Texas Bar Foundation
Grants Awarded 2012-2013

For 47 years, the Texas Bar Foundation has relied on the generosity of its Fellows to improve the lives of the people of Texas. Beginning with a $5,000 grant, the combined efforts of the Fellows over the years has resulted in the distribution of more than 1,000 grants throughout Texas totaling over $15 million. The financial support has grown, and the Foundation currently has five program areas:

- Legal Aid for the Underserved
- Education of the Public
- Victim Services
- Professionalism/Research/Publications/Forums
- Administration of Justice

During the 2012-2013 grant cycle, the Texas Bar Foundation approved 69 grants for organizations totaling $828,640.

Texas Access to Justice Commission  $20,000
“Access to Justice Summer Internship Program”

Travis County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival Center  $7,500
“Legal Advocacy”
To provide comprehensive in-court support, advocacy, accompaniment and information and referral services to adult survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock  $12,395
“Holistic Legal Services”
To place a Legal Aid attorney inside the Women's Protective Services shelter full-time to make legal services more accessible to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Fort Bend Lawyers Care  $20,000
“Pro Se Initiative”
To expand and improve the assistance that FBLC provides by offering full time assistance to low-income pro se litigants, rather than at just specific clinics or workshops.

AIDS Services of Austin  $10,000
“Capital Area AIDS Legal Project (CAALP)”
To provide pro bono legal services for a broad range of civil matters for clients who may be otherwise inhibited by the physical and psychological barriers presented by HIV and AIDS.
The Parenting Center  $6,500
“Family Transitions Program”
To provide a bridge between the family court system and clients to allow for positive mediation and guidance with the ultimate goal of keeping the children of these families safe and healthy.

Center for Family Relations d/b/a San Antonio Kids Exchange  $7,500
“Supervised Visitation Assistance Program”
To increase supervised visitation between children from low socio-economic houses and their noncustodial parent in cases of court-ordered supervision.

Oficina Legal del Pueblo Unido., D.B.A. Texas Civil Rights Project  $5,000
“Justice for Veterans Campaign”
To provide legal and educational services to incarcerated veterans with regard to civil legal matters and access to benefits.

Baylor University School of Law  $10,000
“Veterans' Assistance Clinic”
To create a pro bono legal clinic with law students, law faculty and local attorneys to provide needed legal services to veterans.

Houston Bar Foundation  $5,000
“Outreach Strategy to Raise Veteran Legal Services Awareness”
A strategic outreach project designed to increase awareness of the services provided through VLI and Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans by advertising in smaller county newspapers and mailings to individual veterans and veterans service organizations.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation  $3,000
“Trial Academy”
To provide young attorneys, particularly solo practitioners, with a two day program to enhance their trial skills by working with experienced mentor attorneys.

Corpus Christi Bar Foundation  $1,000
“Region 2 High School Mock Trial Scholarships”
Scholarships to the college of the winning students from Corpus Christi who participate in the Region 2 High School Mock Trial competition, paid shortly before their freshman year of college.
Smith County Bar Foundation

“Volunteer Attorney Program”
To initiate a program for Smith County to increase the number of volunteer attorneys in the county handling pro bono cases from 20 to over 80.

Tarrant County Bar Foundation

“Tarrant County Volunteer Attorney Services”
To increase the number of indigent clients served through private attorney involvement and to encourage and recognize pro bono services performed by Tarrant County Attorneys.

International Rescue Committee, Dallas Regional Office

“Pathways to Citizenship for Refugees in the United States”
Expanding services through increased naturalization programming such as outreach and the implementation of ESL and civics instruction.

The Bernardo Kohler Center, Inc.

“Casitas”
To provide legal representation to unaccompanied alien children who are seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, a special type of U.S. visa given to children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected in both family and immigration proceedings.

Tahirih Justice Center

“Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services for Immigrant Women and Girls Fleeing Violence”
To build organizational capacity to enable at least 300 immigrant women and girls fleeing gender-based violence to receive free holistic legal services.

Protex A Network for Progressive Texas

“Deferred Action Community Education Project”
A pilot program to compile a factually relevant and legally accurate background for grassroots education on deferred action and to train organizers and community leaders about the new "deferred action" immigration application for work authorization.

Catholic Charities of Dallas, Immigration and Legal Services

“Legal Assistance for Deferred Action Status for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)”
To assist young immigrants brought to the U.S. when they were very young to obtain lawful status and provide them the permission to work in the U.S.
University of Texas at San Antonio

“Mentoring Delinquent Foster Youth”
To initiate a mentoring program for delinquent foster youth in San Antonio.

Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc.

“Ensuring Access to Justice: New Multi-Session Forensic Interview Protocol”
Creation and implementation of a new multi-session forensic interview process for children with exceptional needs.

Children at Risk, Inc.

“Texas Juvenile Specialty Courts Initiative”
To evaluate the efficacy of juvenile specialty courts in Texas and identify a data-driven framework for improving juvenile justice outcomes and publish and disseminate a data report to stakeholders across Texas.

Center for Child Protection

“Acceso a la Justicia (Access to Justice)”
To ensure that interpretation services are available to children who have been victims or witness to violent crimes and/or abuse.

Innocence Project of Texas

“Statewide DNA Review”
To allow for the continued investigation and litigation of DNA cases for indigent Texas inmates across the state.

Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation

“Elder Law Handbook Project”
To update the Elder Law Handbook to include changes and additions to the law made by the most recent legislative session and publish in both English and Spanish for distribution in San Antonio and the surrounding areas.

Austin Young Lawyers Association Foundation

“Re-entry Resource Guide”
A DVD addition to the Re-entry Resource Guide pamphlet to educate individuals released from incarceration on their rights, obligations, and options as they reintegrate into society.

Texas Young Lawyers Association

“Slavery Out of the Shadows: Spotlight on Human Trafficking”
A public service, law-related education project to educate the public about the crime of human trafficking, the related laws, and the effects of this crime on our local communities.
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| Texas Fair Defense Project                             | $10,000  | “Gideon v. Wainwright 50th Anniversary Educational Campaign”  
  To develop and implement an education campaign focused on the status of indigent criminal defendants' access to counsel in Texas at the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Gideon v. Wainwright. |
| Child Advocates Incorporated                           | $5,000   | “2012 Court Services Project”  
  Partially underwrite the salary of an Advocacy Coordinator who will supervise a caseload of 24 court appointed advocates. |
| Bluebonnet Childrens Center                            | $6,800   | “Champions for Children - CASA Volunteer Recruitment”  
  A media and recruiting campaign that will support the recruitment and training of 20 new CASA volunteers to advocate for children in Medina, Real and Uvalde counties. |
| CASA of Travis County                                  | $20,000  | “Crossover Court Youth Advocacy”  
  To assist with a new initiative of the Travis County courts, the Crossover Court, which combines hearings from CPS and juvenile cases to reduce the number of hearings and duplicate court-ordered services for youth ages 10-17 who have co-occurring cases in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. |
| Amarillo Area Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.  | $9,000   | “Child Advocacy Program Expansion”  
  To expand program through recruiting, training and retaining advocates for children placed in CPS legal custody. |
| Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Collin County, Inc. | $7,500   | “Advocate Training”  
  To provide training for volunteer advocates who represent foster children in Collin County. |
| American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education | $50,000  | “ProBAR”  
  ProBAR |
| League of Women Voters - Texas Education Fund           | $10,000  | “2013 Texas Constitutional Amendment Election Public Education Project”  
  To improve participation in constitutional amendment elections through greater publicity of the issues, wider distribution of the Voters Guide, and greater promotion of the constitutional amendment webpage. |
State Bar of Texas
$22,500
“Vote for Me, I was First!”
Civics education that will include an animated book for elementary school students to learn about important firsts in U.S. history.

Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.
$30,000
“Annual Judicial Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day”
Texas Bar Foundation Day during the 12 hour CJE Annual Judicial Education Conference.

Austin Bar Foundation
$2,500
To support and expand the provision of legal-related charitable and educational programs and services in Central Texas.

St. Mary’s Law School Fund
$2,500
To provide the platform from which various law school projects and programs draw annual operational support.

University of Texas School of Law
$3,000
To further legal education, legal research, financial assistance to deserving law students.

Texas Council on Family Violence
$2,500
“Approaching the Bench: A Judicial Summit on Family Violence”
Two-day statewide judicial summit on key practical applications of best practices on topics of family violence and peer dialogue on new and existing legislation and the significant impact of judicial response to family violence cases.

Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center
$20,000
“25th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference”
To provide scholarships to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference for Texas professionals in the field of child abuse.

Texas Legal Services Center
$9,500
“Healthcare Exchange Education and Outreach for Texans”
Provide succinct and accessible brochures and pamphlets to be used in a statewide outreach effort, educating Texans of modest means of their rights under the Affordable Healthcare Act being implemented in 2014.
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<td>“Public Education and Community Awareness Initiative”</td>
<td>“A quarterly newsletter, public forums and public service announcements to educate, engage and empower the people of South Texas to build a culture of civic involvement and increase voter turnout.”</td>
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<td>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.</td>
<td>$11,620</td>
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<td>“TRLA Rural Outreach Initiative”</td>
<td>“Increase outreach and education to low-income rural populations in conjunction with the Pro Bono Program at the University of Texas School of Law.”</td>
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<td>“To purchase 3 new laptop computers to replace old and outdated computers used at monthly clinics and replace three desktop computers utilized by volunteer attorney's in the Community Justice Program offices.”</td>
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<td>South Texas College of Law</td>
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<td>“Clinical Technology Initiative”</td>
<td>“To purchase software and scanners for the clinics to better assist clients with their legal needs.”</td>
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<td>St. Edward's University</td>
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<td>“Center for the Study of School Law: Conflict Resolution for Educators Training Seminars”</td>
<td>“To support two Conflict Resolution for Educators training seminars, one in Houston, one in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.”</td>
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<td>“Appearing in Court for School-based Misdemeanor Tickets”</td>
<td>“To increase access to information to students and their families facing court for a school-based Class C misdemeanor, including what to expect and how best to advocate for themselves in the absence of counsel.”</td>
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<td>“Middle School Expansion Project”</td>
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<td>“The 180 Program”</td>
<td>“To fully implement the 180 Program and provide services for girls involved, or at high risk of becoming involved with, the juvenile justice system.”</td>
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<td>Lexi's Place</td>
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<td>“Transitional Specialist for Disadvantaged Girls Aging Out of State Protective Care”</td>
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<td>A Transitional Specialist that will provide coaching, academic/career guidance and emotional support to disadvantaged female foster alumni, along with advising them of their legal rights, benefits and responsibilities.</td>
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<td>Legal Charitable Foundation of El Paso</td>
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<td>“Project FUTURE”</td>
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<td>To assist young adults in the Department of Family Protective Services/foster care system who reach 18 years of age and are not adopted or returned to their parents.</td>
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<td>Hope's Door, Inc.</td>
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<td>“Legal Representation for Domestic Violence Victims”</td>
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<td>Provide pro bono family law representation to victims of domestic violence.</td>
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<td>Alliance for Children, Inc.</td>
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<td>“Equal Justice: Understanding is Key”</td>
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<td>To assure that Spanish speaking victims of child abuse, witnesses to violent crimes involving children, are accorded culturally and linguistically competent translation services when being interviewed.</td>
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<td>“Legal Services for Victims of Domestic Violence with Special Language Needs”</td>
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<td>To expand program to offer more family law services, in addition to immigration.</td>
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<td>“Legal Advocacy for Limited English Proficient Survivors of Domestic Violence”</td>
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<td>To provide legal advocacy for underserved victims of domestic violence who are Limited English Proficiency and fall below the poverty line.</td>
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<td>“Expanding Legal Services for Domestic Violence Victims”</td>
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<td>Create and maintain a network of attorneys to provide pro bono legal services to victims of domestic violence in Bexar County.</td>
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<td>Casa Marianella</td>
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<td>“Immigration Legal Services”</td>
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<td>Expand the Immigration Legal Services program due to demonstrated success over the past year.</td>
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Refugee & Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services  $10,000

“Shelter Help Desk for Immigrant Victims of Crime and Abuse”
To provide access to a bilingual immigration attorney specialized in victim assistance to the three major housing, social, medical and mental health service providers at the BCFS Campus in San Antonio.

KIND Inc.  $10,000

“Pro Bono Legal Services for Unaccompanied Immigrant and Refugee Children in Dallas”
To establish a KIND office in Dallas to increase pro bono representation of unaccompanied immigrant children.

Grassroots Leadership  $6,300

“Texas Detention Visitation Program”
Provide trainings to other community organizations and legal service providers in at least three Texas cities located near immigrant detention center to create new visitation programs.

CASA of Central Texas, Inc.  $10,400

“Education, communication and records confidentiality support for Court Appointed Special Advocate staff and volunteers who are helping abused and neglected children involved in the Child Protection Court.”
One-time expenses for equipment, education, communication and records confidentiality support.

CASA of Kleberg county  $10,000

“Court Appointed Special Advocates”
To provide CASA volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the five-county area that includes; Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy and Kleberg counties.

Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)  $10,000

“Crossover Youth Practice Model”
To implement a crossover model with the Juvenile Justice System and Department of Family Services.

Voices for Children Inc. - CASA of Brazos Valley  $3,000

“Guardian ad Litem Representation”
To actively, continuously recruit, train and supervise CASA volunteers and educate the community on CASA services, child abuse and adoption.
Ft Bend County Child Advocates Inc  $5,000

“Therapist and Criminal Court Advocate”

To fund salary and benefits of a therapist and a Criminal Court Advocate in the Children's Advocacy Center.