

## FFA 2021-2022 Application

- Has the identified problem changed?

The attacks on immigrants and their ability to live a stable from the Trump Administration has decreased and “public charge” expansion is reversed in spring 2021. These mean that immigrant seniors who qualify for most public benefits can continue to apply without fearing of becoming public charge and jeopardize their ability to obtain green card. Immigration detention decreased drastically in NJ in the last 15 months from 2,000 to under 400 at any given time. Immigrants were released, deported or transferred. While only a small percentage of our immigrant seniors have gone through detention system, the overall detention to deportation pipeline affects everyone and continue to tear apart immigrant families. Previously identified problems like restricted eligibilities for benefits, cultural and linguistic barriers, and COVID-19 remain the same.

- Have your objectives changed?

Our objectives to provide case management to individual seniors and community education to other service provider will remain the same. In NJ, AFSC’s Immigrant Senior Project is unique, primarily because of the individual case management and advocacy components. In this grant year, we hope to explore other social networking or skill building opportunities for our senior clients to consider joining with the goal to alleviate social isolation.

- Will your efforts/actions to impact the problem change? Describe.

We envision to impact seniors lives at the individual micro level and their needs met, and many will “graduate” from our case management and lead a more stable life. We also envision several immigrant seniors will continue to have needs and can use our advocacy and resources. AFSC’s overall program works to change hostile environment and unjust system so less immigrants and immigrant seniors will have needs or experience poverty, discrimination and social isolation.

- How will you know if the program is successful?

Jonnelle evaluates success based on individual progresses. In many cases successes are when seniors obtain services and stabilizes their lives. For some seniors, success may mean we are able to provide emotional support they need in a social isolating environment and be a trusted friend for as long as it needs to be.

- A program budget and amount of request.

We are asking for \$50,000 for the coming year. Please see attached for project budget.