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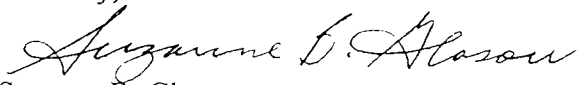
Dear Ms. Ransom:

This is a response to your request for an opinion on whether Legal Services Corporation ("LSC" or "Corporation") funds may be used as a match for a Department of Commerce Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program ("TIAP") grant. According to the information provided by your office, the grant funds would be used by a partnership of legal services providers to make access to the legal system available to a larger number of low-income clients by utilizing innovative case management and resource coordination systems enabled by interactive computer, telephone and internet technology.

As discussed in full in the attached legal opinion, LSC funds may be used as non-Federal matching funds for a variety of Federally-funded grants as long as the use of the funds is consistent with LSC restrictions. *See attached*, OGC Opinion Letter to West Tennessee Legal Services, June 15, 1995. Based on the information your office has provided, the funds are to be used to improve CLPS' technological capabilities to provide legal assistance to the poor. Thus, it appears that there is no legal impediment to your program using LSC funds as matching funds for the TIAP grant.

I hope this adequately responds to your inquiry. Please let me know if I can provide any additional assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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