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**FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT
DACA LEGAL SERVICES FUNDING
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OVERVIEW

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is redirecting \$5 million in Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors and Temporary Protected Status (UUM/TPS) Funding to reactivate and fund additional Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Legal Services (DLS). As of September 1, 2020, funds will be available to organizations with existing contracts for legal services related to DACA. The DLS funding is intended to provide immigration legal assistance to any individual who is eligible for DACA or has ever had DACA and who cannot otherwise afford an attorney or legal representation.¹

Only organizations previously awarded DLS funding with an existing Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 or 2017-18 contract in good standing may access this DLS funding. Allowable services under this funding include: (1) Services to Assist Applicants seeking DACA; (2) DACA U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) filing fee; (3) Consultations; and (4) Education and Outreach.

CDSS will request reimbursement proposals related to services provided from July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. CDSS will assess the proposals and request supplemental documentation to verify services and determine the reimbursement amount. Organizations are expected to first complete the DACA application assistance deliverables awarded from FY 2019-20 Immigration Services Funding prior to the use of DLS funding.

Services provided under this funding shall not be used to provide legal services to an individual who has been convicted of, or who is currently appealing a conviction for, a violent felony, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code, or a serious felony, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1192.7 of the Penal Code. Client intake services shall be provided regardless of an individual's criminal history. Individuals whose criminal records are shown to be inaccurate shall not be prohibited from being eligible for service.

¹ USCIS is not currently accepting requests from individuals who have never previously been granted deferred action under DACA (DHS July 28, 2020 Memorandum). However, due to federal court orders on January 9, 2018, February 13, 2018, and the Supreme Court's decision in *Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California*, et al. (2020), USCIS has resumed accepting requests to renew a grant of deferred action under DACA. If the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) begins to accept and adjudicate initial DACA applications contractors approved for DLS funding will be able to provide the service pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

I. TERM³

Contingent upon availability, funding for services will be available as follows:

Service Category	Term	Amount
DACA: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Assistance• Consultation• DACA USCIS Filing Fee	July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 contingent on funding availability and Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) acceptance of DACA applications.	Funding availability up to \$5,000,000.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and Outreach	July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 contingent on funding availability and Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) acceptance of DACA applications.	No more than 20% of total awarded amount.

Note: Contractors will be required to amend the existing FY 2016-17 or 2017-18 ISF Agreement between the CDSS and Contractor to reflect any funding for services awarded pursuant to this Funding Announcement. For Education and Outreach services CDSS may provide further instruction regarding online and outreach events. CDSS has the sole discretion to adjust the cost per service and limit the type of eligible education and outreach services.

II. PAYMENT AND INVOICING

CDSS will request reimbursement proposals from July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. CDSS will assess the invoice proposal and request supplemental documentation to verify service and determine the reimbursement amount. Only the service categories outlined in this announcement are reimbursable and services must have been provided between July 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020. No invoices will be processed unless the CDSS has provided express authority to each contractor to provide services. The CDSS will not accept or pay invoices for services not authorized by the Department. The CDSS will provide Contractors with an invoice form, list of supporting documents, and invoicing schedule. **Advance payments will not be available for services provided under this funding. Invoices under this funding are not eligible for expedited processing.**

Invoicing Schedule⁴:

DLS Invoice Periods	Invoice Due Date
Period 8: 07/01/2020 – 08/31/2020	Upon Notice
Period 9: 9/01/2020 – 09/30/2020	10/01/2020

³ The term is contingent on funding availability and is subject to change at CDSS' sole discretion.

⁴ The invoice schedule is subject to change at CDSS' sole discretion.

III. REPORTING

Contractors will be required to complete reports on activities and provide requested data in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §13304 and as otherwise required by the CDSS. Pursuant to its obligations in WIC §13303, the CDSS will require that each Contractor prepare and submit detailed summaries of the number of clients served, demographic characteristics of those clients, non-profit organizational practices, and other related information on services provided. Contractors shall submit electronic quarterly reports on deliverables and requested data to CDSS in accordance with the following schedule⁵:

DLS Report Periods	Report Due Date
Period 8: 07/01/2020 – 08/31/2020	Upon Notice
Period 9: 09/01/2020 – 09/30/2020	10/02/2020

⁵ The reporting schedule is subject to change at CDSS' sole discretion.