

Commission Approved Approach to Immigrant and Refugee Stakeholder Contracts

In 2019 a total of 5 contracts were awarded to local, grassroots programs to provide local level advocacy on behalf of immigrant and refugee populations.

Local Program Contractor Funding

The total amount of funding awarded was \$2,012,500, with each of the 5 Local Program contractors receiving funds as follows:

Year 1 \$122,500 per contract for a total not to exceed \$612,500.

Year 2 \$130,000 per contract for a total not to exceed \$650,000.

Year 3 \$150,000 per contract for a total not to exceed \$750,000.

Local Program Contractor Responsibilities

Funding for local program contractor supports established organizations to expand local advocacy efforts to increase access to culturally appropriate and responsive services and supports. The local program contractor is responsible for the following:

- Providing local level advocacy to increase awareness of and access to mental health resources to the identified population.
- Providing training and education to counties, and mental health service providers on culturally and linguistically appropriate services for the identified population.
- Conducting and facilitating county roundtables to connect community partners serving immigrants and refugees.
- Collaborating with the State-Level Contractor.

Minimum Qualifications

All eligible bidders were required to:

1. Have been in existence for at least two years in providing direct outreach and engagement to the identified population;
2. Have experience and capacity to engage the identified immigrant and refugee population;
3. Be a non-profit organization, registered to do business in California; and
4. Have staff that have been employed by the organization for at least one year and have lived experience as a refugee or immigrant.