

Immigration Services

\$5.8 M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to **provide immigration legal services and naturalization support** to Harris County residents

Immigration Legal Services



Provide **full legal representation to individuals unrepresented by legal counsel and facing deportation in Harris County**. This program will target individuals and households disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Naturalization Services



A comprehensive initiative that includes citizenship education, mentoring, interview preparation, application assistance, and post-naturalization support. **The goal is to assist Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) afford the naturalization application fee.**

312,000
immigrants
are Eligible
To
Naturalize
(ETN)

Half of the
ETN in Harris
County are
between the
ages of 35 to
54

Over three years,
this program
would help **2,500
Harris County
individuals and
1,700
households.**

Naturalization Services provides immigrants with **permanence, stability, access to democracy, and more economic opportunity.**

Legal Aid

Housing instability has lasting negative health and financial impacts on families losing their homes and their communities. The COVID-19 Eviction Defense Program funds attorneys, paralegals, intake staff, interpretation, community outreach, programmatic expenses, and costs necessary to ensure the safe provision of legal assistance.

Only **4% of tenants are represented** during evictions compared to 83% of landlords.

Services include:

- Eviction prevention and legal counsel
- Legal services to clear title
- Housing counseling for foreclosure prevention
- Community education and outreach

\$8 million available over two years

Data Collection: Organizations will provide the county a report including the total number of unduplicated clients served through the program on a semi-annual basis.

Population Served and Eligibility: Applicants must be a resident of Harris County and have a total household income at or below 300% of the current Federal Poverty Guideline.



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LEGAL AID

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PUBLIC DEFENSE

Homelessness

HAY Center

Provides 50 affordable apartment units with on-site supportive care and outdoor space for young adults aging out of foster care

Employ2Empower

Employs unhoused individuals living in encampments and to provide them with monetary compensation (\$15 per hour) and assist with transition to unsubsidized employment and stable, permanent housing.

Community COVID Housing Program (CCHP)

Provides housing placement assistance and supportive services designed to build independent living and tenancy skills and connect people experiencing homelessness with community-based health care, treatment, and employment services.

