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**THE ALLIANCE OF IDAHO 2021 Final Report**

Grant Title: **Legal Support**

Amount of Request: **$25,000**

**Year in Review:**

This was a big year for The Alliance, thanks to the support of the WRWF:

* Becky Lopez became the Executive Director in July 2021
* That same month, we moved into our gorgeous office at the Hunger Coalition
* We built a Latino/x/Hispanic-majority Board of Directors
* We also began contracting with immigration attorney Luis Campos, who travels to Bellevue for a week every month to meet with clients and offer consultations

When Becky answers The Alliance’s hotline, callers say, “They told me to call you” or “They said I could trust you.” And the need for ethical and affordable legal services is only increasing. Becky is one of two Latina EDs in the valley; Luis is the only bilingual immigration attorney in the valley; and The Alliance is the only group that takes on asylum cases in Blaine County. Under Becky’s leadership, we have become a trusted resource for legal services and for connection to other social services.

**Objectives & Outcomes:**

What we’ve accomplished from July 2021 through May 2022:

* Our legal team clocked 337 hours;
* Luis Campos offered 109 one-hour consultations to new clients in our community;
* The Alliance took on 19 asylum cases;
* We helped a family of 15 escape Afghanistan (which helped us better understand how to support refugees in our own community); and
* We offered several community workshops on filing taxes taxes and applying to college and for financial aid if you’re from a mixed status family.

**Photos** *(see below)*

Becky Lopez and Luis Campos



A group of people posing for a photo

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**Budget**

| **Expenses** | **Amount requested**  **from WRWCF** | **Actual Expenditures**  **from July 2021 to May 2022** |
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| Contract Fee for  Legal Services | $25,000 | $50,550 |
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| **TOTAL** | **$25,000** | **$50,550** |