

ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE

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Strategy Description

This service strategy will support family law and related legal services, including but not limited to:

- Custody;
- Visitation;
- Divorce;
- Separation;
- Annulment;
- Parental rights termination;
- Paternity; and
- Domestic violence.

When a client-attorney relationship has been established, service types can include Limited Services and Extended Services. Additional eligible activities include community-based workshops.

Limited Services may include:

- Counsel and advice, such as preparing and providing advice to the client, reviewing relevant information, and counseling the client on how to take action to resolve the issue; and
- Limited action, such as services provided to a client that involve the preparation of relatively simple or routine documents and relatively brief interactions with other parties. This may include preparing short letters, drafting routine documents or power of attorney, making a telephone call, or helping a pro per client prepare court or other legal documents.

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Extended Services may include:

- Negotiating a settlement with or without litigation;
- Representing a client in court or in an administrative agency; and
- Providing another extensive service, which may include research, preparation of complex legal documents, interaction with third parties on behalf of clients, ongoing assistance to clients, etc.

Benefits in family matters may include, but are not limited to:

- Obtaining or preserving custody of child(ren);
- Obtaining, preserving or increasing visitation rights;
- Obtaining protection from abuse or neglect;
- Obtaining a divorce, separation, or annulment;
- Obtaining, preserving or increasing child support, or household income and assets;
- Obtaining downward modification of child support; and
- Establishing parentage for a child.

Domestic violence related benefits may include, but are not limited to:

- Obtaining or reissuing a temporary restraining order;
- Obtaining other services and benefits to protect from abuse or neglect;
- Preventing issuance or obtaining termination of protective order; and
- Obtaining or renewing a restraining order after hearing.

MOHCD seeks proposals that are not limited to serving survivors of domestic violence only, as there is significant unmet need across all areas of family law. This includes providing representation in custody and visitation cases when neither party is represented.

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Key Metrics

Here are some suggested outcomes to include in your proposal:

Outcome Metric
of residents receiving legal counsel or advice
of residents receiving legal representation
of residents who obtain or preserve custody
of residents who preserve or increase their visitation rights
of residents who obtain a restraining order
of residents who obtain a divorce, separation, or annulment

Feel free to expand on these, or offer other measures of success in your proposal.

Applicant Qualifications

- Applicants must be nonprofit organizations whose purpose or mission is to provide free civil legal services to vulnerable populations in San Francisco;
- Applicants must have demonstrated expertise in family law; and
- Applicants must have the ability to provide culturally competent and humble legal services or translation in languages needed to serve the target population(s).