

William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Access to Justice

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Access to Justice project to protect the First Amendment Rights of legal services clients, museums, universities, medical clinics, foundations and other institutions that rely on government grants to finance essential work. In *Dobbins v. Legal Services Corporation*, the Brennan Center is representing a coalition opposed to a "private money restriction" that apply to nonfederal dollars subject to the same restrictions as federal funds. The only way to avoid the restrictions is for a nonprofit organization to allocate a portion of its nonfederal funds to establish and sustain a legally distinct affiliate organization housed in a separate facility with separate staff and equipment. Support from the Nathan Cummings Foundation would enable the Center to continue litigation on this issue, identify other stakeholders, engage in a public education campaign, generate literature and investigate new avenues for companion litigation.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$10,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$10,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

\$55,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*