

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Notice to All Interested Parties 2009 Grants Competition Availability of 2009 Competitive Grant Funds for the Provision of Civil Legal Services in Wyoming

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) announces the availability of competitive grant funds for the provision of a full range of civil legal services to eligible clients in Wyoming. LSC intends to award grants in April 2009. The estimated annualized grant amounts for service areas in Wyoming are as follows:

WY-4 \$478,874 for the provision of civil legal services to the general low-income population throughout the state

MWY \$12,054 for the provision of civil legal services to the migrant farmworker population throughout the state

NWY-1 \$167,794 for the provision of civil legal services to the Native American population throughout the state

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available at www.grants.lsc.gov. Refer to the RFP for instructions on preparing the grant application; the regulations and guidelines governing LSC funding; the definition of a full range of legal services; and grant proposal submission requirements. Once at the website, click on FY 2009 Request For Proposals Narrative Instruction to access the RFP and other information pertaining to the LSC competitive grants process.

The following persons, groups, and entities are qualified applicants who may submit a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC; RFP Form-H) and an application to participate in the competitive grants process:

- 1. Current recipients of LSC grants;
- 2. Other non-profit organizations that have as a purpose the furnishing of legal assistance to eligible clients;
- 3. Private attorneys, groups of attorneys or law firms (except that no private law firm that expends 50 percent or more of its resources and time litigating issues in the broad interests of a majority of the public may be awarded a grant or contract under the LSC Act);
- 4. State or local governments; and
- 5. Substate regional planning and coordination agencies which are composed of substate areas and whose governing boards are controlled by locally elected officials.

Applicants must file a NIC to participate in the competitive grants process. The NIC is available from the RFP. The deadline for filing the NIC is December 15, 2008, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. The deadline for filing grant proposals is January 26, 2009, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T.

LSC has established a service desk to respond to applicant inquiries regarding the competitive grants process. E-mail inquiries to Competition@lsc.gov.

Listed below are other locations for assistance to Applicants preparing grant proposals:

- LSC Resource Information at: www.lri.lsc.gov
- Applicant Information Network at: www.grants.lsc.gov
- LSC Performance Criteria see Appendix C RFP
- Responses to Frequently Asked Questions see Appendix F RFP
- Guidance on Responding to the RFP see Appendix K RFP

Visit <u>www.grants.lsc.gov</u> regularly to remain current about this grants competition.