The Texas Bar Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding to enhance the rule of law and the system of justice in Texas, especially for programs that relate to legal assistance for the underserved, the administration of justice, ethics in the legal profession, the encouragement of legal research, publications and forums, and education of the third branch of government.
Goodwill Industries of East Texas, Inc.

ReEntry Program

The $8,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation supports soft-skills and job training, as well as job placement services to increase employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated, non-violent individuals. Goodwill’s Ex-Offender ReEntry Program is the only job readiness and job placement program in Smith County to serve the 900-plus individuals released annually in Smith County.

Released prisoners are on probation and parole, living with family or in transitional housing for justice-served individuals. Those still on probation or parole have three weeks to find a job or risk going back to jail. Goodwill of East Texas trains ex-offenders in high-demand industries, while providing 21st-century digital skills training. Programs that educate and provide job opportunities to previously incarcerated individuals are proven to reduce a return to criminal activity and prison.

With the help of this grant, Goodwill offers a 3-week job readiness course and job placement for men and women, wherein participants are provided employment skills and career assessments. Individual plans including short-term, intermediate, and long-term goals are developed to ensure measurable outcomes. The reentry programs focus on preparing individuals for sustainable careers by providing “real-world” work experience, while addressing the top three factors for re-arrest: (1) education and employment problems, (2) financial problems, and (3) family and relationship/marital problems.

“We are grateful to the Texas Bar Foundation for enabling Goodwill to help justice-served individuals as they re-connect, get on their feet and are able to contribute to society.”

Kimberly B. Lewis, CEO
Lone Star Legal Aid
Eviction Right to Counsel Project

A $40,000 grant was awarded to Lone Star Legal Aid to support a project coordinator for a pilot Eviction Right to Counsel initiative.

A team of attorneys and paralegals will cover 4 Justice of the Peace Courts in Harris County to provide free eviction defense to low-income tenants at risk of losing their homes. This initiative will focus on tenants affected by the pandemic, particularly those who cannot pay their rent due to illness, job loss, reduced work, and other related challenges.

LSLA hopes to alleviate housing insecurity that many are facing through outreach and education, legal advice and counsel, negotiation with landlords and management companies, enforcement of tenant rights, and client representation in Harris County Justice of the Peace courts.

The advocacy provided through this project will reduce the number of evictions, secure client time to transition to new housing, prevent termination from public housing and help clients obtain neutral references for new housing.

“We are so grateful for the Texas Bar Foundation’s support of our Eviction Right to Counsel Initiative. With their help, we have been able to keep 1,769 individuals in their homes.”

Dana Karni, Managing Attorney of LSLA’s Eviction Right to Counsel Initiative

Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle
Expansion of Legal and Education Services for Underserved Immigrant and Refugees

Over the last several years Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle (CCTXP) has implemented new programs and services for those coming to our country through the U.S. Refugee Program or by way of legal immigration. This $27,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation will provide three distinctly different, but necessary, services to help underserved immigrants and refugees in and around Amarillo to become productive American citizens.

The CCTXP Immigration Legal Services Division is the only Department of Justice accredited immigration service agency in the Texas Panhandle. This grant helps provide pro bono legal immigration services in Amarillo and throughout the Texas Panhandle. It also supports citizenship classes where students from the Amarillo College Public Service Department perform mock interviews with CCTXP clients preparing for the citizenship exam.

Lastly, the grant funds the Youth Mentoring Program which promotes positive civic and social engagement and increasing individual educational and vocational advancement by connecting the students with mentors from the community. This approach not only improves the client’s chances at successful integration, but also leads to the support and success of the entire family as the lessons learned by the student are shared with their community.
GRANTS AWARDED 2020-2021

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. 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 Legal Services or Service for Moderate Income Professionals/Research/Publications/Forums
- Administration of Justice
- Collaboration

During 2020-2021, the Texas Bar Foundation awarded funding to 88 organizations totaling $1,218,841. For a more detailed description of each grant, refer to the Texas Bar Foundation website at www.tbf.org.

**ACT - Advocates for Community Transformation**
- **$15,000**
  - Staff Attorney and Case Management System to Increase Casework Capacity
  - Angel Reach
  - Steering Smart

**After-School All-Stars North Texas**
- **$5,000**
  - Social Justice Initiative for Students in Under-Resourced Communities
  - Angela House
  - The “Reclaiming My Identity” Program

**Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse**
- **$7,515**
  - Radio Awareness Campaign - Free Legal Services for Domestic Violence Victims
  - Avenue Community Development Corporation
  - Language Justice for Advocacy Training
  - Big Country CASA
  - Hope for a Home

**Alamo Area Council, Boy Scouts of America**
- **$6,600**
  - Online Merit Badge Classes: Educating Youth on the Third Branch of Government
  - Bluebonnet CASA
  - Gifts For Children

**Alzheimer’s Association - South Central Texas Chapter**
- **$5,000**
  - Virtual Legal Planning Education in South Texas
  - Boy Scouts of America, Yucca Council
  - Unidos Prosperamos

**Amarillo College Foundation**
- **$22,000**
  - The Amarillo College Special Education Advocacy Certificate and Legal Clinic
  - CASA of Central Texas, Inc.
  - CASA Kids Council

**American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education ProBar**
- **$50,000**
  - Advocacy Assurance

**Catholic Charities Dallas**
- **$20,000**
  - DACA Application and Representation Assistance

**Catholic Charities of Central Texas**
- **$20,000**
  - Immigration Application Filing Fee Assistance Due to COVID-19 Hardship

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston**
- **$25,500**
  - Immigration Outreach Mobilization and Fortification

**Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle**
- **$27,000**
  - Expansion of legal and education services for underserved Immigrant and Refugees

**Catholic Charities-Diocese of Tyler**
- **$10,000**
  - Assisting Low Income Immigrants with the Naturalization Process

**Child Advocates**
- **$5,000**
  - Collaborative Family Engagement

**Children at Risk**
- **$14,000**
  - Texas Students’ School Policies and Student Rights in the Time of COVID-19

**Children’s Advocacy Center for Denton County Inc**
- **$35,000**
  - Wise County Capacity Building

**Children’s Advocacy Center of Smith County**
- **$7,500**
  - Medical Sexual Assault Exams

**Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc.**
- **$15,400**
  - Ensuring Privacy and Protection for Texas Child Abuse Victims

**CitySquare**
- **$15,000**
  - Comprehensive Eviction Assistance Program

**Conference on Crimes Against Women, Inc.**
- **$7,500**
  - 16th Annual CCW Scholarship and Legal Program Growth

**County of Hidalgo**
- **$25,000**
  - Project Recover

**Dallas County/Dallas County District Attorney’s Office**
- **$27,000**
  - HEAT (Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy) Enhancement Project

**Dallas County/Dallas County District Attorney’s Office**
- **$14,250**
  - Expansion of Advocacy Services for Vulnerable Children

**Dallas County/Dallas County District Attorney’s Office**
- **$27,000**
  - HEAT (Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy) Enhancement Project

**Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc.**
- **$7,800**
  - Removal Defense Legal Assistant Loreto Volunteer

**Diversity in the Profession Committee, State Bar of Texas**
- **$15,000**
  - Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship

**Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc.**
- **$45,000**
  - MALO (Holistic Advocacy in Legal Operations) Initiative

**East Texas Immigrant Advocacy and Resource Center**
- **$5,000**
  - Funding for Filing Fees for Low Income Immigrant Victims

**El Paso County**
- **$12,400**
  - Online Dispute Resolution Technology

**Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc.**
- **$12,816**
  - Safe Haven - KidShare

**Fe y Justicia Workers Center**
- **$20,000**
  - Project Macao

**Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation**
- **$4,000**
  - Expansion of the 5th Ward Juvenile Justice Diversion Program

**For the Sake of One**
- **$14,140**
  - Supervised Visitation Center Renovation Project

**Frazier Revitalization, Inc.**
- **$8,000**
  - Encouraging Pro Bono Legal Services for Underserved Residents of South Dallas

**Generation Citizen**
- **$2,950**
  - Investing in Teacher-Lead Action Civics Education in Texas Schools

**Goodwill Industries of East Texas, Inc.**
- **$8,000**
  - Goodwill Industries of East Texas ReEntry Program

**Greater Waco Legal Services**
- **$20,000**
  - School-Legal Partnership

**Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio**
- **$5,000**
  - Path to Home Ownership: Credit Counseling Legal Assistance

**Harold’s House - East Texas Alliance for Children**
- **$5,000**
  - Support Services for Runaway Youth

**Hidalgo County Bar Foundation**
- **$5,100**
  - Project Macao

**Hidalgo County Bar Foundation**
- **$5,100**
  - Readying South Texas Students for Success: Region One Mock Trial Competition

**His Fathers Heart Ministries**
- **$25,000**
  - Women’s “Life Group” ReEntry Program

**Homeward Bound, Inc.**
- **$11,525**
  - Dallas Defeats

**Housing Crisis Center**
- **$10,000**
  - Legal Services for the Indigent

**Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.**
- **$20,000**
  - Critical Legal Services for Asylum Seekers

**CitySquare**
- **$15,000**
  - Comprehensive Eviction Assistance Program

**Conference on Crimes Against Women, Inc.**
- **$7,500**
  - 16th Annual CCW Scholarship and Legal Program Growth

**County of Hidalgo**
- **$25,000**
  - Project Recover

**Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southeast Texas, Inc.**
- **$14,250**
  - Expansion of Advocacy Services for Vulnerable Children

**Dallas County/Dallas County District Attorney’s Office**
- **$27,000**
  - HEAT (Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy) Enhancement Project

**Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc.**
- **$7,800**
  - Removal Defense Legal Assistant Loreto Volunteer

**Diversity in the Profession Committee, State Bar of Texas**
- **$15,000**
  - Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship
GRANTS AWARDED 2020-2021

IEA - Inspire, Encourage, Achieve
Civic Engagement Opportunities for Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth
$10,000
San Antonio Bar Foundation
$15,000
Bexar Outreach Project Phase II - Accessibility

International Rescue Committee
SAFE Network Support for Advancing Universal Representation in DPW
$20,000
San Antonio Legal Services Association
$10,000
COVID-19 Responsive Probate & Guardianship Pro Bono Projects

Justice for Our Neighbors Houston
Survivor's Assistance Project
$5,000
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.
$15,000
Court Liaison Services Program

Justice Forward
Clear Path Forward Project
$15,000
Southern Methodist University
$12,500
Aged Out: Serving the Legal Needs of Youth Aging or Aged Out of Foster Care

Kids in Need of Defense
Access to Justice: Legal Representation for Unaccompanied Minors in Houston
$5,000
St. Mary's University School of Law
$10,400
St. Mary's Law Remote Legal Services Fellowships

Law Focused Education, Inc.
Jury Service: Your Call of Duty
$20,000
Texas Access to Justice Commission
$20,000
AFL Internship Program

Lone Star Justice Alliance
Survivors' Project
$25,000
Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts
$7,000
Online Educational Programs

Lone Star Legal Aid
Evasion Right to Counsel Project
$40,000
Texas Advocacy Project, Inc.
$12,000
Technology Updates for Virtual Legal Services for Domestic Violence Survivors

MESLI Center
Iron Sharpens Iron
$12,500
Texas Appleseed
$4,825
Support for Spanish Translation of Fines and Fees Toolkit

Memorial Assistance Ministries
USCIS Filing Fees for Low-Income Immigrants
$4,950
Methodist Justice Ministry
Court Filing Fees for Indigent Women and Children
$20,000
New Friends New Life
Legal Education for Victims Service Providers
$2,350

One Heart Project
One Heart Project | Texas | Southern Region
$25,000

POETIC
POETIC Pipeline to Success
$10,000

Respite Care of San Antonio, Inc.
Advocacy and safety for children with special needs victimized by abuse
$1,900

Restored Hope Ministries
Covid-19 Human Services For Sex Industry Victims and Children
$12,500

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**Awards:**
- **Valley and Gulf Coast:** $13,000
- **Statewide:** $15,000
- **Northeast Texas:** $15,000
- **Central Texas:** $15,000
- **Southeast:** $15,000
- **Panhandle:** $15,000
- **West Texas:** $15,000

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- **Southeast:** $15,000
- **Panhandle:** $15,000
- **West Texas:** $15,000
Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.  
$30,000
2021 Annual Judicial Education Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day

Texas District & County Attorneys Foundation  
$15,000
TDCAA Diversity, Recruitment and Retention Video

Texas Fair Defense Project  
$5,000
On the Road Again Pro Bono Program

Texas Legal Services Center  
$25,000
TexasLawHelp.org Site Maintenance and Updates

Texas Muslim Women’s Foundation, Inc.  
$12,500
Legal Services for Survivors Domestic Violence: Immigrants and Muslim Women

Texas Young Lawyers Association  
$45,000
Civil Rights for All

The University of Texas of Austin  
$10,020
Mental Health Collaborative- A Pilot Partnership with American Gateways

The Way Back  
$10,900
The Way Back ReEntry Program

Travis County Juvenile Probation Department  
$3,000
Pot of Gold Program

University of North Texas Foundation  
$5,000
Texas History for Teachers (TX4T) Digital Pedagogy Program

The University of Houston Law Foundation  
$1,000
In honor of Kem Thompson Frost, recipient of the Outstanding Law Review Article Award

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Texas Young Lawyers Association  
$45,000
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GRANTS AWARDED 2020-2021

Counties of Hidalgo

Project Recover

County of Hidalgo was awarded a $25,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to support Project Recover, a high school credit recovery program that provides virtual tutoring services, social and emotional development and job search facilitation for adults who are in pre-trial diversion and/or community supervision.

This program is intended to assist defendants who have had delays in the judgment of their cases due to the pandemic, delays in education, or were held in immigration or county facilities and need to complete earned high school credit hours.

Judges will determine a defendant’s eligibility for the program by reviewing the defendant’s pre-sentencing investigation report and/or mitigation report at time of sentencing. The defendant will either get probation under the conditions to complete the online credit hours or further punishment.

Project Recover provides life skills coaching, resume writing training and job search facilitation to further individuals success and allow them to improve their lives.

2021 Award Recipient Designated Donations

Each year, the Texas Bar Foundation honors those who exemplify the highest standards of the legal profession. To honor these award recipients, the following donations were given:

- The University of Houston Law Foundation  
  $1,000
  In honor of Kem Thompson Frost, recipient of the Outstanding Law Review Article Award

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## Statement of Financial Position

**As of May 31, 2021**

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### Liabilities and Net Assets

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### Net Assets

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## Statement of Financial Activities

**For Year Ended May 31, 2021**

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Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas
Ensuring Privacy and Protection for Texas Child Abuse Victims

Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas (CACTX) is the statewide membership association representing all 71 children’s advocacy centers (CACs) across the state, helping to restore the lives of abused children by investigating and prosecuting child abuse.

This grant provides ongoing training and support on the Health Insurance and Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance for CACTX’s network by creating a partnership with a subject matter expert who can provide CAC specific curriculum, workshops, and ongoing support, ultimately helping to balance the privacy and protection of personal health information while also ensuring the administration of justice for young victims.

The project provides clarification for numerous complexities and nuances specific to the CAC network that CAC staff across Texas handle on a regular basis, such as: Caregiver Consent to Sharing of Personal Health Information, External Services and Partnerships, and Client Information Management. This project will address these issues as well as additional challenges that arise, such as potential questions and legal ramifications regarding the transition to virtual services and activities.

A $15,400 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation allows training and ongoing guidance to be provided through online materials, training videos, workshops, and meetings. This accessibility will create economies of scale that will make it easy for all 71 CACs to benefit from these vital resources, while also providing long-term support to the CAC network as new staff members are onboarded in the future.

UNT Dallas Foundation
UNT Dallas College of Law
Remote Community Engagement Program and Video Resource Library

A $10,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation helped to support the UNT Dallas College of Law Remote Community Engagement Program and Video Resource Library project.

All UNT law students participate in the Community Engagement Program, which pairs students with non-profit agencies or governmental agencies where students provide monthly volunteer assistance. Each community partner has defined at least one project that will provide valuable learning opportunities for UNT Dallas law students, involving them in more than twenty-five projects. Several of the projects are new initiatives that will help to expand the community partner’s outreach and service delivery.

This project will also assist in the creation of a legal video library. UNT Dallas law students will research the law, create, direct and produce the content for the videos. The library will consist of videos on various legal topics and other items that support legal programming. The information will be made accessible on a dedicated YouTube channel, websites and other social media platforms, including the websites of the project partners with the intention of empowering through education.

“With the Texas Bar Foundation award, the Community Lawyering Center at UNT Dallas College of Law created a video resource library where users found short informational videos on topics like landlord - tenant issues, evictions, divorce and basic court instructions. As we continue to navigate COVID-19, the shut down, and the re-opening, access to information is critical for underserved communities.”

Prof. Angela Downes, Assistant Director Experiential Education, UNT Dallas College of Law
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Dear Friends and Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation,

It is hard to believe that we stand here today and can announce, “Business as Usual”. The year 2021 has been not simply a year of hope, stepping out of the pandemic, but also a year of concern, as we find the waves of variants and additional roadblocks to the rebound from the pandemic.

I am so proud to say that for the Texas Bar Foundation, we are truly conducting “business as usual” in that we are again, achieving our goals and honoring our mission. This year, we are continuing to make dreams happen, and awarding grants exceeding $1,200,000. This year, we are continuing to grow our membership and bring fellowship back to each member.

I am so grateful to be your Chair and to share in the sustaining growth of our Foundation. This is a truly “no frills” group of dedicated citizens, giving time and funds to ensure the enhancement of the rule of law and strengthen the system of justice in Texas. This year we have continued our efforts to fund projects that directly offer legal assistance to the underserved, that educate all branches of government and promote the administration of justice.

The community of Fellows is one of compassion and commitment and I appreciate the honor as your Chair. I have seen the hard work of our Nominating Chairs that result in our growing number of not just Fellows, but as Life Fellows and Sustaining Life Fellows as well.

I am thankful for the continuing and robust efforts of all Fellows and our Trustees as we move forward. I look forward to our future, and know that we can continue to conduct our “business as usual”. I am confident of our future good work and that we will continue to make a difference in the day to day struggles of those in need.

“While there is strength in numbers, power is embedded in the efforts of those who serve. The Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation continue to give endlessly, not just to the growth of our organization, but to the important work we do through funding projects across the state that strengthen our rule of law and assist Texans in need.”

-Wendy Burgower

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