



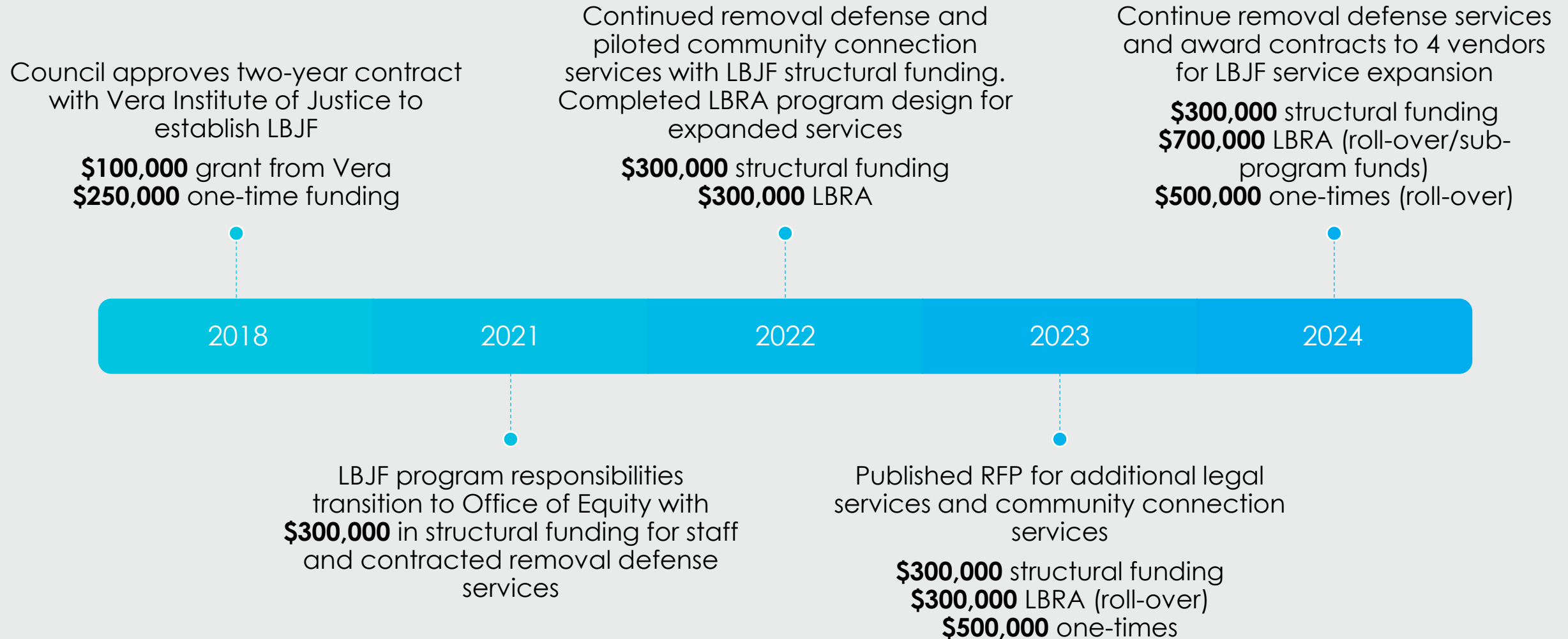
Long Beach Justice Fund Updates

City Council Meeting - April 9, 2024

Background

The **Long Beach Justice Fund (LBJF)** provides free legal representation to low-income individuals residing or working in Long Beach and are at risk of deportation. Since its inception, the LBJF has represented community members in removal proceedings, at the Los Angeles Immigration Courts, Van Nuys Immigration Court, Adelanto Detention Facility, and the Santa Ana Immigration Court.

Long Beach Justice Fund Timeline



Program Impact

FY 24 Operational Budget and Current Services

Currently, the City contracts with Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef) for Removal Defense legal services.

Since 2019, LBJF has represented over **70** clients and **16** children:

- **15** cases closed
- **51** cases pending

As of 2023, LBJF has assisted with obtaining **18** work permits.

Through engagement with community-based organizations, **172** individuals have been referred to LBJF for representation.

AMOUNT	SOURCE
\$269,888	Structural
\$500,000	One-Times
\$700,000	Recovery Act
\$1,469,888	Total

Updates to Long Beach Justice Fund

Expanded Services

- **Affirmative Legal Representation:** Assist with affirmative application processes including, but not limited to, U Visas, T Visas, and VAWA Applications.
- **Appellate Legal Representation:** Assist in submitting Motions to Reopen to the Board of Immigrant Appeals (BIA) and filing petitions for review, along with motions for stays of removal with the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.
- **Community Connection Services:** provide outreach and education on the LBJF, referrals to legal service providers, and linkages to comprehensive support services.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City Seeks Partner to Establish New Services Within The Long Beach Justice Fund

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Program Goals

- Reduce the number of Long Beach families and communities impacted by deportation.
- Increase preventative measures for residents who could be subject to deportation.
- Increase community access to legal assistance for other forms of relief and pathways to status, such as removal proceedings, affirmative applications (such as but not limited to U Visas, T Visas, and VAWA petitions), and appellate representation (for motions to reopen and Ninth Circuit Appeals).
- Improve connection to supportive services, programs, and resources for low-income, undocumented Long Beach residents.
- Strengthen the social service net of basic needs assistance resources and providers available to immigrants and refugees of varying status.
- Improve connection to other immigration legal services and programs.

Long Beach Justice Fund Next Steps

Contracts and Fiscal Impact

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	AMOUNT
ORALE	Community Connection Services	\$122,500
United Cambodian Community	Community Connection Services	\$75,000
Filipino Migrant Center	Community Connection Services	\$122,500
Al Otro Lado	Affirmative and Appellate Legal Services	\$480,000
Total		\$800,000

The Long Beach Recovery Act has identified \$700,000 for the LBJF. The total annual aggregate amount of the Long Beach Justice Fund contracts will not exceed \$800,000 and will be funded through the Long Beach Justice Fund program of the LB Recovery Act and by one-time general fund resources allocated for this program.



Thank you

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