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Justice Department Announces Public Education Campaign Grants to Fight Immigration-related Employment Discrimination

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department today announced that it has awarded \$720,321 in grants to 13 organizations throughout the country to conduct public education programs for workers and employers about federal protections against immigration-related job discrimination.

The grants, which range from \$43,664 to \$88,000, are being awarded by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) of the department’s Civil Rights Division. Recipients will assist discrimination victims; conduct seminars for workers, employers and immigration service providers; distribute educational materials in various languages; and place advertisements in local communities through both mainstream and ethnic media to educate workers and employers about their rights.

OSC enforces the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which protects U.S. and authorized immigrant workers against citizenship and national origin discrimination. As part of its mission, OSC also educates workers and their employers about the anti-discrimination provision.

“Awarding grants to professional and community-based organizations better enables us to educate workers and employers about their rights and responsibilities under federal immigration law,” said Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. “Our grant recipients, who are well known and respected in their communities, will collaborate with us to prevent immigration-related discrimination in the workplace.”

The OSC grant recipients are:

- Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (Dearborn , Mich.)
- CRLA Foundation (Sacramento , Calif.)
- Catholic Charities of Dallas (Dallas)
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach (Palm Beach Gardens , Fla.)
- Colorado Legal Services (Denver)
- International Institute of Metro St. Louis (St. Louis)
- La Raza Centro Legal (San Francisco)
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
- Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York (Utica, NY .)
- Lutheran Children and Family Service of Eastern PA (Philadelphia)
- National Immigration Law Center (Los Angeles)
- New York City Human Rights Commission (New York)
- University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (Iowa City , Iowa)

For more information about protections against job discrimination under federal immigration law, call 800-255-7688, 202-616-5594, email: oscrt@usdoj.gov or visit www.justice.gov/crt/osc.

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2010/October/10-crt-1148.html>