

# FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Pisgah Legal Services	
<b>Project Name:</b>	Justice For All Program	
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<p>Pisgah Legal Services has provided legal services to 581 families, helping 1,180 people in the first quarter of the grant. In the 47 cases closed for Buncombe County immigrants this past quarter, we helped provided representation to 25 clients to help them obtain legal status and/or employment authorization. The vast majority of the 581 cases Pisgah Legal provided assistance on this quarter were for help with immigration-related issues. However, the remaining cases are for immigrants seeking assistance with issues across Pisgah Legal's areas of practice, including housing, health, domestic and interpersonal violence, employment, and consumer law. In addition to the 47 cases closed for Buncombe County immigrants we helped to obtain legal status or employment authorization, Pisgah Legal closed 60 cases in which we helped immigrant clients secure driver's licenses or identification cards, prepare wills, avoid eviction, obtain child custody and child support, escape violence, protect essential property, stop illegal creditor harassment, and otherwise manage their limited resources.</p>
<b>Quarter 2</b>	

**Quarter 3**

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## Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of Buncombe County people (immigrants and their children) helped by the Justice for All program	1390	1880				1880
# of Buncombe County cases handled (closed and pending) through this grant	485	203				203
# of closed Buncombe County cases supported through this grant	32	16				16
Success rate obtaining a positive outcome	90%	100%				100%

**Comments:**

Note: Cases reported in the first quarter include cases for immigrants opened prior to the grant period that remained open during the quarter, as well as cases opened during the quarter. This quarter, Pisgah Legal closed the cases of several Afghan parolees who fled Afghanistan in 2021 and were given one year to apply for asylum under a special program. Due to the backlog of applications, these cases remained under consideration for many months, leaving many parolees anxiously waiting to learn whether they would be permitted to remain in the United States, or whether they would have to return to Afghanistan where they would likely be in significant danger. In one such case, Pisgah Legal helped Damsa (name changed), a young woman who had come to the United States alone. Damsa is a young, educated professional Afghan woman and women's right's advocate with dreams of furthering her education in the United States. Attorney Jacob Oakes helped Damsa apply for asylum as part of Pisgah Legal's Afghan Asylum Project in 2022, and, after many months of waiting, Damsa finally learned that her application was approved. While this is only the first step in a journey to self-sufficiency, Damsa can now remain safely in the United States.

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## Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 64,000	\$ 16,000				\$ 48,000
Training						\$ -
Supplies/Materials						\$ -
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing						\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$ -
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services						\$ -
Insurance and Bonds						\$ -
Building Maintenance						\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$ 64,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,000

**Comments:**