



Stand Together Contra Costa Measure X
Report
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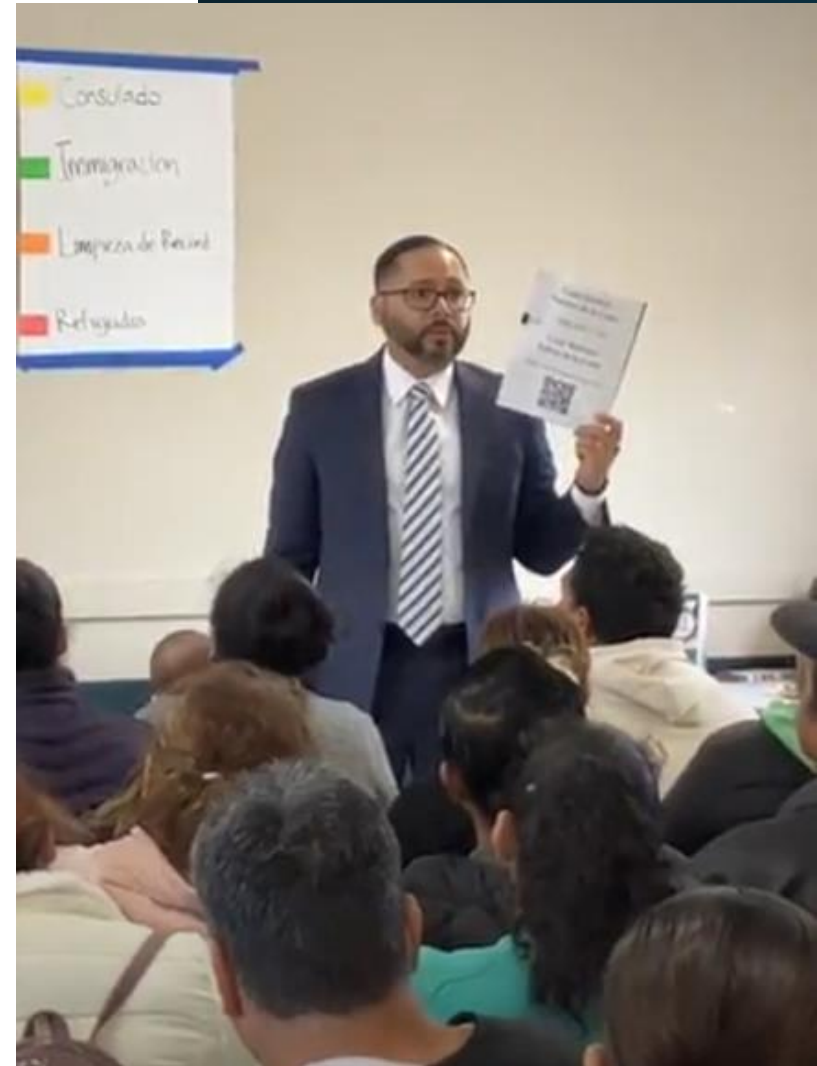
Stand Together Contra Costa (STCC) is a collaborative legal services and public education partnership between the County and community-based organizations to provide immigrant legal services, community outreach, and public education to ensure immigrant families have access to accurate and trusted information. Because attorneys are not provided by immigration courts, the vast majority of indigent immigrants lack legal representation. Through STCC our county demonstrates its commitment to due process through no-cost legal representation in deportation cases for Contra Costa immigrant families.

Local community partners: Jewish Family and Community Services and Immigration Institute of the Bay Area.

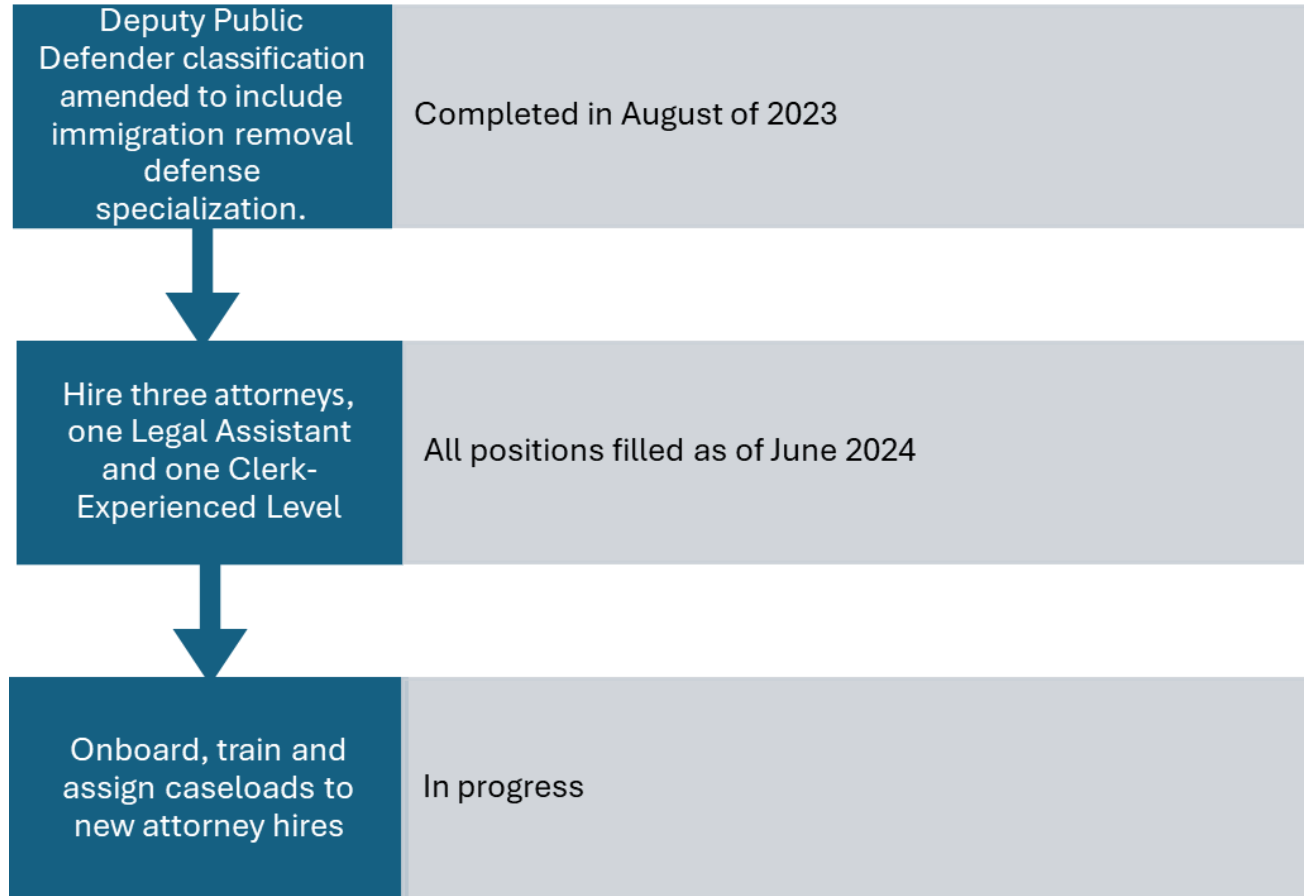


STAND TOGETHER CONTRA COSTA PROGRAM UPDATE

- FY 2023-24 Annual Measure X allocation of \$829,000 for 5 FTE including:
 - 3 FTE Immigration Defender Attorneys
 - 1 FTE Legal Assistant
 - 1 FTE Clerk
- All 5 positions were filled as of June 2024
- Annual Measure X Funding for FY 2023-24: \$829,000
- Dept expenditure through June 2024: \$212,956
- Unspent funding for FY 2023-24 due to delays in hiring: \$616,404
- On June 3, 2024, the new deportation court in Concord began processing cases involving new arrivals
- STCC attorneys and staff have presence at the deportation court, representing program clients and providing free legal consultations and navigation through the Legal Empowerment Initiative

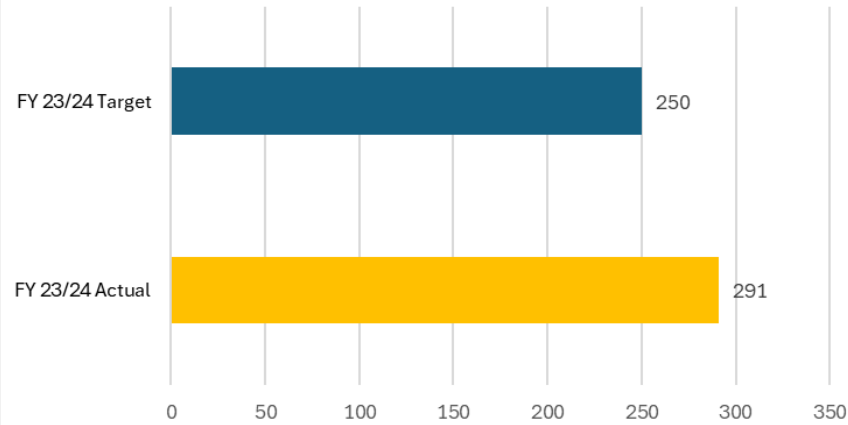


PROJECT MILESTONES

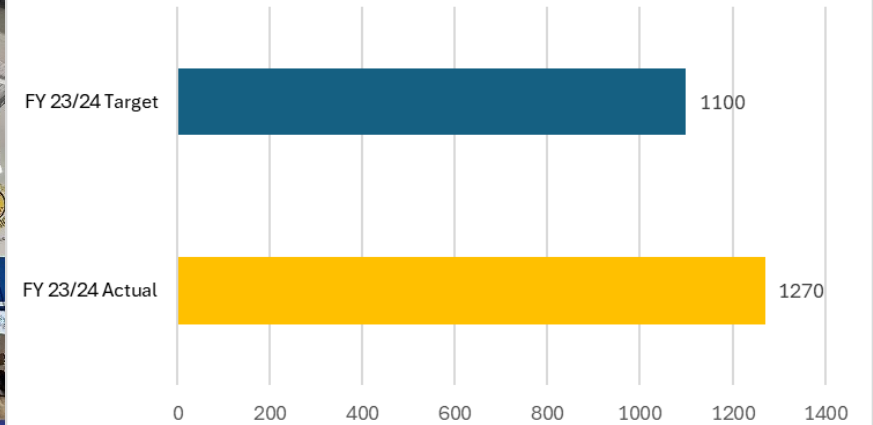


PERFORMANCE MEASURES

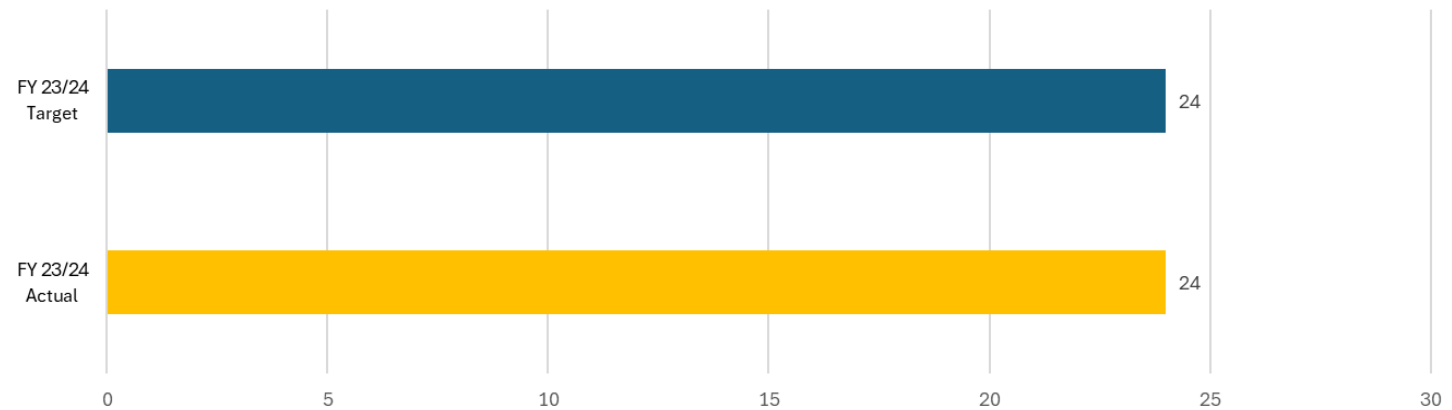
Deportation Defense Proceedings



Free Immigration Legal Consultations



Immigration Forums and Events



DISTRICT 4 COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUNDING

- \$50,000 contributed by District 4 to conduct outreach regarding the new immigration court and legal resources for newcomers
- Partnered with Faith In Action East Bay to conduct Stand Together Contra Costa outreach by offering:
 - 5 immigration forums open to community members throughout Contra Costa
 - Focused on providing legal services and other resources to immigrant community-members in District 4 near the new deportation court
 - 300+ People received free legal consultations
 - 850+ People attended events and received presentations and resources relevant to immigrant community-members





CARRY FORWARD REQUEST

Funding Request For Community-Based Partnership:

- \$275,000 award to provide 2 years of Legal Services Coordination to support legal system navigation for migrants impacted by the Concord Deportation Court
 - Partner will coordinate non-profit and volunteer attorney of the day services in Concord
 - Partner will conduct attorney recruitment and coordination for self-help asylum legal support services
- \$170,000 award to provide 2 years of coordination and outreach for monthly self-help Immigration Clinics in Contra Costa using a community-led peer support model for assisting immigrants in deportation proceedings in need of legal support

CARRY FORWARD REQUEST (CONTINUED)

Mobile Legal Clinic:
\$170,000 for purchase of
mobile legal vehicle to
provide on-site legal
consultations and
services for hard to
reach immigrants

Mobile clinic will allow
provision of legal
consultations and pro se
services at locations
such as agricultural
harvest sites,
day laborer locations,
and near the new Concord
court





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