

**Texas Bar Foundation  
Grants Awarded 2015 – 2016**

The continued generosity and loyal support from its Fellows has allowed the Texas Bar Foundation to be instrumental in improving the lives of the people of Texas. Since the Foundation's inception in 1965, the collective efforts of the Fellows have resulted in the distribution of over 1,200 grants throughout Texas totaling more than \$17,000,000. The Foundation funds grants that relate to one of the five program areas:

- Legal Aid for the Underserved/Underprivileged
- Education of the Third Branch of Government
- Victim Services or Service for Moderate Income
- Professionalism/Research/Publications/Forums
- Administration of Justice

During 2015-2016, the Texas Bar Foundation awarded funding to 82 nonprofit organizations totaling \$1,001,557. For a more detailed description of each grant, refer to the Texas Bar Foundation website at [www.txbf.org](http://www.txbf.org).

**ACT - Advocates for Community Transformation** **\$25,000**  
“Expansion of Legal Advocacy Program to Eliminate Crime & Urban Blight into South Dallas”

**Amarillo Area Bar Foundation** **\$2,000**  
“Trial Academy”

**Amarillo College Foundation** **\$25,000**  
“Legal Student Internships with Community Legal Clinics”

**Arrow Child & Family Ministries** **\$25,000**  
“Giving Victims the Courage to Testify Using Service Dogs”

**BCFS Health and Human Services** **\$15,000**  
“Youth Averted from Delinquency”

**Big Thought** **\$10,000**  
“Creative Solutions”

**CASA of Cameron and Willacy Counties, Inc.** **\$2,340**  
“Recruitment Training Program 2015-16”

**CASA for the Cross Timbers Area, Inc.** **\$7,340**  
“Retention and Rewards = Quality Advocacy for Fosters”

**CASA of Liberty/Chambers Counties** **\$5,000**  
“Finding Family”

<b>Cathedral Health Ministries</b> "Beacon Law"	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Catholic Charities of Central Texas</b> "Expanding Immigration Legal Services in the Brazos Valley"	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston</b> "Extended Access to Services for Immigrants"	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Center Against Sexual Family Violence</b> "Legal and Immigration Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault"	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Center for Child Protection</b> "Interviewing & Prosecuting Child Molesters: Understanding the Psychopathy and Actions of Adult Sex Offenders"	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Center for Family Relations d/b/a San Antonio Kids Exchange</b> "Supervised Visitation Program"	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Communities for Recovery</b> "Travis County Drug Court Support"	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.</b> "Summer Legal Internship Program"	<b>\$5,355</b>
<b>Community Justice Foundation</b> "Expansion of Pro Bono Services in Bexar County and New Client Intake and Resource Center for Free Legal Services for Low-Income Residents of the San Antonio Area."	<b>\$20,200</b>
<b>Conference on Crimes Against Women, Inc.</b> "Crimes Against Women Conference Scholarship Program"	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southeast Texas, Inc.</b> "Finding Families"	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Court Appointed Special Advocates of Trinity Valley, Inc.</b> "CASA Volunteer Recruitment"	<b>\$2,850</b>
<b>Crosspoint, Inc.</b> "Women In Need Project"	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Dallas Bar Association Community Service Fund</b> "Publication of Brochure for the Public: Representing Yourself in a Divorce"	<b>\$9,335</b>
<b>Dallas Children's Advocacy Center</b> "28th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference"	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>Dallas Urban Debate Alliance</b> “Comprehensive Debate Program”	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>DORS Community Services</b> “Operation Turnaround”	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc.</b> “Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project Hair Microscopy Review Project”	<b>\$21,000</b>
<b>Family Place</b> “Legal Services for Victims of Domestic Violence”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates</b> “2016 National Teachers Law School”	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas</b> “Guide to Texas Open Records and Open Meetings Laws”	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>Front Steps</b> “Front Steps SOAR Program”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>GENaustin</b> “The 180 Program Expansion in Central Texas”	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>Genesis Women’s Shelter and Support</b> “Legal Client Assistance Program”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Girls Embracing Mothers, Inc.</b> “Pearl Program”	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Grayson County Children's Advocacy Center</b> “SART Team Equipment”	<b>\$22,000</b>
<b>HandsOn Texarkana</b> “Skilled Parenting Program”	<b>\$8,173</b>
<b>HAY Center of Harris County Protective Services Foundation</b> “Expansion of Transition Coaching Program”	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Heart of Texas Children's Advocacy Center</b> “Therapist for Child Abuse Victims and Their Protective Non-Offending Family Members”	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Historic Fort Worth</b> “Historic Preservation Handbook: Laws & Incentives at the Local, State, and Federal Levels”	<b>\$3,500</b>

<b>Hope's Door, Inc.</b> "Legal Representation for Domestic Violence Victims"	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Houston East Texas Justice for Our Neighbors</b> "Houston/East Texas Immigration Legal Services"	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Houston Urban Debate League</b> "Middle School Camp Expansion and Teacher Training Program"	<b>\$29,800</b>
<b>Houston Young Lawyers Association</b> "Video History of Houston Young Lawyers Association from 2000 to 2016"	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Justice for our Neighbors North Central Texas</b> "Fort Worth Immigration Access to Justice Initiative"	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund</b> "November 2015 Texas Constitutional Amendment Election Public Education Project"	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Matagorda County Women's Center Crisis Center</b> "Advocating for the Helpless"	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Mental Health America of Greater Dallas</b> "The Adolescent Symposium of Texas Scholarship Program"	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Northeast Texas CASA, Inc.</b> "Family Matters Visitation & Exchange Center Assistance Program"	<b>\$9,600</b>
<b>Opening Doors International Services, Inc.</b> "Outreach Outposts"	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>People's Community Clinic</b> "Austin Medical-Legal Partnership"	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>ProBar – ABA Fund for Justice and Education</b> "ProBar"	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>RAICES</b> "Legal Services: Post-Release Representation for Refugee Families"	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>SafePlace</b> "Forensic Nursing and Advocacy Program"	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>San Antonio Bar Association</b> "Membership Database and Website"	<b>\$11,750</b>
<b>Smith County Bar Foundation</b> "Civics in Action: Could You Pass the Test?"	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>Social Motion Inc.</b> “Gaining Employment with Autism - Transition, Training, Taxpaying!”	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Diocesan Council of Austin</b> “Predatory Loan Conversion Program”	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>South Texas College of Law</b> “Veterans Clinic”	<b>\$3,800</b>
<b>Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law</b> “Founding Supporter of the VanSickle Family Law Clinic”	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Tahirih Justice Center</b> “Access to Justice for Immigrant Children”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Tarrant County Bar Foundation</b> “Community Partners Initiative”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Texas A&amp;M School of Law</b> “Texas Apprenticeship Network: Empowering Solo Practitioners to Help Bridge the Justice Gap”	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Texas Access to Justice Commission</b> “Access to Justice Summer Internship Program”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts</b> “Part time Staffing”	<b>\$10,500</b>
<b>Texas Appleseed</b> “Resources to Help Texans Reclaim Property Seized through Civil Asset Forfeiture”	<b>\$10,500</b>
<b>Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.</b> “Annual Judicial Education Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day”	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Texas Legal Services Center</b> “Rural Legal Clinics Pilot Project”	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.</b> “Guardianship Education and Outreach Program”	<b>\$5,370</b>
<b>Texas State University San Marcos</b> “Discourse in Democracy”	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Texas Tenants' Union</b> “Tenant Education Program”	<b>\$5,000</b>

<b>Texas Young Lawyers Association</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
“And Justice for All: Preventing Wrongful Convictions through Education”	
<b>The Senior Source</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
“Creating educational materials and access to prevention, protection, and prosecution services for low and moderate income, at-risk older adults.”	
<b>The Stewpot</b>	<b>\$1,024</b>
“DART Community Court for Dallas County”	
<b>University of North Texas Foundation</b>	<b>\$23,600</b>
“UNT Dallas College of Law Community Lawyering Centers Pilot Program”	
<b>Unlocking Doors, Inc. d.b.a. DOORS</b>	<b>\$29,500</b>
“New State Headquarters Rent, Furnishings, Equipment and Finish Out”	
<b>Volunteer Services Council for San Angelo State School, Inc.</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
“Guardianship Services for Individuals served by San Angelo State Supported Living Center”	
<b>The Women's Center of Tarrant County</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>
“Comprehensive Legal Services for Violent Crime Victims”	
<b>Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
“Regional Outreach/Community Education Project”	
<b>YMCA of Austin</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>
“Texas Youth and Government Pro Bono Volunteerism Project”	
<b>YMCA of the Coastal Bend</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
“Youth and Government Program”	
<b>YMCA of Greater San Antonio</b>	<b>\$13,220</b>
“YMCA Youth & Government Program”	
<b>YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
“YMCA Youth & Government Technology and Accessibility Enhancements”	

