

## ICUC REVIEWER'S QUESTIONS

**17. Provide a detailed plan which includes concise objectives and also the methodology to be utilized in focusing the proposed project on the unmet need and/or expansion/improvement of existing services.**

6) Engage and train 100 local residents in advocacy of local and state policies that defend immigrant rights in the community.

Could you also please include section #3 on the budget (Grants awarded from other grant based funding sources for project/program)?

**Response:**

All of the community members who become involved with ICUC through our Know Your Rights project (and all of our other multitude of projects) receive training and experiential learning in community organizing and advocacy. We focus on the four main components of ICUC, our statewide organization (PICO CA) and national organization (Faith in Action). These organizations have existed for 50 years and have developed a very successful organizing training and implementation program. Individuals from our congregations learn to: 1) Build a base in their congregation and/or school through listening to community members in 1-1 meetings and house meetings, 2) Research with community and political leaders to build relationships that help individuals make change and a deep understanding of how policy is made and how power is exercised in their community, 3) Action carried out by our organized grassroots leaders focused on creating and/or changing local and regional policies, statewide and national laws that impact their daily lives, and; 4) Evaluation that helps leaders analyze their successes and the challenges that remain to successfully impact their community.

Concretely, in relation to our Know Your Rights organizing, in addition to the principle goal of educating immigrant families to understand and defend their rights, ICUC will train and accompany our grassroots leaders to organize their community and advocate for policies in local schools and communities and at the state and national level that expand rights for immigrants in relation to access to health care, educational and human services, and criminal justice reform.

In relation to the grants awarded from other grant based funding sources for the project/program, ICUC will be supplementing JIF funding of \$40,000 with \$15,950.00 of funds that we have secured for general organizing in the Coachella Valley from the Catholic Campaign for Community Development (CCHD). CCHD is currently funding ICUC for a total of \$75,000 for our work across the Inland Empire.

There are a few items on the application the reviewers would like detailed answers and clarification.

1. The evaluation was not clear on what is being measured
2. Timeline need to be more detailed - (example: July- focus will be on...; August- focus will be on...)
3. What questions are being used to measure the impact your proposed program will make

**Response:**

**Question 1) - The evaluation was not clear on what is being measured**

The qualitative portion of the evaluation will measure:

- 1) if program participants learned about their rights and what recommendations they have to improve the Know Your Rights workshop
- 2) if program participants learned about the Rapid Response Network and what recommendations they have to improve the Rapid Response Network.
- 3) if program participants had a consultation or if they made an appointment for a consultation with a immigration attorney
- 4) What specific ideas participants have for the Know Your Rights program

The quantitative portion of the evaluation will measure:

- 1) the number of unduplicated program participants,
- 2) the number of participants who receive direct legal services, and
- 3) the number of new participants from our program who go on to participate in the Rapid Response Network, and
- 4) the number who participate in Advocacy/Organizing activities.

**Question 2) - Timeline need to be more detailed - (example: July- focus will be on...; August- focus will be on...) ?**

We have a twelve month timeline for implementation of the project.

We have 7 main objectives of the project, all but the initial training will run concurrently during the year. Assuming that we begin the program in July, the specific timeline will be as follows:

- 1) July, 2020- August, 2020 - Train fourteen teams of 2 persons each of local Know Your Rights trainers who carry out workshops and are trained to sustain local community organizing after the 1 year project. (This will overlap with the objective 2 because we already have teams formed in four congregations.) These trainings occur the 2 weeks before each workshop.

2) July, 2020 - June, 2021 - Carry out 2 Know your Rights and Legal Support Workshops per month for a total of 24 in the cities of Coachella, Mecca, Indio, Palm Desert, La Quinta, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, North Shore, Cathedral City and adjacent areas that provide concrete training for 1800 directly impacted immigrant residents of the region.

3) July, 2020 - June, 2021 - Provide 120 legal consultations to residents with immigration related concerns. These consultations will be scheduled at each workshop and will be held according to the disposition of participants. We plan to hold approximately 10 consultations per month.

4) July, 2020 - June, 2021 - Engage and train 25 community residents in a local chapter of the Rapid Response Network. Participants will receive an initial introduction to the Rapid Response Network at the Know your Rights Workshops and will receive trainings once a month throughout the year with ICIJ staff.

5) July, 2020 - June, 2021 - Provide information and references to services for immigrants and COVID-19 related resources to 55,000 individuals in the Coachella Valley. This will occur during Saturday and Sunday services at participating ICUC congregations and will be carried out by participants in our workshops and by our organizing staff throughout the year. We will carry out one congregation-based event per week and one radio program per week to reach this goal.

6) July, 2020 - June, 2021 - Engage and train 100 local residents in advocacy of local and state policies that defend immigrant rights in the community. This will be carried out in bi-weekly organizing committee meetings, held either at congregations or via Zoom.

7) July, 2020 - June, 2021 - Carry out a live one-hour radio program once a week for 52 weeks in which radio listeners hear stories from community members about the immigration related problems they face in their daily lives and how they have overcome them. Provide legal solutions on these programs and provide references for legal services and other services related to the basic needs of families impacted by immigrant related issues and COVID-19 related issues. Stream these recorded programs on the Facebook pages of our collaborative organizations to expand our reach in the community.

**Question 3) - What questions are being used to measure the impact your proposed program will make?**

The impacts that we pursue are threefold and are measured accordingly:

1) To increase participants knowledge about their rights as immigrants and their preparedness for encounters with immigration enforcement officials. The program is designed with a self-reporting measure in which we ask participants if they have increased their knowledge in these areas.

2) To increase participation in our regional Rapid Response Network. We measure if we have made an impact on this goal based upon quantitative measures of new individuals participating in the Rapid Response Network.

3) To increase access to legal resources for immigrants. We measure if we have made an impact in this area based on data collected about the number of individuals from our workshops who receive legal consultations with immigration attorneys.