TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION GRANTS AWARDED FALL 2023

Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.

\$38,500

"Estate Planning Assistance for Real Property"

To support the development of an estate planning pilot project regarding real estate that will help minimize estate and title issues for low-income families.

Alliance for Children \$10,000

"Support for our Partners to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference."

To provide funding for partners from the district attorney's office, local law enforcement, and/or CPS representatives to attend the statewide Crimes Against Children Conference.

Alzheimer's Association

\$10,000

"Legal and Financial Outreach for Alzheimer's Caregivers"

To provide educational resources and assistance to caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias via Legal and Financial Seminars and Conference.

Austin Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Assistance Program

\$21,500

"Volunteer Management and Engagement"

To purchase and implement a Volunteer Management and Volunteer Engagement solutions systems offered by Microsoft Cloud for Nonprofits.

Austin Young Lawyers Association Foundation

\$15,250

"How to Pick a Jury without a Lawyer in JP & Municipal Courts"

To produce a video to educate pro se litigants on how to execute the voir dire process in Texas JP and Municipal court systems.

Baylor University School of Law

\$13,992

"Baylor Law School Family Law Clinic"

To provide the initial equipment and administrative support to establish the proposed family law clinic for the McLennan County Court.

Better at Last \$10,000

"Education Series"

To purchase equipment needed to host lectures/workshops to better educate older adults on important Elder Law topics.

Bill of Rights Institute

\$10,000

"Civic Education for Texas Teachers"

To provide Texas teachers with training in our Founding principles-based curriculum on civics and US History

CASA for the Highland Lakes Area

\$30,000

"5 County Mobilization"

To support transportation funding for volunteer advocates of CASA for the Highland Lakes Area.

CASA of El Paso, Inc.

\$5,000

"Abuse Prevention Training Program"

To provide an in-person Abuse Prevention Training Program to help staff and advocates recognize inappropriate or suspicious interactions and how to respond effectively.

CASA of Williamson County Texas

\$20,000

"Program Growth"

To hire an additional advocate supervisor allowing to serve more children in Williamson County who have experienced abused and neglected.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas

\$5,000

"Immigration Education and Awareness Initiative"

To provide legal services to the underserved and vulnerable immigrant population through our Immigration Education and Awareness Initiative.

Child Advocates of Fort Bend

\$5,000

"Child Abuse Court Advocacy, Treatment and Prevention Services"

To provide family-strengthening and prevention outreach to child victims of abuse.

Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc

\$7,500

"CACTX Network HIPAA Training and Assessment Program"

To provide ongoing training and support on HIPAA compliance for CACTX's network to ensure the privacy and protection for child abuse victims and their families.

City of El Paso Municipal Court

\$18,807

"Municipal Court Teen Court Program and Mock Trial Team"

To provide the Teen Court Program support for the continuation of positive peer pressure, in a real Justice Program run by teens for teens.

City of McAllen \$7,965

"Teen Court Program Revamp 2023"

To revamp the City of McAllen's Municipal Court's Teen Court Program.

Conference on Crimes Against Women, Inc.

\$19,000

"National Training Center on Crimes Against Women Legal Track"

To provide survivors of gender-based violence with trauma-informed representation by educating attorneys on best methods to support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center

\$15,000

"Specialized Training for DCAC Forensic Interviewers, Family Advocates"

To provide training and professional development for DCAC Forensic Interviewers and Family Advocates.

DIFY Foundation \$24,520

""Immigrant Welcome Center""

To assist, educate and connect legal immigrants and refugees recently arrived with legal and community resources.

Experiential Education Department-Thurgood Marshall School of Law \$15,000

"Staff Attorney and Office Equipment Initiative"

To assist in hiring a dedicated staff attorney responsible for reviewing, adjudicating, managing summer cases, and representing clients during summer hearings.

Family Counseling Service

\$3,000

"Technology Upgrades For Victim Services."

To provide upgrades to technology used in victim & offender services to lower recidivism rates.

Foster Care Advocacy Center

\$15,000

"Community Legal Advocacy Program Case Manager"

To provide a Case Manager to support and expand a pro bono program that provides legal services to prevent the removal of children into foster care.

Harris County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2

\$25,000

"Legal Resource Center"

To create a legal resource center for self-represented litigants and members of the public served by Precinct 1-2 JP Court.

Hope For Three \$4,500

"Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Program"

To provide crisis intervention training and outreach to members of law enforcement and first responders to respond to a mental health crisis effectively.

Houston PEARLS Foundation

\$25,000

"PEARLS Programming"

To provide programming which teaches independent adult living skill to girls to break the generational cycle of poverty, DFPS and justice system involvement.

Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.

\$25,000

"Supervising Immigration Attorney"

To assist with salary expenses in hiring a Supervising Attorney.

Innocence Project of Texas

\$25,000

"Wrongful Conviction Program"

To assist with increasing costs for forensic testing and fees for subject matter experts in order to help free innocent clients.

Kid Net Foundation dba Jonathan's Place

\$20,000

"Emergency Shelter for Abused Children of North Texas"

To provide transportation and supervision for victims of child abuse in Emergency Shelter to meet with attorneys, attend court, and receive crucial services.

Kidsave International

\$25,000

"Weekend Miracles Host Model Outreach"

To assist older kids in foster care so they don't age out alone, through outreach to TX CASAs, attorneys, courts & child welfare stakeholders about the host family visit model.

Lone Star CASA \$7,500

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

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

Lydia Patterson Institute

\$10000

"Increasing Access to Educational Equity for International Students"

To provide student summer stipends for internships with the El Paso County Public Defenders Office.

ME3LJ Center \$5,000

"ISI Radio"

To expand reentry outreach and services to the public via radio and other media related platforms.

Merced Housing Texas

\$30,000

"Project Preventive Legal Assistance for Homeowners in Need (Project PLAHN)" To provide free legal services to homeowners who live on low to extremely low incomes to proactively break cycles of generational poverty.

Mercy Gate Ministries, Inc.

\$7,500

"Online Court Training to Support Victims/Defendants of Sexual Exploitation"
To develop and teach online, customized Court Training to Support Victims/Defendants of Sexual Exploitation classes to court officials and judicial stakeholders statewide.

Metrocare Services \$10,000

"Child & Adolescent Clinic at the Behavioral Health Innovation Center at Hillside"
To assist in building a new Child & Adolescent Mental Health Clinic for youth in the juvenile justice system to receive integrated, evidence-based services.

Mission Granbury

"Project Freedom: Legal Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence"

To provide legal representation for residential and non-residential domestic violence victims in the Family Violence Program.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)- Texas

\$34,264

\$30,000

"Texas Criminal Procedure and Offender with Mental Illness: Analysis and Guide"
To create, publish, and distribute the 7th edition of the "Texas Criminal Procedure and the Offender with Mental Illness: An Analysis and Guide."

Neighborhood Defender Service

\$10,000

"Outreach Programming in Harris County"

To allow the creation of outreach efforts to provide housing defense services to low-income residents in Harris County.

Our Daily Bread \$25,000

"Legal Advocacy Program"

To provide legal assistance to those experiencing homelessness in Denton County.

Respite Care of San Antonio, Inc.

\$1.875

"Security Services for Children with Disabilities Victimized by Abuse"

To ensure the safety and preserve the legal rights of children in two emergency shelters by providing 24/7/365 security services.

Simply Grace \$10,000

"Leading with Purpose"

To fund leadership training for House Managers at 5 transitional living facilities and 4 key staff, including training on how to guide clients to legal assistance.

South Texas College of Law Houston

\$26,400

"Low-Income Tax Clinic Fellowships"

To provide stipends for postgraduate fellowships in the Low Income Tax Clinic who will plan and execute community education and outreach programs.

Texas Advocacy Project, Inc.

\$20,000

"Coordinating Pro Bono Volunteers to Assist Survivors"

To coordinate a statewide pro-bono, civil legal services program for poor and under-served victims of power-based abuse.

Texas Appleseed

\$10,000

"Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence Rebuild Their Financial Lives"

To support a pilot project to train attorneys on how to help survivors of domestic violence claim identity theft if they were victims of coerced debt.

Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Inc.

\$8,100

"Legal Services for Underserved Survivors of Domestic Violence"

To support legal internships, translation, and pro-bono legal services of Family and Immigration law for underserved survivors of domestic violence.

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

\$25,000

"Texas Foster Youth Justice Project (TFYJP) Modernization Initiative"

To improve access to foster resources by updating our Aging Out guide, developing a new website, redesigning TFYJ Project materials, and distributing redesigned outreach items.

The Way Back \$17,500

"Expansion of Critical Services to the Formerly Incarcerated"

To expand comprehensive re-entry services, expand services to more women with specialized needs, and help provide transitional housing.

Traffick911 \$15,000

"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.

Unbound Now \$10,000

"Survivor Advocacy: Supporting Survivors of Human Trafficking in Austin"
To support advocacy work which offers 24/7 on-call crisis response in Austin, including proactive work in detention centers and accompanying victims to court.

Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture

\$15,000

"The Legends Project"

To support the creation of an exhibition and learning guide for Texas schools honoring Charlye O. Farris the 1st African American woman licensed to practice law in Texas.

Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center

\$10,000

"The Power of Us"

To build capacity to meet the critical and increasing needs of kids who have been abused.