PROPOSED 2005-06 PARTNERSHIP GRANTS WITH PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

PROGRAM LEGAL NAME	PROJECT NAME	COUNTY	NEW OR RETURNING APPLICANT?	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED AWARD
BAY AREA LEGAL AID	Domestic Violence Emergency Orders Clinic	San Mateo	Second year of funding	At this project at the San Mateo Courthouse, clinic staff will assist pro per drop-ins who are filing or responding to domestic violence related restraining order applications, assisting people on an individual basis to complete the applications, review pleadings, and draft orders. The project will operate in partnership with a community social services organization for battered women.	$60,000
CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE	Landlord/Tenant and Small Claims Pro Per Assistance Project	San Joaquin	New proposal	The Court Administration Building will be the site for this project in which an attorney will provide advisory services or informational packets on landlord-tenant and small claims cases to indigent pro per litigants four full days each week.	$58,000
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	Domestic Violence Rural Access Partnership	Kings	Second year of funding	This project increases access for victims of domestic violence for rural residents in Kings County. The project co-locates attorney or paralegal staff at rural shelters and other community-based sites. A strong community education component complements the direct services. Services and facilities are distributed both near the courthouse at the county seat, and in more remote, rural communities where resources are especially scarce.	$50,000
EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER	Alameda County Clean Slate Clinic	Alameda	New proposal	This project, based at the Alameda County Courthouse, will provide a self-help clinic for people seeking to remove civil barriers to employment, housing, and civic participation resulting from old criminal convictions. In collaboration with the courts, District Attorney, Public Defender, and Probation Department, an attorney will train and supervise volunteer attorneys and law students to advise individuals of the forms of relief available to them, and to assist them in pursuing those remedies.	$50,000
GREATER BAKERSFIELD LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INC.	Pro Se Guardianship Project	Kern	Third year of funding	Sited in the Bakersfield Courthouse, a bilingual paralegal supervised by an attorney provides legal information and procedural guidance on the guardianship process to pro per litigants to meet the high and growing demand by grandparents for legal assistance in obtaining guardianships over grandchildren.	$50,000

INLAND COUNTIES LEGAL SERVICES	Banning and Indio Court Access Project	Riverside	Second year of funding	This project will provide services at the Banning Court in Riverside's rural Mid-County Region, an economically depressed area. An attorney with legal secretarial support will staff the project two days per week, providing legal information to all court customers on both sides of a dispute and preparing court documents for indigent pro se users who are unable to understand and complete court forms. ICLS expects most litigants will need help in family law, landlord/tenant, small claims and debt collection.	$50,000
INLAND COUNTIES LEGAL SERVICES	Proyecto Ayuda Legal	San Bernardino	Fourth year of funding	Legal information, forms preparation assistance and referrals are provided to self-represented litigants on family, guardianships and eviction cases, with services aimed at monolingual Spanish/limited-English speaking persons at the San Bernardino, Rancho Cucamonga and Victorville Courts. The proposed grant will help fund services to an estimated 4,800 to 6,000 consumers annually.	$60,000
LAW CENTER FOR FAMILIES	Alameda County Family Law Collaborative	Alameda	Second year of funding	This is a collaboration between the Superior Court of Alameda, Law Center for Families, the County Bar's Volunteer Legal Services Corporation, and the Legal Language Access Project that will provide a range of family law assistance. Experienced staff and pro bono attorneys will provide intake, assessment, and information regarding the legal process, and assistance filling out forms at Day-of-Court clinics in Oakland and Hayward courts on the self-represented litigant calendar days. Additional follow-up services will be offered. Interpreters will be provided from the Legal Language Access Project.	$40,000
LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	Inglewood Self-Help Legal Access Center	Los Angeles	Fourth year of funding	Due to the high number of unrepresented litigants utilizing the Inglewood Courthouse (85-90%), the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors funded a self-help center modeled after the Van Nuys Center run by Neighborhood Legal Services. NLS subcontracts with LAFLA to staff the center with one attorney and one paralegal. Proposed Partnership Grant funding will supplement clinic staff with a paralegal and screener, so that the center can serve an anticipated 40-55 litigants per day. Staff help litigants with civil problems , however, landlord-tenant, family law, civil harassment TRO's, and small claims court claims matters.	$55,000

LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY	Self-Represented Litigant Resource Center	Santa Barbara	Fourth year of funding	The two Self-Represented Litigant Resource Centers, situated in the law libraries of each of the county courthouses, were established to assist self-represented litigants in a wide range of civil legal concerns. Each center is staffed by a supervising attorney and equipped with computers, books and self-help materials. Volunteers from the legal community, the local law schools and UC Santa Barbara continue to be key sources of volunteer assistance. Services will be provided free of charge to all residents of Santa Barbara County.	$60,000
LEGAL AID OF MARIN	Legal Self Help Center of Marin	Marin	Fourth year of funding	The Legal Self-Help Center of Marin was launched in 2003 in the new Marin Justice Center, where it plays an integral part, not only in providing a complete array of information services to pro pers, but also in screening users for direct referral to other legal assistance agencies and services throughout the county. With the active leadership of the Marin Superior Court and Legal Aid of Marin, Marin's Self-Represented Litigant Planning Team has grown to include nearly twenty organizations.	$35,000
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY	Compton Self Help Center	Los Angeles	Third year of funding	The Compton Self-Help Legal Center operates 4.5 days at the courthouse, housing a variety of services that help pro per court users to identify and explore their legal options, fill out and file necessary paperwork, and navigate their way through simple or complex legal processes. For more complex cases and those that are not well-suited to self-representation, the Center will refer clients to Community Legal Services (LAS-OC). Small workshops for income-eligible users focus on divorce, small claims, and eviction defense.	$70,000
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC.	Conservatorship Clinic at the Probate Court	San Diego	Third year of funding	Working together with the Superior Court's Probate Division, this project brings assistance to those seeking to proceed in pro per with conservatorship actions or substitutes for conservatorship. Services will target the physically disabled and non-English speakers. Facilitator-style assistance will be provided to financially eligible participants in the main Probate Court through staff and volunteers who will provide information about conservatorship and alternates to conservatorship; they will also complete court documents and explain court proceedings. Weekly outreach broadens the reach of this project.	$25,000

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC.	Unlawful Detainer Assistance Program	San Diego	Fourth year of funding	This grant renews an ongoing partnership with the Superior Court to provide on-site assistance to the many self-represented litigants in unlawful detainer actions in the East County division, completing paperwork for eligible tenants and informing them of legal processes and related consumer issues. The target community covers some 2,000 square miles that are home to thousands of indigent tenants with no practical access to services offered in the downtown areas. Targeted monthly outreach will heighten awareness of these services in this community.	$50,000
LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	Legal Information and Assistance Project	Shasta, Lassen, Siskiyou, Trinity	Third year of funding	This project assists low-income self-represented civil law litigants in four remote counties. Assistance is provided in a clinical format focusing on assisting consumers with state and local civil law requirements and procedures on filing and responding to pleadings, meeting service and notice requirements, and filing and obtaining enforceable orders after hearing. The project continues to expand the number of self-help center sites.	$40,000
LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	Unlawful Detainer Mediation Project	Butte	Second year of funding	This program provides mediation services to all eligible litigants in unlawful detainer cases, prior to trial, for cases in the Butte Superior Court. Services would be provided at four Superior Court locations. The respective courts would send out notice to the litigants of both the mediation date (set at least 10 days prior to trial), and trial date and time. Mediation services would be conducted by an attorney-mediator. If the case is resolved, the mediator would file the stipulation with the appropriate court.	$17,000
LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE	Default Judgment Assistance Project	Los Angeles	Second year of funding	This project will assist self-represented litigants in the Family Law Division who have deficiencies in their default judgment papers. Default court staff will refer these litigants to the project where staff will assist them correct their deficiencies and help them secure a final judgment in their family law cases.	$65,000
NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	Domestic Abuse Self-Help Project	Los Angeles	New proposal	Based in five different Los Angeles courthouses, this project will convert existing Domestic Violence Clinics from a representation model to a self-help model, focusing on assisting persons petitioning for domestic violence restraining orders. Workshops will be supervised by program staff and services will be primarily provided by volunteers.	$70,000

SAN DIEGO VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM	Domestic Violence Prevention Project	San Diego	Fourth year of funding	The Domestic Violence Prevention Project is a collaboration with the San Diego Superior Court to assist domestic violence victims in obtaining legal protection and referrals for counseling, shelter, support and ongoing legal services as appropriate. The project runs clinics at which staff and volunteers provide legal advice and assistance to victims in completing the domestic violence restraining order application which they will file in pro per. Services are offered to as many as 4,000 victims annually at the court's Madge Bradley Building in central San Diego and at its North and East County Regional Center.	$45,000
TOTAL:					**$950,000.00**