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AIDS Legal Council of Chicago receives grant from DIFFA/Chicago to support newly expanded free legal clinics

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago ("ALCC") is the beneficiary of a grant of \$10,000 from DIFFA/Chicago (Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS). The grant will go to partially support ALCC's expansion of new legal clinics throughout Chicago. Specifically, these legal clinics are located at Mercy Hospital on the South Side, Austin CBC on the West Side, and TPAN on the North Side.

Founded in 1984, DIFFA is a not-for-profit fundraising and grant making foundation that distributes funds to Chicago area HIV/AIDS service agencies that provide direct service, preventative education, and outreach to people who are HIV positive, living with AIDS or at risk for infection.

ALCC was founded 27 years ago and provides free, immediate legal assistance to low-income people with HIV. In early 2014 the organization expanded its work through two long-standing legal programs that moved over to ALCC: one program assists people who are at risk of homelessness and the other provides legal help to chronically-ill children and their families.

Tom Yates, ALCC's Executive Director, was grateful and encouraged by the grant. "DIFFA's ongoing support of our free legal assistance programs and its investment in our mission has helped to ensure that individuals and families impacted by HIV and AIDS gain access to justice and the stability they need to lead longer, healthier, and more productive lives."

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<u>AIDS Legal Council of Chicago</u> uses the power of the law to secure health, dignity, and stability for people impacted by HIV and other life-changing health conditions.

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