

**Texas Bar Foundation
Grants Awarded 2014 – 2015**

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. Beginning with an initial grant of \$5,000, the collective efforts of the Fellows over the past 50 years have resulted in the distribution of more than 1,100 grants throughout Texas totaling more than \$16,000,000. As a direct result of increased financial support, 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 2014-2015, the Texas Bar Foundation awarded funding to 72 organizations totaling \$978,432.

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse **\$13,611**
“Legal Advocacy Project”

To provide legal representation to victims of domestic abuse in protective orders, divorce, child custody, child support and modifications.

Alliance for Children, Inc. **\$15,000**
“Alliance for Children Court Accompaniment and Support Program”

To educate children and adults, at the appropriate level, on the legal process.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. **\$4,500**
“Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Families”

To expand the legal and financial education services into additional service delivery areas and the addition of legal and financial informational sessions at the annual Alzheimer's Education Symposium.

Saheli Inc. **\$3,800**
“Legal Services and Direct Representation for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Trafficking”

To increase access to culturally-informed legal services to victims of domestic and sexual violence with the Asian, immigrant, and refugee populations, especially those living at or below the poverty level.

Austin Young Lawyers Association Foundation **\$1,000**
“Reentry Austin - Spanish DVD project”

To create a Spanish language reentry video for Spanish speaking persons exiting the criminal justice system on their transition back to civilian life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star	\$15,000
“Civic Mentoring: Volunteers Employed in Government or Legal Professions Mentoring At-risk Youth”	
To support the Civic Mentoring initiative, in which community servants, such as government employees, military servicemen and women, and legal professionals mentor at-risk youth.	
Boat People S O S Inc.	\$13,480
“Mobile Legal Clinic”	
To mobilize monthly mobile legal clinics across the Greater Houston area to provide immigration and basic civil legal services to marginalized and underserved Asian communities.	
Cafe Momentum	\$15,000
“Culinary Job Training for Juvenile Offenders”	
To support ongoing culinary training for at-risk male youth at the Dallas County Youth Village juvenile detention center with programming, instruction, and internships at new restaurant, and to expand the program to include at-risk female youth from Letot Girls' Residential Treatment Center.	
CASA for Kids of East Texas, Inc.	\$20,000
“Volunteer Recruitment”	
To hire an Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator to recruit more needed volunteers.	
Mission Granbury Inc.	\$8,000
“CASA Volunteer & Staff Advancement Training”	
To enhance training for new/tenured CASA volunteers and staff to provide more in-depth training.	
CASA of Kleberg county	\$7,000
“Brush Country CASA”	
To partially fund our recruitment, training, and support efforts of community volunteers who advocate for children who have been abused and neglected.	
CASA of Nueces County, Inc.	\$2,000
“Education, training, and records check for CASA staff and volunteers who are helping abused and neglected children in Nueces, San Patricio and Aransas County foster care.”	
Pay for one-time expenses for education and records check for CASA volunteers and staff by sending them to the Texas CASA Training Conference in October 2015 in San Marcos, Texas.	
CASA of Travis County	\$20,000
“Family Finding in the Foster Care System”	
To identify and engage extended family members in the lives of CASA children in the foster care system.	

Catholic Charities of Central Texas	\$10,000
“Immigration Legal Services”	
To hire a new BIA accredited representative to expand the capacity to serve an additional 168 individuals and families in need of legal assistance.	
Catholic Television of San Antonio	\$5,000
“Preguntas A Un Abogado”	
To produce a live, Spanish-language monthly call-in program which will feature questions from viewers who seek answers to basic legal issues.	
Ft Bend County Child Advocates Inc.	\$9,000
“Forensic Interviewing”	
To partially fund the salary, benefits, and training of two forensic interviewers for child victims of abuse.	
Child Advocates Incorporated	\$4,000
“Court Services Program”	
To partially fund the salary of an Advocacy Coordinator who will supervise court appointed advocate volunteers serving as guardians ad litem for abused and neglected children in Harris County.	
Children at Risk, Inc.	\$22,445
“The State of Human Trafficking: A Focus on Ending Demand”	
To create a guide on ending demand in Texas, with a particular focus on the commercial sexual exploitation of children.	
ChildSafe	\$12,500
“Treatment Program for Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems and their Child Victims”	
To provide intervention services, in conjunction with Bexar County Juvenile Probation, to families with youth offenders charged with sexually assaulting a family member.	
Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend	\$12,240
“Dropout Prevention and Reduction Initiative”	
To hire a part-time professional at a Corpus Christi middle school to educate parents and students of the serious laws regarding attending school and provide them needed resources.	
Conference on Crimes Against Women, Inc.	\$10,000
“10th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women Scholarship Program”	
To provide scholarship support for Texas prosecutors to attend the conference.	

- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Denton County, Inc.** **\$1,500**
“Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteers”
To provide new and tenured volunteer child advocates with educational resources and tools to deliver needed services, and assist volunteer advocates with financial resources when travel to see children exceeds 100 miles.
- Comal County Family Violence Shelter Inc.** **\$14,000**
“Establish a Court Advocacy Program to Serve Clients through the Entire Spectrum of the Legal Ordeal”
To create a full-time Court Advocate position.
- Dallas Children's Advocacy Center** **\$7,500**
“27th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference”
To provide scholarships to Texas prosecutors attending the conference.
- Denton County Bar Association** **\$1,033**
“Scanner for the Lawyer's Conference Room in the Denton County Law Library”
To install a high quality scanner in the Lawyer's Conference Room in the Denton County Law Library to facilitate e-filings free of charge.
- DORS Community Services** **\$5,000**
“Operation: Turnaround”
To reduce/eliminate recidivism for at-risk & homeless young people that have been or are currently in the criminal justice system by educating them on the benefits of and teaching them life skills so that they can become law-abiding responsible citizens.
- Easter Seals of Greater Houston, Inc.** **\$20,000**
“Training for Youth with Autism and Similar Disabilities: Now You are 18-Realizing Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities”
Develop a curriculum based on the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary's "Now You are 18" with a series of lesson plans, teacher's guide, and online resources about the rights and responsibilities when a child turns 18, tailored to the unique needs of high functioning youth with autism/intellectual disabilities and their parents.
- Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc.** **\$50,000**
“The Neighborhood Place, a Legacy Campaign”
To upgrade the security system for The Neighborhood Place and to provide improved signage to guarantee a safe environment for everyone at the Neighborhood Place.

Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates	\$10,000
“Teachers Law School”	
To create a half-day, standardized Teachers Law School curriculum focusing on Separation of Powers, Independence of the Judiciary, Similarities and Differences of the Federal and State Court Systems, and the 7th Amendment including the history and value of trial by jury.	
GENaustin	\$10,000
“The 180 Program in Bastrop County”	
To expand the 180 Program prevention and intervention program for middle and high school into Bastrop County.	
Shelter Ministries of Dallas	\$10,000
“Client Legal Assistance Program”	
To support the cost of hiring a contract attorney with experience in both family court hearings and domestic violence cases.	
Girls Embracing Mothers, Inc.	\$5,000
“Pearl Program”	
To establish, strengthen, and sustain the mother-daughter relationship during the mother's incarceration and to promote involvement with Girls Embracing Mothers after the mother's release from prison.	
Harris County Drug Court Support Foundation	\$20,000
“Transforming Lives Through STAR”	
To create effective communication tools to showcase the work of the Harris County Drug Court to members of the community.	
Henderson County HELP Center	\$15,000
“Empowering Victims to Victors”	
To provide comprehensive court advocacy services and support, as well as mental health services, while child victims of abuse, neglect, and sexual assault and their non-offending caregivers maneuver the court process.	
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc.	\$40,000
“Veterans' Legal Initiative”	
Add additional staff attorney to assist with the current Veterans' Legal Initiative, to develop a common application, expand operating hours of the free legal clinic, and organize and train volunteer attorneys to represent veterans.	
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.	\$19,500
“Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors Project”	
To provide legal representation to as many unaccompanied immigrant minors as possible, who are victims of violence and meet the eligibility requirement for Special Immigrant Juvenile Statutes or other available legal relief.	

KIND Inc.	\$15,000
“Access to Justice for Unaccompanied Immigrant and Refugee Children in Houston”	
To provide pro bono legal representation for unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children in deportation proceedings by adding staff.	
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center	\$12,500
“The Promotora Outreach Legal Program”	
To begin a new program with the promotoras, or outreach volunteers, to include services that Las Americas provides to the immigrant community, but also the developments in immigration and what forms of legal immigration relief there may be for individuals.	
State Bar of Texas Committee on Law Focused Education	\$20,000
“Seven Principles of the United States Constitution Videos”	
Create a video series to explain the American system of government for grades 5-12, video guides for each of the seven concepts will be created.	
Legal Aid Society of Lubbock, Inc.	\$15,000
“LAS Continuing Services to Victims Project”	
Providing assistance to domestic violence victims.	
Legal Charitable Foundation of El Paso	\$10,000
“Project FUTURE”	
To provide law-related internships to young adults in the DPFS/Foster care system who reach 18 and are not adopted or returned to their parents.	
Lone Star CASA Inc.	\$5,000
“CASA Child and Volunteer Management”	
Purchase, install, and train all users in use of updated CASA software to facilitate the collection and analysis of data related to volunteer Advocates working with abused and neglected children.	
Lone Star Legal Aid	\$15,000
“Military and Veterans Unit”	
To support the salary and benefits of the recently hired Managing Attorney for the Military and Veterans Unit of Lone Star Legal Aid.	
Lubbock County Drug Court Support Foundation	\$2,500
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To encourage drug court participants to return to society, the local work force, and a normal family life.	
Matagorda County Women's Center Crisis Center	\$10,000
“Advocating for the Helpless”	
Provide basic legal services for victims of domestic violence who are indigent or near indigent, providing pro bono clinics for local attorneys and working with local bar associations to enhance and assist low income individuals with legal needs.	

Metroplex Military Charitable Trust	\$20,000
“Metroplex Veterans Legal Services”	
To provide 3 veterans single issue legal clinics providing pro bono legal services to a total of 120-150 veterans in the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex area.	
NAMI Texas Inc.	\$32,823
“Texas Criminal Procedure and the Offender with Mental Illness: An Analysis and Guide”	
To create an updated edition of the guide, "Texas Criminal Procedure and the Offender with Mental Illness: An Analysis and Guide."	
Oficina Legal del Pueblo Unido., D.B.A. Texas Civil Rights Project	\$5,000
“The Promotora Program”	
To support volunteer outreach workers to help undocumented survivors of domestic abuse in Alamo, El Paso, Odessa, Austin and to establish a new program in East Texas.	
American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education	\$50,000
“ProBAR”	
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Refugee & Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services	\$15,000
“Legal Services: Immigrant Victims of Crime and Unaccompanied Minors”	
To expand programming providing access to a bilingual immigration attorney specializing in victim assistance at the Baptist Child and Family Services International Children's Shelter.	
SafeHaven of Tarrant County	\$11,000
“Decreasing the Effects of Domestic Violence on Children through Integration of Legal Services”	
To support fees for court services, mediation, drug testing, supervised visitation, and childcare during legal consultations and court proceedings for Safe Haven's poorest clients.	
Tahirih Justice Center	\$12,500
“Access to Justice for Immigrant Children”	
To provide access to justice for an estimated 75 immigrant children through free legal services and equip an estimated 60 pro bono volunteers with the information and tools they need to respond to the needs of more immigrant children.	
Texas Access to Justice Commission	\$20,000
“Access to Justice Summer Internship Program”	

Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts	\$5,000
“Will's Clinics and Matching Expansion”	
To create a wills clinic for artists of all varieties, and to expand a program that matches financially qualified artists with legal or accounting issues with an attorney or accountant who will provide pro bono services.	
Texas Advocacy Project, Inc.	\$23,500
“Protective Order Call Back Initiative”	
To develop a system to follow up with clients who have contacted Texas Advocacy Project about obtaining a protective order.	
Texas CASA, Inc.	\$15,000
“Advanced Training for Executive Directors: Understanding Laws and Policies that Govern CASA Advocacy and Nonprofit Organizations”	
To prepare new Executive Directors to navigate Texas' complex child welfare system, by providing a new training approach.	
Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.	\$30,000
“Annual Judicial Education Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day”	
To sponsor the Texas Bar Foundation Day during the 12 hour CJE Annual Judicial Education Conference.	
Texas Legal Services Center	\$20,000
“TexasLawHelp Version 2.0”	
To substantially redesign the TexasLawHelp website.	
Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Inc.	\$12,000
“Culturally Specific Legal Services for Victims of Domestic Violence Living in Emergency and Transitional Housing”	
To provide for a full-time attorney position to support the increased case load particularly for clients in transitional housing and the crisis shelter.	
Texas Network of Youth Services	\$10,000
“Understanding Youths' Rights: How Youth Care Workers and Shelter Administrators Can Support and Empower Unaccompanied Homeless Youth”	
To develop a training curriculum for youth workers and shelter administrators on how they can legally and safely protect the rights and interests of unaccompanied homeless youth.	
Texas One Voice: A Collaborative for Health and Human Services	\$15,000
“Giving Foster Youth a Voice in the Judicial Process”	
To partner with stakeholders in Harris County to provide education, awareness, and advocacy to the judicial system and other stakeholders to ensure better outcomes for children in permanent managing conservatorship.	

Texas Young Lawyers Association	\$44,000
“The Bullying Project”	
To create a comprehensive website along with supporting materials to educate Texans and others about bullying and how to address it.	
The Bernardo Kohler Center, Inc.	\$20,000
“BKC Movil - Mobile Outreach Volunteer Immigration Legal services”	
Bring high-quality immigration services to more remote areas in Texas, including Brazos, Calhoun, Gillespie, Hays, McLennan, and Webb counties.	
Dallas Urban Debate Alliance	\$25,000
“Dallas Urban Debate Summer Camp”	
A one to two week residential debate camp at a local North Texas college or university campus.	
The Women's Center of Tarrant County	\$10,000
“Rape Crisis & Victim Services - Crisis Intervention Program Expansion”	
To sustain critical programming by increasing the Crisis Coordinator from a part-time to full-time position.	
The Women's Home	\$10,000
“Homeless Women's Re-entry Legal Summit”	
To host a one day summit focusing on overcoming the legal obstacles that women with criminal records face as they attempt to reenter society and become self-sufficient citizens.	
YMCA of the Coastal Bend	\$2,500
“Youth and Government Program”	
To create an environment in which students can increase their political awareness and understanding, while learning the meaning of social action through an actual experience in government.	