will leverage ARPA funds as follows:

1. Provide essential services to keep families united and increase access to opportunities
2. Scale TIRRC’s staff and program capacity
3. Increase community education through information sessions, interviews, and community presentations
4. Invest in TNJFON’s staff and program capacity

B. PROJECT APPROACH & GOALS

1. Provide essential services to keep families united and increase access to opportunities

Over the past ten years, TIRRC has assisted low-income immigrants with accessing legal services by using a group-processing workshop model: pairing clients with pro-bono attorneys during a multi-client event hosted at a convenient location, followed by making referrals to private attorneys and partner organizations for follow up. In addition to the group workshops, TIRRC also provides direct support with naturalization, DACA renewals, and other services as needed.

TIRRC reaches an average of 10,000 immigrants each year through our community education and services, and our model of service delivery provides immigrants with the resources and tools needed to overcome barriers. We provide a variety of immigration legal services, which include assistance with naturalization, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewal, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), green card renewals, and asylum, as well as legal screenings that help clients to identify potential protections from deportation for which they may be eligible.

The benefits of receiving assistance of this kind, such as naturalization, are clear. Becoming a United States citizen opens a world of opportunities such as public-sector jobs, eligibility to vote, and the ability to visit one's home country. An engaged citizenry creates a more informed and vibrant civic culture, and the economic gains to the individual translate to positive effects on the local and national economy. A study from the USC Equity Research Institute at the University of Southern California, found that naturalization increased an individual's earnings by 8-11 percent. That results in more taxes paid and positive ripple effects on the local and state economy.

Other forms of relief, such as DACA and TPS, protect immigrants from the threat of deportation and provide the much-needed ability to work and support one's family. For example, there are approximately 2,200 DACA recipients in Davidson County, who if removed from the workforce would result in an annual GDP loss of \$98.8 million annually.⁴ Especially in this moment, when Nashville businesses are desperately seeking employees, keeping immigrants and refugees in the workforce is vital not just to individuals and their families but to our city's prosperity as a whole.

We anticipate that the expansion of the TIRRC staff and volunteer team made possible through this funding will lead to an increase in the number of community members we are able to support. We will evaluate this program via the following metrics:

- Launch and support 4-6 immigration legal clinics per year
- Provide support to 2500 individuals via TIRRC's assistance phone line
- Supporting roughly 600 consultations and screenings per year, with legal filings as needed, depending on case details and staffing

2. Scale TIRRC's staff and program capacity

With limited state and region-wide resources, TIRRC's workshops and legal clinics have become a crucial community resource, but in order to effectively meet the growing demand for legal services, more capacity for providing immigration legal services is sorely needed not just among TIRRC staff, but also at partner organizations and private attorneys.

⁴ [USC Dornsife, Interactive Map: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(DACA\) Populations and their Economic Contributions by U.S. Congressional District, 2017](#)

This funding would allow us to invest in key programmatic staff to scale up our services, as well as hire several new positions: three paralegals, a staff attorney, and a volunteer coordinator. With this personnel in place and under the guidance of our experienced, existing staff members, the volume of work we will be able to undertake will greatly increase.

TIRRC will further increase capacity by developing our volunteer navigator program. Through this program, we will engage committed, long-term volunteers or stipended leaders to assist clients at our workshops and through one-on-one consultations with lower level tasks such as gathering documentation and conducting intake interviews. Over time, these volunteers will receive extensive training including the foundational 40-hour Comprehensive Overview of Immigration Law (“COIL”). Further, volunteers will gain numerous hours of direct work experience needed to qualify to apply for accreditation by the US Department of Justice (“DOJ accreditation”). Once approved, the resulting accreditation allows them to practice immigration law and provide desperately needed legal services. Building up this experience and credentials will effectively increase Davidson County’s collective capacity to meet the needs in our communities.

We will evaluate this program over three years via the following metrics:

- In addition to TIRRC’s current legal staff, increase capacity to support internal program and operations programming. Roles include:
 - Staff Attorney
 - Data and Evaluation Coordinator
 - Outreach Coordinator
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - 3 Paralegals
- Steward 6-10 volunteers to qualify for, apply for and receive DOJ accreditation after at least 1 year of volunteer support
- Starting in Year 2, train 10-20 volunteers monthly
- Each year, host a 40-hour COIL training for TIRRC staff and volunteers as well as other members of Nashville’s legal services community

3. Promote community education and legal services

The success of the services described above will depend on our ability to reach immigrant and refugee community members to share information about our clinics and the services we provide, as well as provide community education on common legal services matters and preventing arrest, detention, and deportation. Through information sessions with target communities, interviews broadcast by media outlets in Spanish and other languages, flyer distribution at local businesses and community centers, and robust social media campaigns, we will ensure that immigrants and refugees who can benefit from our legal services are aware of and able to access them.

Additionally, this funding will support TIRRC’s “Know Your Rights (KYR)” efforts to ensure immigrants have a good understanding of their civil and human rights, that they are prepared for encounters with law enforcement agencies, and are connected to the high-quality legal services that TIRRC, TNJFON, and other trusted partners provide. These efforts also help to spread awareness of the dangers of legal fraud, and that community members are able to recognize and avoid this risk. To amplify this work, TIRRC staff will train community leaders to provide their own KYR presentations and share this valuable information in their networks.

- Distribute 10,000 flyers to advertise TIRRC and local partner services
- Engage at least three Spanish or other language media outlets for promotion of legal services
- Leveraging TIRRC and local partner social media accounts, reach 100,000 individuals
- Host 30 virtual and in-person Know Your Rights presentations per year
- Reach 10,000 individuals through Know Your Rights training and events.

4. Invest in TNJFON’s staff and program capacity

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON) provides free or low-cost, humanitarian-based immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and their families; educates the community about immigration matters; and advocates for the rights and dignity of immigrants. Since 2009, TNJFON has represented thousands of clients in obtaining work authorization, humanitarian visas, and permanent immigration status. TNJFON trains volunteers, attorneys, law students, and communities of faith to help them carry out their mission. Our work has been featured in local news media coverage including the [Tennessean](#), [Nashville Public Radio](#) and [News4 WSMV](#). TNJFON has grown its legal staff from one attorney and a Legal Advocate in 2019 to six staff members, including three full-time attorneys as of October 2021. The increase in capacity has allowed TNJFON to serve more immigrants, but the need is still enormous.

A critical part of the legal services infrastructure in Davidson County, TNJFON employs 3 of the 6.5 legal services immigration lawyers in the area. In 2021, TNJFON screened over 250 immigrants for potential immigration relief and carried an active caseload of over 500 cases. However, dramatic growth in Nashville’s immigration population in the last two decades has continued to strain existing infrastructure, leaving many without access to representation.

In 2022, Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors will provide ongoing legal representation to 327 existing clients with cases before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or the Immigration Court, including victims of violent crimes or abuse in the United States; children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected; asylum seekers; and young people who qualify for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals); screen 250 new clients for a complete evaluation of legal immigration options and possible extended representation; and provide

extended representation to 30 new clients who qualify for a complex form of humanitarian relief, requiring multi-year representation.

The cost of our 2022 legal services program is \$352,680. With funding from this grant, TNJFON seeks to increase its capacity by adding two immigration lawyers, a paralegal, and legal advocate who will apply for DOJ accreditation, allowing TNJFON to screen an additional 160 clients and provide extended representation to 60 Afghan asylum seekers in the first year; and screen an additional 160 clients and provide extended representation to an additional 50 new clients in the two following years. Requested funds will support the salary of our legal department, including five attorneys, a Legal Advocate, a paralegal, an administrative assistant, and a part-time Dari interpreter.

B. TIRRC Team & Partners

TIRRC and TNJFON are committed to collaborating on this project in a way that leverages the strengths of each organization. TIRRC will serve clients through group workshops and provide direct representation in more straightforward cases, while TNJFON will take on cases that are more complex. Drawing on its experience with community organizing and outreach and its connections in diverse immigrant communities, TIRRC will coordinate promotion of both organizations' legal services offerings and conduct its KYR community education. As the lead partner for this funding, TIRRC's Outreach Coordinator and Data and Evaluation Coordinator will manage these responsibilities for both organizations.

TIRRC and TNJFON have extensive experience with partnership. They are two of the three partners in the Delivering on the Dream collaborative, an innovative model for legal aid. They were selected for participation because of their central leadership role in the immigrant community and because they provide 90% of the related programming on this issue in Davidson County. Partnering together since 2014, TIRRC and TNJFON provide wrap-around programming, relying on the strengths of each individual organization rather than creating duplicative silos of work.

1. Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition Team

This work will be led by the members of TIRRC's staff who specialize in immigration legal services and community organizing. Overseeing the work will be TIRRC's Senior Programs and Services Director, Leticia Alvarez, who has led the organization's community organizing efforts since 2006. She brings her years of experience in addressing the needs of community members and expertly executing programs to ensure that our legal services will scale and serve our members effectively. The primary drivers of this work will be Senior Legal Advisor Diego Bonesatti, a Department of Justice (DOJ) representative who brings 33 years of experience with immigration legal services, and Immigration Legal Services Manager, Mari Campos Araujo, who

brings with her broad experience from a private immigration law office combined with her years as a volunteer and member of TIRRC. Providing supplemental support will be Deportation Defense Manager Jazmin Ramirez who will manage our community education work under this grant. Executive Director Lisa Sherman Luna, Grants Manager Erin Luce, and Operations Director Cara Doidge Kilgore will provide further managerial support. This funding will allow us to hire and train seven additional staff members to increase our capacity and stand up lasting systems.

2. Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON) Team

The legal department at Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors is a team of bilingual, culturally competent lawyers and staff who provide representation for humanitarian forms of immigration relief. The organization is led by Tessa Lemos Del Pino who has held administrative roles at Columbia University in the City of New York and is admitted to the Washington State Bar. Legal Director Bethany Jackson has been practicing immigration law at TNJFON since 2014. Bethany is a graduate of Rhodes College and Tulane University School of Law with twenty-one years of experience practicing law, including eight years practicing immigration law. She joined TNJFON in 2014 as a Staff Attorney and has served as Legal Director since 2019. In that role, she oversees the services provided by the current legal staff of two staff attorneys (Alvaro Manrique Barrenechea and Allen King), Legal Advocate (Aineth Murguia), Administrative Assistant (Netra Rastogi), part-time Legal Clerk (Negar Ahmadi), and part-time law student (Emily Webb). With ARPA funding, TNJFON seeks to add two immigration attorneys, a paralegal and a DOJ accredited legal advocate who will be supervised by the directors.

C. Evaluation

This proposal is underwritten by TIRRC, with increased capacity for evaluation, data collection and reporting, and partner management. TIRRC's Data and Evaluation Coordinator will manage systems for tracking and reporting on activities across both TIRRC and TNJFON, involving a services dashboard to be updated through monthly status reports from both organizations with input through an online form. Staff will track dates, locations, and attendance of clinics and outreach events, and confidential client data will be stored and maintained in the e-Immigration software platform. TIRRC and TNJFON will provide annual reports to Metro at the close of Years 1 and 2 of the grant that detail our progress toward the goals and metrics listed above, along with a cumulative report at the end of Year 3.

SECTION 3 – BUDGET NARRATIVE & TIMELINE

A. Narrative

This funding will be directed to TIRRC, who will then subgrant a portion of the funds to TNJFON. At TIRRC, the grant will primarily fund seven new positions, while also supplementing the salaries of existing staff who will devote significant time to this project. This includes staff on the Legal Services Team executing this work, as well as a small portion of human resources, managerial, and grant administration staff. Additionally, this will cover non-personnel costs such as case management and reporting software to be shared across organizations, costs for meetings and events, and other operational needs. The subgrant to TNJFON will support critical staff for their legal services team.

Also supporting TIRRC's legal services department are trusted local funders like the Memorial Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. Previous funding from the Metro Direct Appropriation Fund has served to build our legal services capacity for naturalization services in the past.

Year 1. TIRRC will begin hiring the new personnel necessary to execute this work and standing up our volunteer program. We will provide management training to TIRRC personnel who are moving into management roles and orient new staff to our legal services programs. During this time, we will hold quarterly clinics across Davidson County and provide direct representation to our clients as capacity allows.

TNJFON will file its application for DOJ recognition for the organization and accreditation for its Legal Advocate, Aineth Murguia, in April 2022. Emily Webb, a 2022 Belmont College of Law graduate, has joined the TNJFON staff part-time and will be joining full-time after sitting for the July 2022 bar examination. TNJFON has identified a highly qualified, experienced asylum attorney who is willing to join TNJFON within four weeks of funding becoming available. TNJFON will work to hire and train additional support staff. The additional legal staff will focus on screening Afghan evacuees for asylum eligibility and providing extended representation on asylum claims as capacity permits. TNJFON will continue to provide representation to existing clients and screen Afghan evacuee referrals from NICE and Catholic Charities, the resettlement agencies as capacity permits.

Year 2. With personnel hired and trained, TIRRC expects for the program to now be operating at full capacity, with the number of consultations and filings at least 50% higher than the previous year. By the end of the year, our first cohort of legal services volunteers will have graduated from the program and achieved DOJ accreditation, further growing our collective capacity.

With additional personnel hired and trained, TNJFON will continue to provide representation to existing clients; screen immigrants for potential immigration relief; accept new clients for extended representation; train law students and attorneys attorneys for pro bono legal representation; and hold legal clinics at Casa Azafran or a location more convenient for clients. TNJFON expects a response to its DOJ application in year two of the grant. Once TNJFON receives DOJ approval, our Legal Advocate can carry her own caseload as a legal services provider under the supervision of our Legal Director.

Year 3. Both organizations will continue to provide legal services at full capacity while also taking time to evaluate our progress in the previous year and make any adjustments as necessary. We will evaluate the efficacy of our staffing structure, our volunteer program model, and the health of Davidson County's legal services capacity as a whole.

B. Budget**1. TIRRC Proposal Budget**

Item	FY22 (6 mo)	FY23	FY24	FY25 (6 mo)
Personnel	\$151,830	\$411,635	\$423,984	\$278,698
Taxes & Fringe Benefits	\$42,512	\$115,258	\$118,716	\$61,139
Consultants				
Grants Consultant	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Legal Consultant	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Volunteer Stipends (6)		\$10,800	\$10,800	\$5,400
Subgrant to TNJFON	\$174,272	\$363,360	\$374,262	\$221,592
Professional Licenses and Fees	\$408	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$408
Software	\$1,042	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,458
Advertising	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Interpretation & Translation	\$400	\$800	\$800	\$400
Supplies	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$1,100
Printing & Copying	\$300	\$600	\$600	\$300
Telecommunications	\$13	\$30	\$30	\$18
Travel & Internal Meetings	\$83	\$200	\$200	\$117
Program Meetings	\$800	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$800
Subtotal	\$433,010	\$970,683	\$997,392	\$631,680
Indirect Costs	\$43,481	\$97,068	\$99,739	\$63,168
Annual Total	\$476,311	\$1,067,751	\$1,097,131	\$694,848
Grand Total	\$3,336,042			

2. TNJFON Subgrantee Budget

Item	FY22 (6 mo)	FY23	FY24	FY25 (6 mo)
Personnel				
Staff Attorney (2)	\$65,000	\$133,900	\$137,917	\$82,865
Paralegal/DOJ (2)	\$47,500	\$97,850	\$100,785	\$60,555
Legal Director	\$7,515	\$18,576	\$19,134	\$9,854
Executive Director	\$3,758	\$7,742	\$7,975	\$4,107
Personnel Subtotal	\$123,773	\$258,068	\$265,811	\$157,381
Tax and Fringe Benefits	\$34,656	\$72,259	\$74,427	\$44,067
Subtotal	\$158,429	\$330,327	\$340,238	\$201,448
Indirect Costs (15%)	\$15,8434	\$33,033	\$34,024	\$20,145
Annual Total	\$174,272	\$363,360	\$374,262	\$221,592

Appendix



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Immigration Legal Services Funding via the American Rescue Plan Funds

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides an opportunity to provide critical services to immigrants and their families in effort to address the hardships immigrant communities have faced during the pandemic. The U.S. Department of the Treasury [encourages](#) governments to spend ARPA dollars to “*foster a strong, inclusive, and equitable recovery, especially with long-term benefits for health and economic outcomes*”.

We, the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC) and the TN Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON), strongly believe that allocating ARPA funding for immigration legal services will aid in economic recovery and stability for immigrant communities by providing vital community education around legal and social services; and, assisting individuals and families in applying for life-changing immigrant benefits that allow them to access better job opportunities and stay together in Tennessee.

Davidson County is home to approximately 94,396 foreign-born individuals¹ of all immigration statuses. Of these about 33,875 are undocumented, and 16,557 are estimated to be eligible to naturalize and become US citizens.² Below is more information on how immigration legal services directly align with the intended use of ARPA funding.

Use of Fiscal Recovery Funds for Immigration Legal Services Meets the Following Funding Objectives from the American Rescue Plan³

1. **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency:** Immigrant and refugee families are deeply rooted in the fabric of Nashville communities and have been working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis. However, they face enormous obstacles, such as limited English proficiency, ineligibility for public benefits, poverty, lack of transportation, fear, and discrimination, in accessing critical services that contribute to their health and well-being. The barriers and inequities are compounded during the pandemic with families now facing job and income losses, evictions, exorbitant medical bills, lack of childcare, and more. **Immigration legal services can directly support and eliminate economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.** The ARPA funds provide an opportunity to bridge that financial gap by providing community resources that directly benefit immigrants eligible for immigration relief. For example, in 2020, 77% of the clients at Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors were impacted by COVID-19 yet many did not receive the safety-net others in the state received. Many had to choose between paying their DACA filing fees (\$495) to keep their work permits and paying for groceries or rent. To alleviate this burden, TNJFON waived legal fees for many in 2020 however, there were still USCIS filing fees to pay. While some low-income individuals qualify for waiver of USCIS fees, DACA recipients are not eligible for this relief.
2. **Invest in communities most impacted by the public health emergency:** The Center for Migration Studies reports that approximately 67% (87,693) of the undocumented population in Tennessee is employed as an essential worker. Yet, 72% of undocumented people in Davidson County lack health

¹ American Community Census Survey, 2020

² Migration Policy Institute, [CMSNY Davidson County Profile](#)

³ [ARPA Funding Objectives](#)



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insurance.⁴ This segment of the population has often been excluded from other federally funded stimulus packages and safety nets such as unemployment insurance or direct stimulus payments. Consider ARPA funding as a catalyst investment for a new or expanded long-term program to leverage additional sources of public and more permanent funding. Partnering with local trusted organizations creates social cohesion. Considering the lack of federal policies that are targeted towards undocumented individuals it is local government's responsibility to ensure some of the most vulnerable individuals are not excluded from community support and services. Investing in the community through immigration legal services provides an opportunity to remedy a lack of safety nets for essential immigrant workers.

3. **Provide Covid services - education and vaccination - in tandem with legal services events.** Legal services can be used as a draw for populations who would otherwise not attend a vaccination clinic or Covid presentation. Immigrants coming for legal services can receive a Covid presentation and be surveyed by a Covid Navigator prior to meeting with legal personnel ("Do you have a personal physician?" "Have you asked your doctor or other medical personnel about Covid and vaccines?", etc.). Legal clinics can be held in tandem with Covid clinics, which TIRRC already has experience with.

Examples of ARPA funds used for immigrant legal services and other support systems: More and more cities are using ARP funds to support nonprofit organizations who provide immigration services, including immigration legal services. For example, see below:

- [Washington DC](#)
- [Milwaukee, WI](#)
- [Madison, WI](#)
- [Miami-Dade County, FL](#)
- [Los Angeles County, CA](#)
- [Shelby County, TN](#): \$250,000 to assist 36 Afghan arrivals with immigration legal services with a promise of matching this funding from the city of Memphis.

The Need for Immigration Legal Services Funding. Demand for low-cost, high-quality immigration legal services exceeds the supply, and the demand has only increased over the years. In addition, there is a funding gap for the immigration legal services field to provide effective application assistance to low-income applicants. Changes in immigration policy in recent years have only intensified the demand for immigration attorneys and accredited representatives who can provide quality legal assistance at a low cost. With substantial relief funds going to state and local governments, now is the time for some of these resources to be invested in immigration legal services. Investing in immigration legal services is imperative for equitable access to due process, economic mobility, and shared prosperity.

⁴ [Center for Migration Studies Sub-State Data Tool 2019](#)



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The Department of Justice lists thirteen organizations serving Tennessee as “recognized” (licensed) to offer legal representation⁵, and there are only six pro-bono organizations that offer limited services for select immigration cases, primarily deportation defense.⁶ The Tennessee Bar Association lists seventy members that practice immigration law across the state.⁷ Limited low-cost resources for immigration legal services means current needs are not being met, in addition, recent Afghan arrivals add to the demand for legal representation and providers will be overwhelmed by demand when immigration policy changes are passed at the federal level. Many immigrants are eligible for immigration relief under federal immigration law, but without legal representation, may never be able to assert their legal rights.

Immigration legal services are a critical tool for immigrant integration. Investing in immigration legal services to assist immigrants in applying for immigration relief and US citizenship brings great returns. Naturalization provides economic and civic gains for the individual, the local community and state, and the country. An engaged citizenry creates a more informed and vibrant civic culture, and the economic gains to the individual translate to positive effects on the local and national economy. A study from the USC Equity Research Institute at the University of Southern California, found that naturalization increased an individual’s earnings by 8-11 percent. That results in more taxes paid and positive ripple effects on the local and state economy.

Prevents fraud by unscrupulous actors preying on vulnerable communities. The lack of service providers available to serve a high number of individuals puts immigrant communities at risk of exploitation by unqualified individuals offering immigration services, commonly known as ‘notarios’. Nonprofit immigration attorneys provide refugee and immigrant communities with an alternative to seeking legal assistance from unqualified preparers or untrained friends or family members. The reliability of these institutions builds trust within immigrant and refugee communities and provides them with a credible resource for additional support, such as information on Covid, access to vaccines, starting a small business, and more.

When immigration legal service organizations assist a client, they highlight the difference good legal help can make in the lives of immigrants. For example, an accredited representative or attorney can identify when an immigrant does not meet the eligibility criteria to apply for citizenship and should not apply, thus keeping some who are ineligible out of jeopardy of deportation as well as losing time and money filing prematurely. The constant changes in immigration policy at the federal level require that immigration legal service providers

⁵ TIRRC is licensed by the US Department of Justice. TIRRC recently renewed its “recognition”, a license the US DOJ issues to qualified nonprofits allowing them to practice immigration law via their DOJ accredited staff. This license permits nonprofits like TIRRC to apply for the accreditation of qualified staff, meaning that once funding is obtained and staff hired, TIRRC can seek accreditation for those already qualified as well as continue to train others in order to prepare them for application. DOJ accredited representatives are licensed to prepare immigration applications, give legal advice on immigration matters and represent families before the US Department of Homeland Security where most of the federal immigration agencies are housed (USCIS, ICE, CBP) as well as the US Department of State.

⁶ [The US Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation Program](#)

⁷ [Tennessee Bar Association](#)



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stay up-to-date in these changes and prepare for future opportunities for immigrants to access relief and investing in immigration legal services allows community-based organizations to scale up to meet the demand.

About us:

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugees Rights Coalition (TIRRC): TIRRC is a statewide, immigrant and refugee-led collaboration. Our mission is to build power, amplify our voices, and organize communities to advocate for our rights. Our vision is a stronger, more inclusive Tennessee where people of all nationalities, immigration statuses, and racial identities can belong and thrive. TIRRC has been at the forefront of providing immigration legal clinics in Tennessee since our program launched in 2007.

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors: Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors provides free or low-cost immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, ideology, gender identity, or sexual orientation. We educate the public about immigration matters and advocate for the rights and dignity of immigrants.

Founded in 2008, TNJFON has assisted more than 3,000 individual clients in a variety of immigration matters, with a focus on representing low-income individuals who are eligible for humanitarian forms of relief. We primarily serve individuals earning below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level or who face other financial barriers to accessing representation.

During our legal clinic appointments, we conduct intake, evaluate immigration and other relevant history, and advise of any available options to change immigration status. Where a form of humanitarian relief is available, we provide direct representation as capacity allows.

Our highly skilled legal staff operate primarily in Spanish and English and have years of cross cultural and legal experience. TNJFON is a member of the National Justice for Our Neighbors network of nineteen legal services organizations.



How Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding Can Support Immigrant Communities

September 2021

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act allocated \$1.9 trillion in federal funds to alleviate the COVID-19 pandemic's harms and create stronger, healthier communities.¹ The [relief money](#) is intended to aid recovery and stability and assist households, businesses, and organizations disproportionately affected by the pandemic. This includes immigrant communities.

One way these funds can help ensure safety and health for immigrant communities during the pandemic? By funding immigrant legal services, including deportation defense programs. Investing in legal services and representation programs for people facing detention and deportation supports COVID-19 relief efforts by providing lawyers, who advocate tirelessly for people's health and safety in communities cumulatively harmed by COVID-19, criminalization, and systemic racism. Jurisdictions can use ARP funds to create or expand deportation defense programs, like the ones in the Vera Institute of Justice's [SAFE Initiative](#).

A view of a long line of people that stretches four blocks for relief goods in the Elmcors Building in Corona, Queens, New York, USA during the Coronavirus pandemic on May 6, 2020. (Photo by John Nacion/NurPhoto via AP)

How do deportation defense programs like SAFE help immigrant communities?

- The SAFE Initiative works with governments, immigration legal service providers, and advocates to advance local- and state-funded deportation defense to further a national movement for universal representation.
- Immigrants who have legal representation are 3.5 times more likely to be granted release from detention on bond by an immigration judge and up to 10 times more likely to establish a right to remain in the United States than those who face deportation alone.²
- Publicly funded deportation defense programs help families and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. These programs help secure the release of people from detention, disrupt the pipeline between the criminal legal and immigration systems, restore due process, build community trust, and keep families together.

Why should ARP funds be used for local and state deportation defense programs?

1 To help states and cities prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in detention.

- ICE and federal immigration authorities continue to target immigrant communities, book people into detention, and tear apart families. Detained immigrants face increased public health risks because detention facilities are a vector of the spread of COVID-19. ICE continues to book thousands of people into detention each month and transfer them across its vast network of facilities, seemingly without proper public health precautions.³
- Using ARP funding to invest in immigrant legal services and representation programs for people facing detention and deportation supports communities' COVID-19 prevention and mitigation efforts by ensuring legal advocacy for the health, safety, and freedom of people in detention. Release from detention is nearly impossible without representation, even for humanitarian reasons during this pandemic.

2 To supplement state and local funding available for immigrant justice programs.

- The infusion of federal financial support to state and local governments ensures that there is enough money for programs that expand immigrants' access to justice.
- Jurisdictions have the opportunity and responsibility to use the additional support to advance an equitable and inclusive recovery—moving public dollars away from investments that worsen economic and racial disparities and toward programs like deportation defense to help all communities recover, stabilize, and grow.⁴ (See “How do deportation defense programs like SAFE help immigrant communities?” above.)

3 To help reverse the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on immigrant communities.

- One ARP funding objective is to replace lost revenue that forced governments to make cuts while budgeting during the pandemic. Governments can use ARP funds to restart the growth of immigration program budgets that may have been paused by revenue losses incurred during COVID-19.⁵ In the event that programs were negatively financially impacted by the pandemic, ARP funds could be used to revive them.

How have jurisdictions already used ARP funds to support deportation defense?



- 1** **The City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,** **invested** \$100,000 of ARP funding to start a new immigrant legal defense program.
- 2** **Washington, DC,** **plans** to increase its Immigrant Justice Legal Services grant program by \$2 million over two years using ARP funding.
- 3** **The City of North Miami, Florida,** **allocated** ARP funds to establish a new deportation defense program.
- 4** **The City of Long Beach, California,** **proposed** leveraging federal sources of stimulus and recovery funding to fund the Long Beach Justice Fund, which provides legal representation for Long Beach community members facing deportation.
- 5** **Los Angeles County** **approved** \$2 million of ARP funding for deportation defense.

What can localities do next?

- Engage immigrant communities and organizations in conversation to collaborate on ARP investment priorities.
- Ensure that immigrants—regardless of status—can equally access and are eligible to receive all benefits and programs funded through ARP state and local plans.
- Consider ARP funding as a catalyst investment for a new or expanded long-term program to leverage additional sources of public—and more permanent—funding. Localities should prioritize making zealous representation for people facing deportation sustainable over time.

Endnotes

- 1 On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of Treasury released guidance on eligible uses of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, a pool of money within ARP funding, directing jurisdictions to “. . . provide assistance to those households, businesses, and non-profits in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.”
- 2 For a summary of this research, see Karen Berberich and Nina Siulc, *Why Does Representation Matter?* (New York: Vera Institute of Justice, 2018), <https://perma.cc/NTM6-F8UN>.
- 3 See also Nina Siulc, “Vera’s New Prevalence Model Suggests COVID-19 is Spreading through ICE Detention at Much Higher Rates than Publicized,” *Vera Institute of Justice*, June 4, 2020, <https://perma.cc/9HPW-HQU8>.
- 4 See Vera Institute of Justice, *Rising to the Moment: Advancing the National Movement for Universal Representation over Three Years of the SAFE Initiative* (New York: Vera Institute of Justice, 2020), <https://perma.cc/9ZQ2-WM7Q>; and Vera Institute of Justice, *Support Universal Representation: SAFE Initiative 101* (New York: Vera Institute of Justice, 2020), <https://perma.cc/4M4K-3YFF>.
- 5 For the full rules and regulations for ARP funding, see U.S. Department of the Treasury, 31 CFR Part 35.

For more information

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METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY GRANT SPENDING PLAN

RECIPIENT NAME:	Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)
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THE FOLLOWING IS APPLICABLE TO EXPENSES PLANNED TO BE INCURRED DURING THE CONTRACT GRANT PERIOD: June 8, 2022 to June 30, 2024					
	EXPENSE OBJECT LINE-ITEM CATEGORY	METRO GRANT FUNDS through FY23	METRO GRANT FUNDS through FY24	RECIPIENT MATCH (participation)	TOTAL PROJECT
	Salaries and Wages	\$334,833.00	\$357,850.00		\$692,683.00
	Benefits and Taxes: 28%	\$93,753.18	\$100,198.00		\$193,951.18
	Professional Fees	\$61,100.00	\$61,100.00		\$122,200.00
	Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$6,000.00
	Communications	\$30.00	\$30.00		\$60.00
	Postage and Shipping	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00		\$3,400.00
	Occupancy				\$0.00
	Equipment Rental and Maintenance				\$0.00
	Printing and Publications	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$1,000.00
	Travel/ Conferences and Meetings	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00		\$3,200.00
	Insurance				\$0.00
	Specific Assistance to Individuals				\$0.00
	Other Non-Personnel	\$81,714.72	\$85,832.10		\$167,546.82
	Subgrantee	\$309,679.00	\$320,865.00		\$630,544.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$887,909.90	\$932,675.10	\$0.00	\$1,820,585.00

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

GRANT SPENDING PLAN

RECIPIENT NAME:	Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors
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THE FOLLOWING IS APPLICABLE TO EXPENSES PLANNED TO BE INCURRED DURING THE CONTRACT GRANT PERIOD: June 8, 2022 to June 30, 2024					
	EXPENSE OBJECT LINE-ITEM CATEGORY	METRO GRANT FUNDS through FY23	METRO GRANT FUNDS through FY24	RECIPIENT MATCH (participation)	TOTAL PROJECT
	Salaries and Wages	\$219,942.00	\$227,887.00	\$0.00	\$447,829.00
	Benefits and Taxes [(28%)]	\$61,584.00	\$63,808.00	\$0.00	\$125,392.00
	Professional Fees			\$0.00	\$0.00
	Supplies				\$0.00
	Communications				\$0.00
	Postage and Shipping				\$0.00
	Occupancy				\$0.00
	Equipment Rental and Maintenance				\$0.00
	Printing and Publications				\$0.00
	Travel/ Conferences and Meetings				\$0.00
	Insurance				\$0.00
	Specific Assistance to Individuals				\$0.00
	Other Non-Personnel	\$28,153.00	\$29,170.00	\$0.00	\$57,323.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$309,679.00	\$320,865.00	\$0.00	\$630,544.00

APOSTILLE

(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Country: *United States of America*

2. This public document has been signed by JOHN ARRIOLA

3. acting in the capacity of COUNTY CLERK OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

4. bears the seal/stamp of COUNTY SEAL OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Certified

5. at *Nashville, Tennessee*

6. the Wednesday, December 14, 2011

7. by TRE HARGETT, SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF TENNESSEE

8. No. 11-13202



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**Articles of Incorporation
Of
TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS COALITION
A Non-Profit Corporation**

Pursuant to the provision of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, the undersigned incorporator hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article 1

The name of this corporation is Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition.

Article 2

This corporation is a public benefit corporation. This corporation is not a religious corporation.

Article 3

This corporation will have members.

Article 4

The number of initial directors of this corporation shall be four and the names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

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|------------------------|---|
| Monica Hernandez | 1959 Highlander Way, New market, TN 37820 |
| Nonye Ejiofor | 900 2 nd Ave. North, Nashville, TN 37211 |
| Maria Valentin Pridgen | 315 Union St., Ste. 800, Nashville, TN 37201 |
| Sara Jane Saliba | 1005 Murfreesboro Rd. #230, Nashville, TN 37217 |

Article 5

The name and address of this corporation's initial registered agent and office in Tennessee is:

David Lubell
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
1000 S. Cooper St.
Memphis, TN 38104

Article 6

The name and addresses of the initial incorporator of this corporation is:
David Lubell 1000 S. Cooper St., Memphis, TN 38104

Article 7

The address of the corporation's principal office is:

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
1000 S. Cooper St., Memphis, TN 38104

Article 8

This corporation is a not for profit. The purpose for which this corporation is being organized is to empower immigrants and refugees throughout Tennessee to develop a unified voice, defend their rights, and create an atmosphere in which they are viewed as positive contributors to the state.

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 9

This document is to be effective upon filing by the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Article 10

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article 11

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions for the purposes set forth in these Articles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned incorporator hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

David Lubell
Signature

7/1/03
Date

David Lubell, Incorporator

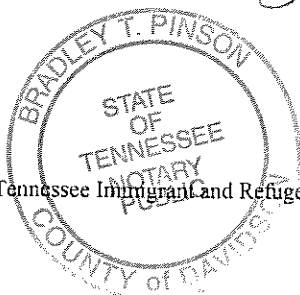
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San Jac Saliba, Director of Finance and Administration

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COUNTY OF DAVIDSON



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I, **John Arriola**, Clerk of Davidson County, Tennessee having a seal, do hereby certify that

Bradley T Pinson

whose name is subscribed to the affidavit or certificate of the proof of acknowledgement of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such affidavit, proof, or acknowledgement, A Notary Public for the State of Tennessee, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized under the laws of Tennessee to take the same, and duly authorized to take and certify the acknowledgement and proof of deeds to be recorded in this State. And I do further certify that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verify believe that the signature to said affidavit, or certificate of proof, or acknowledgement, is genuine; that said Notary's commission is dated

11/07/2008 and expires 11/07/2012.

And I do further certify that under the Laws of Tennessee, impressions of the seal of Notaries Public are not required to be filed with the County Clerk or with the Clerk of the County Court.

Witness my hand and seal of said office,

at Nashville, Tennessee, this 14th day of December, 2011.

John Arriola, Clerk

by John Arriola, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

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TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE
RIGHTS COALITION
1103 CHAPEL AVE
NASHVILLE, TN 37206

Employer Identification Number:
20-0121100
DLN:
17053245013034
Contact Person:
DALE T SCHABER ID# 31175
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
July 8, 2003
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes

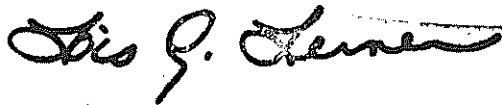
Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

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Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (a Tennessee not-for-profit, the Organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Blankenship CPA Group, PLLC

Blankenship CPA Group, PLLC
Brentwood, Tennessee
November 8, 2021

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Assets		
Cash	\$ 738,220	\$ 764,952
Restricted cash	175,716	1,202,838
Grants receivable, net	1,087,116	684,587
Other receivables	38,436	-
Related party receivable	32,202	29,711
Property and equipment, net	1,638,786	391,550
Other assets	1,931	1,931
Total assets	\$ 3,712,407	\$ 3,075,569
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,485	\$ 15,663
Accrued payroll	33,265	70,349
Note payable, net	-	285,286
Total liabilities	44,750	371,298
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	2,062,646	639,532
With donor restrictions	1,605,011	2,064,739
Total net assets	3,667,657	2,704,271
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 3,712,407	\$ 3,075,569

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Revenues and Other Support			
Grants	\$ 1,525,903	\$ 844,818	\$ 2,370,721
Contributions	711,360	414,895	1,126,255
Special events	32,737	-	32,737
Other revenues	34,913	-	34,913
Membership dues	2,895	-	2,895
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>1,719,441</u>	<u>(1,719,441)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and other support	4,027,249	(459,728)	3,567,521
Expenses			
Program services			
Community organizing	516,473	-	516,473
Advocacy and education	727,452	-	727,452
Integration services	1,036,359	-	1,036,359
Supporting services			
Administrative	180,982	-	180,982
Fundraising	<u>142,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,869</u>
Total expenses	2,604,135	-	2,604,135
Change in net assets	1,423,114	(459,728)	963,386
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>639,532</u>	<u>2,064,739</u>	<u>2,704,271</u>
Net assets, end of year	\$ 2,062,646	\$ 1,605,011	\$ 3,667,657

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Revenues and Other Support			
Grants	\$ 1,037,247	\$ 380,295	\$ 1,417,542
Contributions	441,290	1,202,838	1,644,128
Special events	71,360	-	71,360
Other revenues	43,833	-	43,833
Membership dues	16,519	-	16,519
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>441,827</u>	<u>(441,827)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and other support	2,052,076	1,141,306	3,193,382
Expenses			
Program services			
Community organizing	435,228	-	435,228
Advocacy and education	616,982	-	616,982
Integration services	653,430	-	653,430
Supporting services			
Administrative	157,003	-	157,003
Fundraising	<u>132,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,634</u>
Total expenses	1,995,277	-	1,995,277
Change in net assets	56,799	1,141,306	1,198,105
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>582,733</u>	<u>923,433</u>	<u>1,506,166</u>
Net assets, end of year	\$ 639,532	\$ 2,064,739	\$ 2,704,271

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Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Program services			Supporting services		Total
	Community organizing	Advocacy and education	Integration services	Administrative	Fundraising	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 277,081	\$ 429,476	\$ 457,184	\$ 110,833	\$ 110,833	\$ 1,385,407
Business expense	9,111	12,838	14,081	3,313	2,071	41,414
Depreciation	193	308	318	96	48	963
Direct Assistance	-	-	268,545	-	-	268,545
Grants	165,873	196,590	202,733	36,860	12,287	614,343
Information technology	10,198	13,907	14,370	5,563	2,318	46,356
Interest	3,914	5,337	5,515	2,134	889	17,789
Occupancy	8,026	12,040	12,842	4,013	3,211	40,132
Professional services	23,349	34,468	36,691	11,119	5,559	111,186
Marketing	7,123	10,685	11,397	3,562	2,849	35,616
Miscellaneous	4,305	5,871	6,067	2,348	979	19,570
Travel and events	7,300	5,932	6,616	1,141	1,825	22,814
	\$ 516,473	\$ 727,452	\$ 1,036,359	\$ 180,982	\$ 142,869	\$ 2,604,135

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Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Program services			Supporting services		Total
	Community organizing	Advocacy and education	Integration services	Administrative	Fundraising	
Salaries and benefits	\$ 263,812	\$ 408,909	\$ 435,290	\$ 105,524	\$ 105,525	\$ 1,319,060
Business expense	3,658	5,154	5,653	1,331	831	16,627
Depreciation	305	489	504	153	76	1,527
Grants	93,717	111,072	114,543	20,826	6,942	347,100
Information technology	7,704	10,506	10,856	4,202	1,751	35,019
Interest	3,493	4,763	4,921	1,904	794	15,875
Occupancy	8,643	12,965	13,829	4,322	3,457	43,216
Professional services	21,045	31,067	33,071	10,022	5,011	100,216
Marketing	1,435	2,153	2,296	718	574	7,176
Miscellaneous	7,947	10,836	11,198	4,334	1,806	36,121
Travel and events	23,469	19,068	21,269	3,667	5,867	73,340
	\$ 435,228	\$ 616,982	\$ 653,430	\$ 157,003	\$ 132,634	\$ 1,995,277

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Cash, beginning of year	\$ 1,967,790	\$ 735,281
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	963,386	1,198,105
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	963	1,527
Amortization of imputed interest	14,714	8,400
Contributions restricted for long-term asset	(436,209)	(1,202,838)
Change in:		
Grants receivable, net	(402,529)	104,732
Other receivables	(38,436)	-
Related party receivable	(2,491)	(7,739)
Accounts payable	(4,178)	(28,094)
Accrued payroll	(37,084)	19,224
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>58,136</u>	<u>93,317</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,248,199)	(63,646)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Contributions restricted for long-term asset	436,209	1,202,838
Principal payments of notes payable	(300,000)	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	<u>136,209</u>	<u>1,202,838</u>
Net change in cash	<u>(1,053,854)</u>	<u>1,232,509</u>
Cash, end of year	\$ 913,936	\$ 1,967,790
Cash consists of the following amounts at December 31		
Cash	\$ 738,220	\$ 764,952
Restricted cash	<u>175,716</u>	<u>1,202,838</u>
	\$ 913,936	\$ 1,967,790
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information		
Cash payments for interest	\$ 3,075	\$ 7,475

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Notes to Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Activities

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (the Organization) is incorporated as a Tennessee not-for-profit corporation. The Organization's mission is to empower immigrants and refugees throughout Tennessee to develop a unified voice, defend their rights, and create an atmosphere in which they are recognized as positive contributors to the state. The Organization's primary source of revenues is grants from various foundations and trusts.

The Organization divides its activities into three primary classes of program expenses. These classes include community organizing - strengthening of other immigrant-led organizations and protecting the freedoms of immigrants and refugees; advocacy and education - promoting civic integration of immigrants and refugees and increasing the public awareness of contributions made by immigrants and refugees and the realities of the US immigration system; and integration services - direct services that assist immigrants to overcome barriers to integration such as English classes and assistance with immigration paperwork.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and the Board of Directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Restricted Cash

Cash consists principally of cash on hand and on deposit at a financial institution. Restricted cash is intended for the construction of a new office building.

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Note 1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Grants and Other Receivables

Grants and other receivables consists of unconditional promises to give and cost reimbursement grants. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at fair value, which is measured as the present value of their future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts are computed using risk-adjusted interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are received. Amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenues. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met.

Receivables are considered impaired if full principal payments are not received in accordance with the contractual terms. It is the Organization's policy to charge off uncollectible receivables directly as bad debt expense when management determines the receivable will not be collected. The Organization expects to fully collect all grants and other receivables; therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded in the financial statements.

Property and Equipment and Depreciation

The Organization capitalizes expenditures for those items reasonably expected to last beyond the current year and above \$500. Contributed property and equipment is recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is provided by use of the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives (three to five years) of the related assets. Routine repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Revenue Recognition

Grants and other contributions of cash and other assets are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year in which the contributions are received are classified as net assets without donor restrictions.

PPP Loan

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 11, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. The Organization received a loan in accordance with the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) section of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act). US GAAP provides organizations with two alternatives for reporting the loan and any future forgiveness: 1) proceeds can be treated as debt and future forgiveness recognized as income when the loan or any portion, thereof is formally discharged; or 2) proceeds can be treated as a conditional contribution where they recognize a refundable advance and derecognize the liability, and recognize income, as the conditions for forgiveness are substantially met or explicitly waived. The Organization has elected to treat the PPP loan as a conditional contribution.

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Notes to Financial Statements

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

Note 1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Program and Supporting Services

The following program and supporting services are included in the accompanying financial statements:

Program services – Includes the direct costs of community organizing, advocacy and education, and integration services. Additionally, program services include an allocation of identified indirect costs which facilitate those activities.

Administrative – Includes the functions necessary to ensure an adequate working environment and costs not identifiable with a single program. Applicable costs include those associated with providing coordination and articulation of the Organization’s program strategy, business management, general recordkeeping, budgeting, and related purposes.

Fundraising – Includes costs of activities directed towards appeals for financial support, including special events. Other activities include the cost of solicitation and creation and distribution of fundraising materials.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing program services and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Expenses that can be directly attributed to a particular function are charged to that function. Certain costs have been allocated among more than one program or activity based on objectively evaluated financial and nonfinancial data or reasonable subjective methods determined by management.

	Method of allocation
Salaries and benefits	Time and effort
Business expense	Time and effort
Depreciation	Square footage
Direct assistance	Time and effort
Grants	Time and effort
Information technology	Square footage
Interest	Square footage
Occupancy	Square footage
Professional services	Time and effort
Marketing	Time and effort
Miscellaneous	Time and effort
Travel and events	Time and effort

Advertising

All advertising costs are expensed when incurred.

Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Income Taxes

US GAAP requires the Organization's management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Organization and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Organization's management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Organization and has concluded that as of December 31, 2020 no uncertain positions have been taken or are expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Organization is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Organization is no longer subject to audit by taxing jurisdictions for years prior to 2017.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

Note 2. Availability and Liquidity

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at December 31:

	2020	2019
Financial assets		
Cash	\$ 738,220	\$ 764,952
Restricted cash	175,716	1,202,838
Grants receivable, net	1,087,116	684,587
Other receivables	38,436	-
Related party receivable	<u>32,202</u>	<u>29,711</u>
Total financial assets at year-end	2,071,690	2,682,088
Less amounts not available to be used within one year		
Net assets with donor restrictions	(1,605,011)	(2,064,739)
Amounts restricted for operational use in next year	<u>1,107,281</u>	<u>545,900</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$ 1,573,960	\$ 1,163,249

As part of its liquidity plan, the Organization has a policy to structure its financial assets in order to have the funds available to meet its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations as they come due.

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Note 3. Grants Receivable

The following is a summary of grants receivable at December 31:

	2020	2019
Restricted to future periods	\$ 1,115,102	\$ 724,900
Less: unamortized discount	<u>(27,986)</u>	<u>(40,313)</u>
	\$ 1,087,116	\$ 684,587
Amounts due in:		
Less than one year	\$ 765,102	\$ 374,900
One to five years	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
	\$ 1,115,102	\$ 724,900

Discount rates were 4.75% and 5.00% for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Note 4. Property and Equipment

The following is a summary of property and equipment at December 31:

	2020	2019
Land	\$ 326,007	\$ 326,007
Construction in progress	1,311,845	63,646
Equipment	16,811	16,811
Software	3,305	3,305
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,182)</u>	<u>(18,219)</u>
Property and equipment, net	\$ 1,638,786	\$ 391,550

Note 5. PPP Loan

On April 17, 2020, the Organization received a loan in the amount of \$230,200 in accordance with the PPP section of the CARES Act. Subsequent to year-end the Organization, received notice that the initial draw was fully forgiven.

The Organization has elected to treat the PPP loan as a conditional contribution in the financial statements. As of fiscal year-end, it recognized income in the amount of \$230,200 in contributions as it believes the conditions for forgiveness have been substantially met.

Note 6. Note Payable

The Organization had a \$300,000 note payable to a financing company that was originated in September 2018. The note was secured by a deed of trust, and is payable in monthly interest only payments with all unpaid principal and interest due at maturity. The outstanding balance accrued interest at a fixed interest rate of 2.48%. This note was recorded net of an unamortized discount of \$14,714 imputed at the rate of 5.00%. During 2020, the note was paid in full and the unamortized discount was fully recognized.

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Note 6. Note Payable

The Organization has an \$800,000 variable payment term note that matures in July 2024. The note is secured by a deed of trust and assets of the Organization. Outstanding balances on the note accrue interest at a fixed rate of 3.99%. No amounts were advanced under the note as of December 31, 2020. As of the report date the Organization had an outstanding balance of \$500,000.

Note 7. Net Assets

Net assets with donor restrictions were as follows at December 31:

	2020	2019
Amounts restricted for future periods	\$ 1,052,579	\$ 861,901
Amount restricted for construction of new office building	<u>552,432</u>	<u>1,202,838</u>
	\$ 1,605,011	\$ 2,064,739

Note 8. Leases

The Organization leases its facilities under an operating lease which expired in September 2019. Upon expiration, the lease will continue on a month-to-month basis. Rent expense was \$34,744 and \$35,735 for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The Organization also leases office equipment and a vehicle under operating leases which expire in September 2025 and April 2022, respectively.

The following table represents future minimum lease payments required under the above lease agreements:

Year ended December 31,	
2021	\$ 15,300
2022	12,204
2023	11,172
2024	11,172
2025	<u>8,379</u>
	\$ 58,227

Note 9. Concentrations

At various times during the year, the Organization's cash on deposit with financial institutions exceeded the federally insured limit of \$250,000. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Organization had deposits in excess of the federally insured limit totaling approximately \$668,000 and \$1,692,000, respectively. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes the Organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash.

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Note 10. **Questioned Costs**

Questioned costs are those amounts charged to a funded program that may not be in compliance with requirements set forth in contracts, statutes, and regulations governing permissibility or eligibility. A questioned cost may not be reimbursed by the grantor agency or the grantor agency may require that the funds already expensed be refunded to the agency. These amounts can be "questioned" by the agency for the specific grant to which they apply. The determination as to whether such costs will be allowed or disallowed under the grants will be made by the individual grantor agency at a later date.

No liability is needed at December 31, 2020 and 2019, for the repayment of questioned costs as no grantor agency has made a determination of the appropriateness of any questioned costs. Management deems the possibility of a refund request to be remote, as they believe that the Organization has accommodated their objective to the provisions of the grants.

Note 11. **Related Party Transactions**

During the year ended December 31, 2018, a related not-for-profit social welfare corporation was established and entered into a cost-sharing agreement with the Organization. The Organization received \$111,242 and \$65,580 as reimbursements for expenses paid on behalf of the related party under the cost-sharing agreement during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The Organization also issued grants in the amount of \$220,000 and \$100,000 to the related party during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Note 12. **Subsequent Events**

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through November 8, 2021, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.