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Grantee Spotlight: District of Columbia Courts – Language Access Project



The State Justice Institute awarded a key grant to the [District of Columbia Courts' Office of Court Interpreting Services](#) to launch the Courts' Interpreter Registry and the first-ever Amharic Court Interpreter Certification Examination. These initiatives demonstrate the Courts' commitment to increase access for Limited English Proficient (LEP) and deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals to the judicial process and court services... [Read more](#)

In the News

NAPCO Monograph: "Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officer Governance and Leadership Principles, Roles and Responsibilities"

The [National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers](#) (NAPCO) has developed a monograph, funded by SJI, for use as a guide in structuring modern-day activities and functions for governing and leading state and local trial courts regardless of size or jurisdiction. It outlines the basic duties each of the court's top court leaders – the presiding or chief judge, and the court executive officer or court administrator – are expected to perform, the competencies required to do a good job, and the relationships that they must nurture with each other and other justice system stakeholders... [Read more](#)

IAALS Launches Allied Legal Professionals in an Effort to Increase Access to Quality Legal Services and Help Reduce Barriers to Representation

IAALS, the [Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System](#) at the University of Denver, announced today that it is launching [Allied Legal Professionals](#). With generous support from the Sturm Family Foundation, this project seeks to help standardize a new tier of legal professionals nationally—to increase the options for accessible and affordable legal help for the public... [Read more](#)

Second Round of Sites Selected of Convening County, Court and Justice Leaders Applicants

The [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) and its partners at [Rulo Strategies](#) and [Praxis Consulting](#), has just announced the second round of participants for the [Convening County, Court & Justice Leaders: A Framework for Cross-System Collaboration](#) initiative. The initiative was launched in January 2022, with support from the [State Justice Institute](#). It is designed to support county, court and justice leaders as they partner to establish local priorities and align resources to achieve their justice and public safety goals. Sites will receive ongoing one-on-one technical assistance, have access to a peer network and be offered... [Read more](#)

Federal Grant Resources

It's that time of year again! SJI has designed a [Funding Toolkit](#) to support local courts, state courts, and their justice system partners as they pursue federal and philanthropic funding opportunities. This toolkit includes resources that encompass the entire grant seeking, writing and management process, such as planning checklists, sample documents, frequently asked questions and fact sheets. Technical assistance is also available to courts to provide support and feedback during the grant writing and development process. Access the toolkit to learn about the current funding opportunities, receive technical assistance, watch virtual learning modules and visit our FAQ page to answer any questions you may have: [Home - SJI Funding Toolkit](#).

Federal Grant Management Webinar

On February 28th, 2022, SJI hosted a webinar on Federal Grant Management. The webinar provided an overview of the federal grant system, focusing on key grant management requirements set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (the "Uniform Guidance") codified at 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (and at 45 C.F.R. Part 75 for Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") awards). Access the webinar recording [here](#). Visit our [SJI Funding Toolkit](#) for more information and access to great resources such as virtual learning and releases of new funding opportunities.

Announcements



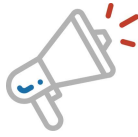
April is [#SecondChance](#) Month! SJI supports Second Chance Month 2022. This observance helps individuals, communities, and agencies across the country recognize the importance of reentry and their role in supporting the safe and



Register Today! The [National Association for Court Management](#) (NACM) 2022 Annual Conference is taking place from July 10-14th, 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The conference theme is *Courts Leading the Way in Advancing Justice: A Call to Action*.

successful reentry of adults and youth. For more information and access to vigorous resources, click [here](#).

This theme will focus on the important concept that justice reform must come from within courts across the globe. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Webinar! The [National Center for State Courts](#) (NCSC) will be hosting "Implementation Challenges and Opportunities Roundtable" on April 20th, 2022 at 1:00PM EST. Legal system professionals from a few jurisdictions will share the different paths their jurisdictions took to improve the fairness and effectiveness of their pretrial systems. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Conference Reminder! *Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium*. The [Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) will host a virtual conference April 19-21st, 2022 to raise greater awareness of and improve how professionals address the negative impacts of both the criminal and civil justice systems on older adults based on mistaken assumptions and inadequate assessments of their capacity on decision making. Register [here](#).

If you are interested in sharing court related news or announcements in the SJI newsletter, please send all content to contact@sjj.gov by the 10th of the month.



The next deadline to submit a grant application to SJI is **May 1, 2022**.

Learn more about [SJI grants](#) and [apply](#) today!



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