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Washington, D.C. – The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation has recently announced a grant of \$55,000 to support Ayuda’s general operations. The grant will be used to support the direct legal, social, and language access programs we provide to low-income immigrants in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

“Ayuda is grateful to the Cafritz Foundation for its generous and longstanding support of our mission. We thank the foundation for its vision and for valuing Ayuda’s work on behalf of low-income immigrants seeking justice,” says Paula Fitzgerald, executive director.

Ayuda stands by immigrants on days when they are surrounded by turmoil. Ayuda protects women, men, and children from abuse and helps broken families heal. Ayuda’s language access services break down language barriers that keep people from the services they need. Ayuda’s social and legal services staff help refugees, unaccompanied minors, Dreamers, and others receive asylum, residency, justice, and healing. Currently, Ayuda’s attorneys and social workers are managing 3,100 immigrant client cases.

About Ayuda

Ayuda helps vulnerable low-income immigrants succeed and thrive in Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Since our founding in 1973, Ayuda has served more than 100,000 immigrants throughout the region. Ayuda is the only non-profit provider in the area that provides a wide range of immigration and family law assistance, social services, and language access support for all immigrants -- including women, men, and children -- from anywhere in the world. Ayuda’s specialized services for immigrant children and for immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking are truly unique. This comprehensive and open approach breaks down barriers, helps those in need, and makes communities stronger.

About the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation is the largest private, independent, local foundation focused exclusively on the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The Foundation is the legacy of Morris Cafritz, one of Washington’s leading commercial and residential builders from the early 1920s to the mid-60s. In the last 10 years, the foundation has awarded \$185 million to more than 961 organizations in the areas of community services, arts and humanities, education, health and the environment. The Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for residents of the Washington, DC area.