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To: Ari Jones
Cc: Lisa Driscoll; Enid Mendoza
Subject: Re: Question for Oasis Legal Services

Thank you for the introduction, Ari!

Hi Lisa and Enid,

Great to connect with you and thank you for your work looking at how to address this issue. Oasis provides direct full-scope legal representation to LGBTQ+ immigrants seeking asylum, residency, and naturalization. We currently contract with Santa Clara County to provide pro bono services to LGBTQ+ immigrants living in that county and we would love to expand this capacity to Contra Costa County. Oasis serves hundreds of LGBTQ+ immigrants every year and around 11% of our clients reside in Contra Costa County.

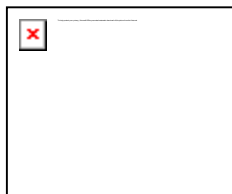
For context, we contract for \$128,000 to: screen 60 LGBTQ+ immigrants, provide full-scope legal representation 40 LGBTQ+ asylum seekers, and provide case management to 20 LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. Generally, depending on the case, it costs around \$3,000 to assist one asylum seeker in obtaining permanent lawful status.

In case it is helpful, here is the reporting from the Santa Clara Office Of Immigrant Relations on how their investment was used. Because this report is for the year that Covid began, the numbers are a bit off, but it might be helpful nonetheless to see the impact. http://sccgov.igm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=SplitView&MeetingID=12216&MediaPosition=&ID=102824&CssClass=

Please let me know if there is any further information we can provide.

In community,

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