TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION GRANTS AWARDED 2022-2023

A Home Base for Transitioning Foster Youth

\$30,000

"Building a Legal Support Network for Former Foster Youth"

To connect former foster youth in the Brazos Valley with a network of resources to address legal barriers they encounter as they work toward independence.

AccessHealth \$25,000

"Connecting indigent health center patients to legal resources"

To expand the range of quality legal services and referrals available to low-income health center patients to address their health harming legal needs.

ACT - Advocates for Community Transformation

\$34,485

"New Community Advocate to Build Capacity and Scale Casework in Fort Worth"

To hire a community advocate to lead the Fort Worth casework and the strategic cultivation of the case docket, client base, and coalition of partners.

Advocates for Immigrant Survivors

\$7,500

"Immigration Legal Services for Survivors of Violent Crime"

To aid immigrant survivors of homicide, attempted homicide, manslaughter, or aggravated assault in achieving stable immigration status and financial independence.

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

\$3,500

"Giving Victims a Break: Family Fun Day"

To host families of survivors for a no-cost day of family-friendly fun in the summer of 2023.

Alzheimer's Association - South Central Texas Chapter

\$8,000

"Legal & Financial Planning: Education & Resources in the Coastal Bend"

To provide Legal and Financial Education Classes in English & Spanish to those affected by dementia in Aransas, Bee, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, & San Patricio counties.

Amarillo Area CASA

\$20,000

"Collaborative Family Engagement with Specialized Services for Aging out Youth"

To strengthen collaboration and enhance CASA advocacy by providing an increasing number of supportive people in a child's life to positively impact their well-being.

Angel Reach \$15,000

"Education for All Expansion"

To expand the learning intervention program offered to youth ages 16-24, to include children in the Kinship family program.

Arlington-Mansfield Area YMCA

\$16,600

"Youth & Government"

To provide youth the opportunity to discuss and debate issues that affect citizens of their state and to propose legislation through experiential civic engagement and democracy.

Austin Bar Association

\$15,000

"Austin Bar Association Council of Firsts"

To create the "Council of Firsts" to determine why it remains groundbreaking for females/minorities to become Bar President and hold other leadership roles.

Austin Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Assistance Program

\$15,000

"Veterans Legal Assistance Program"

To obtain a cloud-based case management system.

Austin Classical Guitar

\$10,000

"Guitar Education in the Texas Juvenile Justice System"

To support daily guitar classes in 5 Texas juvenile justice facilities, which are the only fully accredited arts programs for incarcerated youth in the state.

Austin Free-Net \$10,000

"Digital Navigators"

To reach and assist more disadvantaged community members through a Digital Navigator program, promoting access to critical technology resources.

Avenue Community Development Corporation

\$5,000

"Educating residents about their Housing & Credit Rights"

To educate residents of their housing and credit rights through education classes, pre- and post-purchase counseling and workshops, and foreclosure intervention counseling.

Boys and Girls Club of Hill County

\$10,000

""Let's Shoot Hoops - Friend not Foe""

To fund a portion of needed equipment to facilitate activities designed to increase understanding, appreciation and respect for our legal system and law enforcement.

Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network

\$39,000

"Building program capacity to offer legal services"

To hire a bilingual paralegal to help low-income clients with legal issues that do not require an attorney.

CASA for KIDS \$27,645

"Parenting Program"

To provide a parenting program in Red River and Delta Counties where there are currently no services like this offered.

CASA of Central Texas, Inc.

\$5,250

"Information Security and Technology Assessment"

To update technology infrastructure to increase security and business continuity.

CASA of Galveston County

\$5,000

"Increase Youth Advocacy and Independence In Preparation to Exit Foster Care"

To develop individual portfolios for youth exiting foster care to increase independence through understanding their rights as adults.

CASA of Johnson County, Inc.

\$7,000

"Volunteer Awareness & Recruitment Campaign"

To raise awareness and recruit volunteers to advocate for children in foster care.

CASA of Tarrant County Inc.

\$10,000

"CASA Volunteer Recruitment"

To expand the Collaborative Family Engagement Pilot to improve permanency for foster youth and create a replicable framework for other CASA programs.

Catholic Charities Dallas

\$25,000

"ILS Language Fellow"

To provide language support to staff attorneys working in removal and asylum cases on behalf of low-income immigrants.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas

\$30,000

"Pro Bono Legal Aid for Afghan Families"

To provide pro bono legal representation to Afghan families resettling in Central Texas after the fall of the Afghan government in 2021.

Catholic Charities-Diocese of Tyler

\$15,000

"Assisting Underserved Immigrants with Citizenship Applications"

To offer financial assistance and resources to eligible petitioners filing for naturalization.

Center for Child Protection

\$30,000

"Forensic Interview Recording Equipment"

To partially fund the replacement of forensic interview recording equipment; to provide high quality evidence for the investigation and prosecution of crimes against children.

Cherish Our Children, Inc (COCI)

\$25,000

"GEMS Program Expansion for Middle School Students with Incarcerated Parents"

To provide family support services and student mentoring, including partnering with local police officers to facilitate classroom discussions around resiliency and setting goals.

Child Advocates \$7,500

"Permanent Managing Conservatorship (PMC) Initiative"

To support a Permanent Managing Conservatorship (PMC) project, launched as a 2019 pilot.

Child Advocates of Fort Bend

\$10,000

"Child Abuse Court Advocacy, Treatment and Prevention Services"

To provide a multi-disciplinary response to child abuse (legal, justice, law enforcement, CPS, CAC clinical and advocacy services), family-strengthening and prevention outreach.

Children 4 Tomorrow

\$17,964

"Integrated Development Software Expansion and Training Project for Child Abuse"

To provide equipment and evaluating materials in support of a technology training expansion project to support child abuse victims and families going through the court system.

ChildSafe \$15,000

"Foreign Language and Sign Language Interpreters for Victim Services"

To provide victims of child abuse certified, trauma-informed language and sign language interpreters as necessary for forensic interviews, family support and therapeutic services.

Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.

\$10,560

"Houston Bar Association (HBA)/ CIS Summer Legal Internship Program"

To provide stipends for three high school students who will serve as interns for non-profit or governmental legal agencies during Summer 2023.

Court Appointed Special Advocates of the South Plains

\$5,000

"Every Child Has a Chance: Advocacy Coordinator"

To partially support one Advocacy Coordinator staff position.

Crime Stoppers of Houston

\$10,000

"Safe Community Institute, Victim Services Program"

To allow the Victim Services Program to continue as a vehicle for ensuring that victims of crime receive justice, meaningful assistance and compassionate treatment.

Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center

\$10,000

"Legal Advocacy Services for Victims of Sexual Assault"

To support expansion into Baylor Hospital to provide legal advocacy services to help survivors of sexual assault navigate the criminal justice system

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center

\$10,000

"Forensic Interview Program"

To support the purchase of two smartboards for two forensic interview suites.

Dallas Urban Debate Alliance

\$6,000

"Using Debate to Teach Community Advocacy"

To create a curriculum that teaches middle and high school students how to translate their debate skills into community advocacy.

DeliverFund \$5,000

"Dallas Police Embedded Human Trafficking Analyst"

To embed an Intelligence Analyst with Dallas-Fort Worth area Police to hunt human traffickers and coordinate with prosecuting attorneys.

Denton County Friends of the Family, Inc.

\$10,000

"Creation, Recruitment and Retention of Pro Bono/Low Bono Attorney Network"

To support the creation of a pro bono/low bono network of private attorneys equipped to provide trauma-informed legal services to victims of crime and their children.

Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc.

\$10,000

"Holistic Advocacy in Legal Operations (HALO) Initiative"

To address a broad array of bio-psycho-social issues contributing to the legal issues of clients.

Education Based Housing

\$9,000

"Building Community Advocates & Legal Clinic"

To connect lawyers to vulnerable populations in Houston and equip low-income people to become self-advocates and leaders in their communities.

Equal Justice America

\$10,000

"EJA pro bono legal services"

To provide pro bono legal services to marginalized communities through funding fellowships to law students to serve at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid.

Family Compass

\$15,000

"Connecting Children and Fathers"

To successfully transition fathers in the Dallas County Jail back into the lives of their children, creating change that breaks inter-generational cycles.

Fe y Justicia Workers Center

\$30,000

"Community Consultation Services"

To assist low income and under-served immigrant workers to obtain their stolen wages and immigration cases.

For the Sake of One

\$15,000

"Building Healthy Families Program Expansion"

To provide ongoing in-home support and resources to more biological families through the hiring of an additional staff member.

Fort Bend Women's Center

\$31,292

"Legal Representation for the survivors of family violence"

To provide partial funding for a paralegal and process servers to assist the staff attorney with survivors who have immediate legal requirements.

Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project

\$20,000

"Holistic Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors in Galveston County"

To hire the first full-time attorney in Galveston providing trauma-informed representation to immigrant survivors so they can achieve safety and stability.

Genesis Women's Shelter and Support

\$7,500

"Client Legal Assistance Program"

To provide expert, pro bono legal counseling to clients undergoing legal battles, including but not limited to protective orders, divorce settlements, and custody battles.

Girasol Texas at the Texas Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing \$10,000

"Training and Consultation Program"

To provide support groups and trainings for legal professionals working with immigrant populations to lessen the impact of vicarious trauma and promote positive mental health.

Girls Empowerment Network

\$5,000

"Girl Connect for Juvenile Justice Involved Adolescents"

To support the creation, piloting, and evaluation of a new adaptation of the programming for girls housed in the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Grace To Grow dba Grace To Change

\$20,000

"Treatment Over Incarceration"

To provide Substance Use Disorder Treatment, thereby reducing or eliminating the burden on the judicial system, incarceration, and recidivism.

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio

\$5,000

"Path to Homeownership: Credit Counseling Legal Assistance"

To provide credit reports for under-served families while informing them of their rights and giving them personalized information to overcome financial obstacles.

Harris County Domestic Relations Office

\$25,000

"Self-Represented Litigant Services"

To support the judiciary and assist self-represented litigants finalize their uncontested family law case by reviewing final orders and providing legal information.

Heart of Courage

\$10,000

"Navigating the Child Welfare System Legal Clinic"

To provide quarterly free legal services to low income and racially marginalized parents impacted by the Texas Child Welfare System.

Hope For Three \$5,640

"Police Traffic Stops & Positive Driver Outcomes"

To support an education program designed to mitigate negative outcomes for teens/young adult drivers with autism when encountering law enforcement during traffic stops.

Houston Area Women's Center

\$26,800

"HAWC Legal Services for Survivors"

To meet the needs of survivors of family violence by assisting children and families navigating the criminal justice system with Legal Services support.

Innocence Project of Texas

\$20,000

"Legal Assistance Program"

To increase the capacity of the legal assistance program to provide representation for clients with actual innocence claims.

Johnson County Children's Advocacy Center

\$11,550

"Multi-Disciplinary Teambuilding & Training"

To unify the Multi-disciplinary(MDT) Team by offering education, training, and team building.

Justice for All Immigrants

\$5,000

"Survivors Assistance Program"

To provide high quality legal services for immigrant victims of abuse.

Justice For Our Neighbors North Central Texas

\$15,000

"Unaccompanied No More"

To provide high-quality, free legal representation to unaccompanied immigrant children in the north and central Texas areas.

Justice Forward \$19,000

"Clear Path Forward II"

To provide funds for petitions for nondisclosure and expunction for eligible graduates of Harris County Specialty Courts to remove criminal history from their records.

Lone Star CASA \$22,315

"Innovative In-Home Child Advocacy in Response to New Legislation"

To recruit, train & supervise advocates to offer in-home supportive interventions to families who are being investigated by CPS but whose children remain at home.

Lone Star Justice Alliance

\$37,500

"Juvenile Sentencing Project/Survivor's Project"

To provide fee legal services to survivors of human trafficking & domestic violence seeking clemency for crimes tied to their victimization & child victims of trafficking in TJJD.

Memorial Assistance Ministries

\$6,000

"USCIS Filing Fees for Low-Income DACA Recipients"

To assist young low-income immigrants in obtaining or continuing their work authorization through DACA.

Mercy Gate Ministries, Inc.

\$11,775

"Court Training and Court Appointed Adult Advocates for Sex Exploitation Victims"

To provide training to first responders and court officials to identify victims/defendants that have been sex-trafficked and support these victims through the justice system.

Methodist Justice Ministry

\$5,000

"Professional Services needed to process DFV cases."

To locate and serve abuser court documents to parties of legal actions.

MiCreate \$3,925

"Roadmap To Business"

To support business legal aid for 10 human trafficking survivors with funding to cover attorney and copyright registration and trademark filing application costs.

Mil Mujeres, Inc. \$5,750

"Mil Mujeres' Direct Legal Services for Underserved Latina Immigrants"

To increase the level of access to direct legal services for underserved Latina immigrants in Texas particularly women who are survivors of Intimate Partner Violence.

Montrose Grace Place

\$12,500

"Legal Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness"

To provide justice involved youth experiencing homelessness relief from legal fees, legal assistance, and assist trans youth with changing their name and gender marker.

Multicultural Family Center

\$20,000

"The New Americans Project"

To provide legal services to economically disadvantaged immigrants improving their quality of life and empowering community members to live a safer and more beneficial life.

New Friends New Life

\$20,000

"NFNL Legal Barriers Removal Project for Survivors of Sex Trafficking"

To launch an onsite Legal Barriers Removal Project, clearing criminal histories for women survivors of sex trafficking.

Office of Dispute Resolution for Lubbock County

\$15,000

"Expanded Tool for Courts and Skills for Parents"

To collaborate with university faculty and graduate students on materials for judges to promote referrals of high-conflict parents to ODR for supervised visitation services.

One Voice Home \$7,500

"Implement a holistic & trauma informed camp for survivors of sex trafficking."

To provide a specialized camp that is individualized, sensory pleasing, and can assist in building new and healthy memories.

Opening Doors International Services, Inc.

\$10,000

"Pro Se Asylum Clinic"

To assist qualified immigrants recently arrived to the U.S. complete and file their I-589 asylum applications Pro Se, by participating in a volunteer-driven legal clinic.

Opportunity Center for the Homeless

\$20,000

"Justice-Involved Homeless Recidivism Prevention Program"

To provide intensive case management to clients involved in the criminal justice system to prevent re-offending.

Palo Alto College \$20,000

"Project Cambio Scholarship Program"

To support a unique scholarship program to encourage higher education attainment for low-level juveniles offenders & provide support through-and-past the post-adjudication period.

Prison Entrepreneurship Program

\$25,000

"Take a Seat to Transform: equipment purchases for in-prison programs"

To provide funding to replace 260 classroom chairs and 120 folding chairs used in prison/pre-release programs.

Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center (RVCC)

\$10,000

"Legal Counsel for crime victims for positive judicial experiences and outcomes."

To hire an attorney to connect quality legal services to crime victims in west Texas.

San Antonio Legal Services Association

\$30,000

"Don't Bully Me (DBM) Project [collaboration with David's Legacy Foundation]"

To fund staff support and setup expenses for the intake/referral framework to accommodate referrals to legal partner organizations across the state.

Simply Grace \$5,000

"Encourage and promote legal assistance to poor and disadvantaged people"

To work with several court programs to help women in transitional living facilities gain access to proper legal services and education.

St. Mary's University School of Law

\$15,000

"St. Mary's Law Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowships"

To provide financial support to six law students who have secured an unpaid position with a legal services providers serving low-income clients or government agencies.

State Bar of Texas Legal Services Office

\$20,000

"Access to Justice Internship Program"

To provide scholarships for Access to Justice summer interns.

Tahirih Justice Center

\$20,000

"Providing Legal Services to Immigrant Survivors of Violence in Fort Bend County"

To deliver free, holistic, trauma-informed legal services to underserved immigrant survivors in Fort Bend County.

Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts

\$14,500

"Technology Upgrades"

To provide technology upgrades including website re-design, data collection improvements, database changes, and revision and expansion of current online content.

Texas Appleseed

\$1,000

"Educating Vulnerable Youth on Resources and Their Rights"

To make critical information more accessible to our state's most vulnerable youth: LBGTQ youth experiencing homelessness.

Texas CASA \$10,000

"Collaborative Family Engagement Symposium"

To provide training on Collaborative Family Engagement, which ensures family members are included when a child is removed from their parents and put into the child welfare system.

Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.

\$30,000

"2023 Annual Judicial Education Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day"

To further judicial expertise, provide a safe environment to exchange ideas, and offer an opportunity for collegiality among the judiciary and its partners.

Texas Defender Service

\$25,000

"Second Chances for Families Impacted by Incarceration"

To provide parole representation and wrap-around reentry services.

Texas Guardianship Association

\$7,500

"Guardianship Outreach and Education"

To provide education regarding guardianships to various Texas constituencies, increasing guardianship compliance and better quality of care by guardians.

Texas Legal Services Center

\$12,500

"Virtual Court Access Project Video Series"

To support the creation of instructional videos for a new Virtual Court Access Project.

Texas Young Lawyers Association

\$48,000

"Adulting"

To create a multimedia website that educates students and the general public about their rights and responsibilities under the law upon reaching adulthood.

The Equal Justice Center

\$21,000

"Replace and Upgrade Legal Aid Case Management System"

To replace its old electronic case management system with an upgraded and more dynamic case management system.

The SAFE Alliance \$5,500

"SAFE Legal Services: Wills Clinic for Survivors of Violence"

To assist survivors of violence with legal documents should they pass away or become incapacitated/unavailable to their loved ones long-term.

The Texas Tribune \$5,000

""Public Service Journalism on Texas Courts in 2022-2023""

To increase public awareness of key issues affecting Texans in Texas Courts through nonpartisan journalism.

The Way Back \$27,000

"The Way Back's SAFPF Reentry Program for Dallas County Specialty Court"

To support a continuum of care and strategic reentry programs for women and men through case management/coaching and holistic services leading to self-sufficiency.

Traffick911 \$10,000

"Legal Fees & Other Emergent Needs for Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking"

To secure legal services and cover legal fees for survivors of child sex trafficking as needs emerge throughout the year.

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas

\$20,000

"Pro Bono Legal Services for Low-Income Survivors of Domestic Violence"

To provide pro bono legal services to survivors of domestic violence, ensuring survivors have the legal representation needed to leave their abuser and stabilize their lives.

Voz de Ninos \$18000

"Expansion of Advocacy Services for Vulnerable Children in the Foster Care System"

To provide an additional Advocate Supervisor to serve more abused and neglected

children in Webb County.

Women's Empowerment Legal Center

\$5000

"Women's Empowerment Protection Services"

To provide funds so that more protective orders and divorces can be filed for victims of domestic violence.

Φ40,000

YMCA of Greater San Antonio

\$10,000

"YMCA Youth & Government Program"

To connect underrepresented youth with the legal profession and a greater understanding of civic engagement, democracy, enhancing their academic, leadership, and life skills.

Youth Justice Alliance

\$30,000

"YJA Fellowship"

To cover training in legal topics, professional clothing, funding for judicial & nonprofit internships, LSAT support, and academic advising.