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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act

On November 14, 2022, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois in the lawsuit entitled *United States and the State of Illinois v. Big River Solar, LLC* Civil Action No. 3:22–cv–02659.

In this case, the United States and the State seek to resolve claims against Defendant Big River Solar, LLC, under the Clean Water Act. The United States and the State allege Big River violated of its state stormwater permit, during the construction of a large-scale solar farm in White County, Illinois. The proposed Consent Decree requires Big River to perform injunctive relief measures to ensure compliance until construction is complete and the stormwater permit is terminated. The Consent Decree also requires Big River to pay a civil penalty of \$175,000, with \$122,500 to the United States, and \$52,500 to the State of Illinois.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States State of Illinois v. Big River Solar, LLC*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–1–1–12558. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email .....	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### Pro Bono Innovation Fund Process for Submitting Pre-Applications for 2023 Grants

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) issues this Notice describing the conditions for submitting a Pre-Application for 2023 Pro Bono Innovation Fund grants.

**DATES:** Pre-applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, January 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Letters of Intent must be submitted electronically at <http://lscgrants.lsc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mytrang Nguyen, Program Counsel, Office of Program Performance, Legal Services Corporation, 3333 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20007; (202) 295–1564 or [nguyenm@lsc.gov](mailto:nguyenm@lsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Introduction

Since 2014, Congress has provided an annual appropriation to LSC “for a Pro Bono Innovation Fund.” *See, e.g.,*

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, Public Law 115–31, 131 Stat. 135 (2017). LSC requested these funds for grants to “develop, test, and replicate innovative pro bono efforts that can enable LSC grantees to expand clients’ access to high quality legal assistance.” LSC Budget Request, Fiscal Year 2014 at 26 (2013). The grants must involve innovations that are either “new ideas” or “new applications of existing best practices.” *Id.* Each grant would “either serve as a model for other legal services providers to follow or effectively replicate a prior innovation.” *Id.* The Senate Appropriations Committee explained that these funds “will support innovative projects that promote and enhance pro bono initiatives throughout the Nation,” and the House Appropriations Committee directed LSC “to increase the involvement of private attorneys in the delivery of legal services to [LSC-eligible] clients.” Senate Report 114–239 at 123 (2016), House Report 113–448 at 85 (2014).

Since its inception, the Pro Bono Innovation Fund has advanced LSC’s goal of increasing the quantity and quality of legal services by funding projects that more efficiently and effectively involve pro bono volunteers in serving the critical unmet legal needs of LSC-eligible clients. In 2017, LSC built on these successes by creating three funding categories to better focus on innovations serving unmet and well-defined client needs (Project Grants), on building comprehensive and effective pro bono programs through new applications of existing best practices (Transformation Grants), and on providing continued development support for the most promising innovations (Sustainability Grants). In 2021, LSC created Non-Direct Service Project Grants to fund organizations to develop and implement innovative solutions to pro bono challenges that do not involve providing direct legal services to clients. In 2022, LSC created a new funding category to provide organizations with resources to plan and establish a strong foundation (Planning Grants). Planning Grants will be available on a pilot basis in the 2023 funding cycle to select organizations.

## II. Funding Opportunities Information

### A. Eligible Applicants

To be eligible for the Pro Bono Innovation Fund’s Project, Sustainability, and Transformation grants, Applicants must be current grantees of LSC Basic Field-General, Basic Field-Migrant, or Basic Field-Native American grants. In addition, Sustainability Grant Applicants must