



Boston, July 21, 2016 – The Political Asylum Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation’s “\$100K for 100” program. The Boston-based organization was chosen from a total of 479 applicants, during a competitive review process.

Founded in 1989, PAIR is the premiere provider of pro bono immigration services to asylum-seekers and immigrants unjustly detained in Massachusetts. PAIR serves over 1,000 clients a year and has a 95% successful outcome in its asylum cases. PAIR provides hope and a new beginning to asylum-seekers, torture survivors and immigration detainees.

PAIR will use the Cummings Foundation 100K for 100 grant to hire a legal assistant to help support PAIR’s work with asylum-seekers and immigration detainees. “PAIR is honored to be a recipient of the Cummings Foundation 100K for 100 grant,” said Anita P. Sharma. “The Cummings Fund offers tremendous support to PAIR. We will be able to serve more asylum-seeker clients and immigration detainees than we do, expanding access to justice and free legal services in Massachusetts.”

With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$140 million to local nonprofits alone.