

Board Resolution

June 20, 1980

Re: 1979 unexpended funds and unallocated investment
for development of pro bono efforts by non-staff
attorneys

RESOLVED: That the Board allocate \$300,000 of investment income to be combined with the \$200,000 in fiscal year 1979 unexpended funds previously approved by the Board for pro bono and private bar activities to be used in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The funds shall be used for the costs of administration and management of pro bono programs carried out by Corporation recipients, state and local bar associations and other organizations committed to providing legal assistance in civil matters to persons unable to afford counsel. The pro bono programs shall be designed to provide voluntary legal services by private attorneys to eligible clients.

2. All programs funded under this plan will be considered demonstration programs and the staff of the Corporation will evaluate the results of the demonstration and report the results to the Board.

3. The funds shall be awarded on a non-annualized basis for a term not to exceed 12 months, although funded programs will be eligible to apply in future years if additional funds are allocated for such activities by the Board.

4. The \$500,000 shall be used to leverage at least \$500,000 in non-federal government funds. The funds awarded by the Corporation must be matched 100 percent by the applicant in cash and not in-kind contributions or donated services.

5. Priority in the application process shall be given to proposals submitted by the Corporation recipients, state and local bar associations, minority bar groups and other legal organizations.

6. If the applicant is not a Corporation recipient, the applicant shall demonstrate a plan of cooperation with any local recipient and shall ensure that the applicant's program will have client involvement and will comply with Legal Services Corporation regulations concerning client participation in the governance of the program.

7. If the applicant is already operating a pro bono activity, the applicant must demonstrate in the proposal that its current activity will be maintained and that any funds awarded under this plan would be used for either new or expanded pro bono activities.

8. The staff of the Corporation shall implement this plan by making funds available pursuant to this resolution and under such additional terms and conditions to be developed, consistent with the findings of the Delivery Systems Study.

9. The number of programs funded and the dollar amount of each grant shall be determined by the staff and the staff shall insure that the grant amounts are adequate to support a viable pro bono effort by the applicant.