# TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION GRANTS AWARDED FALL 2025

3ITAL \$11,900

"Development of the Tool Repository and Education Hub"

To fund development of curated AI tool review repository and CLE-certified education hub, empowering lawyers to safely and effectively integrate AI into their practice.

AccessHealth \$10,000

"Expanding our MLP in Fort Bend to Include Expunctions and Non-disclosures"

To partially fund our in-house lawyer to enact the work necessary to add expunctions and nondisclosures into the workflow for patients eligible for record clearing.

Angel Reach \$10,000

"Preparing for a Brighter Future"

To provide readiness and resource identification for a successful transition to independent living for youth aging out of the foster care system.

# **Boys and Girls Club of the Coastal Bend**

\$5,000

"Justice League: Youth in Action"

To empower youth through civic education, mock trials, and legal mentorship, building knowledge, confidence, and leadership in the judicial process.

### **Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network**

\$12,000

"Family Preparedness Clinic"

To partially fund staff to provide accessible assistance for immigrant families facing increasing legal and social challenges.

Café Momentum \$15,000

"Dream Beyond: Building the Flagship Kitchen"

To support construction of an open-concept innovation kitchen to serve the new Café Momentum facility for justice-involved youth in Dallas.

#### **CASA of Travis County**

\$10,000

"Statewide Dissemination: Training Materials for Court Ordered Services Cases"

To provide training materials to expand CASA's role across Texas in supporting families who have been court ordered to participate in stabilizing services.

CASA of Val Verde \$20,000

"Outreach and Volunteer Recruitment and Training"

To host outreach events for current foster and kinship families, and host events to recruit, train and equip Volunteer Advocates to serve every foster child in Val Verde County.

# **Catholic Legal Immigration Network**

\$5,000

"Virtual Immigration Court Procedure and In-Person Court Trial Skills Training"

To strengthen the courtroom advocacy skills of immigration legal representatives in removal defense.

Children 4 Tomorrow \$21,850

"SCARF/LEAP Integrated Assessment & AI Reporting System"

To deliver technology-enhanced solutions that merge structured assessment tools with an AI-powered platform for report generating in high-conflict child custody cases.

# **Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County**

\$20,000

"Contract Nurse Salary"

To provide for a contract nurse to increase her work days.

### Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend

\$5,000

"Enhanced MDT Coordination"

To enhance coordinated MDT support for child abuse victims, improving court outcomes through trauma-informed services and stronger justice system collaboration.

#### **Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation**

\$12,700

"Red Cord Initiative"

To provide legal services to trafficking victims, including family reunification, immigration processes, and criminal record relief.

# **Community Family Centers**

\$12,000

"Citizenship and Family Preparedness Initiative"

To expand legal aid, citizenship services, and family preparedness and estate planning for immigrant seniors, low-literacy adults, and underserved families.

### **Corazon Ministries Inc.**

\$2,250

"Second Chance, Stronger Future: Reentry Support for the Homeless"

To assist with reentry case management, parole and probation coordination, and peer-led recovery support for justice-involved individuals facing homelessness and addiction.

Dallas CASA \$7,500

"Salary Support for Five New Supervisors"

To provide salary support for new Dallas CASA supervisors.

#### **Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center**

\$12,000

"Pro Bono Legal Defense for Tenants Facing Eviction"

To provide pro bono legal defense to tenants facing evictions.

#### **Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum**

\$7,500

"Upstander Partnership Student Program"

To provide ongoing history-based civics education to students through the Upstander Partnership program.

# Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc.

\$7,500

"Rights and Relief Legal Support Program"

To enhance legal access for immigrants and mixed-status families through community Know-Your-Rights outreach and pro se support, advancing justice.

#### **Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas**

\$10,000

"Wills, Trusts & Guardianship - Education and Support"

To provide critical support to families of individuals with Down syndrome who are beginning the process of establishing a will, trust, or legal guardianship.

El Paso County \$2,500

"Self-Represented Litigant Expanded Services Project"

To expand the services to assist low-income self-represented litigants in El Paso County Family Law Cases through a legal review by a licensed attorney.

### **Emergence Health Network**

\$24,555

"Legalmente Listos"

To educate individuals on behavioral health laws and rights to help them navigate and respond effectively during a crisis.

# **Epilepsy Foundation Central & South Texas**

\$6,323

"Igniting Self Advocacy in Underserved South Texas Communities"

To enhance outreach and support groups that foster self-advocacy skills for underserved individuals and families affected by epilepsy in South Texas.

# Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.

\$20,000

"Legal Services for Survivors"

To provide family law civil legal services to under-represented survivors of domestic and family violence.

#### **Friends of the Children Houston**

\$25,000

"Empowering Family Stability through Caregiver Education"

To support an education initiative designed to empower caregivers currently or formerly involved with Child Protective Services or Child Protective Investigations.

# **Galveston County Clubhouse Inc.**

\$15,000

"Minimizing Criminal Justice System Response to People with Mental Illness"

To help fund a Peer Support Specialist to assist members in the self-assessment protocol to set life-goals which will help them avoid encounters with the justice system.

# Genesis Women's Shelter & Support

\$6,408

"Streamlining the Path to Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence"

To update legal case management software to maximize the capacity of an in-house legal clinic.

Global Refuge \$5,000

"The Wrong Help Can Hurt! How to Avoid Immigration Scams."

To educate Afghan nationals and community partners on the dangers of unauthorized practice of law through accessible information on immigration scams and status protection.

#### **Golden Crescent CASA**

\$8,000

"Miles for Advocacy"

To reimburse CASA staff and volunteers for mileage, ensuring they can travel to advocate for children across the state of Texas.

#### **Greater Austin YMCA**

\$5,000

"Youth & Government: Future Advocates of Texas"

To connect under-served youth to legal mentors, civic learning, and experiential training in law and government.

#### **Ground Floor Collective**

\$5,000

"Supportive Legal Services for Families in Crisis"

To provide direct, coordinated legal supportive services to families in crisis.

# Habitat for Humanity Texas, Inc.

\$10,500

"Building Legal Foundations in Texas Habitat Affiliates"

To create standardized mortgage and disaster forbearance tools to protect low-income Texans, promote legal understanding, and ensure enforceability statewide.

#### Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District

\$8,550

"Empowering Youth Through Law and Civic Engagement"

To empower youth on their legal rights and responsibilities and promote civic engagement through partnership with Court Appointed Special Advocates and community outreach.

Haven for Hope \$21,028

"LexisNexis for In-House Legal Team"

To cover the cost of LexisNexis to ensure legal compliance, mitigate risk, and enhance services for people experiencing homelessness.

Hays County \$10,000

"Mental Health Court Participant Assistance"

To provide expunction resources to graduates and transportation resources for participants from the Mental Health Court in order to help them navigate the criminal justice system.

Hope For Three \$7,500

"Autism Crisis Intervention Training 2.0"

To upgrade and expand law enforcement and first responder Crisis Intervention Training program to a new young adult and adult intervention program.

#### **Houston Area Women's Center**

\$4,500

"Legal Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault"

To support victims of violence in accessing legal services and navigating the criminal and civil justice system.

India House \$3,500

"Legal Services for Economically Disadvantaged Lawful Permanent Residents"

To provide free or discounted legal services to economically disadvantaged lawful permanent residents who file for citizenship.

#### **Innovative Alternatives Inc**

\$5,000

"Victim Services Advocate Support"

To support the Crime Victim Advocacy program.

# **Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston**

\$7,500

"Refugee Legal Services"

To provide legal services to clients in the refugee services program.

# Joaquin in2 Inclusion

\$10,000

"Inclusive Learning Labs: Advancing Access and Equity"

To provide Inclusive Learning Labs that equip schools and families with tools to support education and access for students with disabilities.

### Johnson County Children's Advocacy Center

\$15,000

"Digital Evidence for Justice Project"

To update current equipment and training in order to quickly access digital evidence for all law enforcement agencies in Johnson County.

## **Justice for All Immigrants**

\$8,000

"Deportation Defense"

To provide free legal screenings to detained immigrants, cover expert and court filing fees, and increase access to due process and legal protection.

#### Kid Net Foundation dba Jonathan's Place

\$10,000

"Shelter, Support and Legal Access for North Texas Abused and Homeless Children"

To provide residential care and specialized services, including attorneys ad litem, to victims of child abuse and homeless pregnant and parenting teens.

#### Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center

\$20,000

"Legal Clinic Access Project"

To provide a recurring monthly legal clinic model, offering legal aid tailored to the needs of the local immigrant community.

### League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area

\$5,000

"Voting Rights Education for the Incarcerated"

To create resources explaining voting rights of the incarcerated and those convicted of a felony who have completed all aspects of their sentence.

Let Us Breathe \$5,000

"Second Chances: Reentry Support Program"

To provide case management and advocacy for individuals returning from incarceration with the tools, guidance, and support they need to rebuild their lives.

**Lone Star CASA** \$15,000

"Advocacy for Justice-Involved Youth"

To advocate for justice-involved youth by supporting compliance with probation requirements.

# Longview Teen Court, Inc.

\$17,500

"Teen Court Diversion Training Program"

To promote accountability, reduce recidivism, and prevent a formal criminal record for eligible youth.

# **Neighborhood Recovery Community Development Corporation**

\$9,000

"Next Level – Moving from Information to Action"

To support Transfer on Death Deed clinics, with education and execution.

### **Our Community Law**

\$20,000

"Legal Intern Program"

To support the expansion of the supervised legal internship program.

**Parental Solutions** \$4,500

"C.A.R.E. Plan"

To sponsor court-referred families by providing coordinated care and parent-child visitation to support family reunification and minimizes litigation.

#### **Peer Navigator Project Inc**

\$16,500

"Virtual Peer Navigator Program and Certification Platform"

To add a virtual component to the peer navigator training model, fund new navigators' training and certification, and increase access to training.

**POETIC** \$15,000

"Legal services & data upgrades to expand services for justice-involved youth"

To provide innovative legal services to justice-involved youth, while upgrading the legal collection data system.

# **Prison Entrepreneurship Program**

\$19,500

"Increasing the effectiveness and coordination of volunteers with prisoners"

To launch a new Volunteer Management System to assist volunteers with finding opportunities, coordinate involvement, and engage effectively with participants.

# **Rape & Suicide Crisis Cernter**

\$10,000

"Community Education/Prevention Strategies for Sexual Assault"

To educate students on sexual assault dynamics, prevention, legal processes, and victims' rights through school and university outreach across Texas.

# Refugee Language Project

\$15,000

"Public Defenders Interpretation Service"

To address language gaps of communicating with non-English speakers by providing free phone interpreters to Panhandle Area Public Defenders, enabling immediate communication.

### Respite Care of San Antonio, Inc.

\$2,500

"Case Management and Aftercare Services for Minor Victims of Abuse and Neglect"

To fund case management and aftercare services for children with special needs who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

# Safe City Commission dba One Safe Place

\$5,000

"Family Justice Center"

To address domestic violence issues in Tarrant County.

#### Salvation Army San Antonio Area Command

\$15,000

"Emergency Shelter ID Recovery Resource"

To assist individuals experiencing homelessness to recover or access identification necessary to breaking the cycle of homelessness.

#### San Antonio Bar Foundation

\$15,000

"Bexar Outreach Project Phase III- Public Awareness"

To support the Bexar Outreach Project to expand the reach of SALawHelp.org, through brand awareness, engagement and marketing.

### San Antonio Legal Services Association

\$2,800

"Essential Technology Upgrades"

To improve delivery of free civil legal services and support pro bono attorneys serving low-income Texans.

#### **Seedling Foundation**

\$5,000

"Mentoring for Central Texas Children Who Have an Incarcerated Parent"

To provide youth impacted by parental incarceration with a trained, committed adult mentor.

Selah Life Choices \$5,000

"Legal Pathways"

To provide legal relief to women who have been trafficked and have civil or criminal legal problems as a result of their situation.

# **Shared Housing Center**

\$10,000

"Employment Services"

To provide services to keep families housed.

# **Shepherd Inn Transitional Housing**

\$10,800

"The Inn Corsicana"

To provide transitional housing, addiction recovery and wrap-around services to low income families with legal issues and open CPS cases.

### **Spectrum Linx Foundation**

\$17,550

"Teaching Safe Personal Boundaries and Self-Advocacy for Students with Autism"

To provide scholarships for critical life skills for students with autism, who face higher rates of isolation, misunderstanding, and vulnerability to sexual abuse.

### **Square Mile Community Development**

\$17,500

"Improving Legal Access for Asylum Seekers, International Refugees, and Parolees"

To provide direct immigration support and improve outcomes for asylum seekers and parolees across the Texas Panhandle through vital document assistance.

### **Students of Service (SOS)**

\$10,000

"Public Service and Law Explorers Program"

To introduce high school students to public service and law professions with the aim of improving the lives of underprivileged students and the community.

# **Texas A&M Foundation**

\$2,000

"Clearing and Record Sealing"

To provide legal representation and assistance to individuals considered indigent to petition for eligible expunctions and non-disclosures of criminal offenses.

#### Texas Advocacy Project, Inc.

\$12,500

"Promoting Best Practices for Victim Safety"

To create and promote a report that educates the public about protective orders and enhances best practices for victim safety across Texas.

### Texas Appleseed

\$20,000

"Reducing default judgments in debt collection lawsuits"

To support analysis of a court pilot program that aims to reduce default judgments in debt collection lawsuits by providing defendants with a plain language letter.

# **Texas District and County Attorneys Foundation**

\$4,827

"Online Prosecutor Ethics Training"

To support the filming, production and delivery of a two-hour online ethics training for Texas prosecutors that will be available on demand and free of charge.

### **Texas Legal Services Center**

\$10,000

"Modular Pro Se Form Management Project"

To build a modular, component-based legal forms system for TexasLawHelp.org.

### Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

\$23,814

"Tenant Rights Resource Updates"

To update tenant rights materials to reflect new protections under SB 38, SB 1333, and HB 47, ensuring renters understand their rights in an eviction lawsuit.

**TexProtects** \$20,000

"Improving the Accuracy of Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting in Texas"

To analyze child abuse and neglect overreporting and improve mandated reporter education, ensuring families are connected to needed resources.

# The Arc of the Capital Area

\$15,000

"Expanding Guardianship Services to Individuals with IDD in Williamson County" To expand guardianship services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to Williamson County.

# The Council on Recovery

\$15,000

"Advancing Justice: Educating Prosecutors to Divert Substance-Involved Offenders"

To train Harris County prosecutors on substance use, mental health, and diversion so they can better identify cases for treatment-based alternatives and reduce incarceration.

# The Parenting Center

\$5,000

"Child Abuse Prevention and Clinical Counseling"

To prevent child abuse by reducing trauma, strengthening families, and supporting justice-involved parents with tailored, impactful services.

#### The Well Rockport

\$9,000

"Support to attend the Crimes Against Women Conference and Technology"

To provide training and equipment for staff handling crisis calls, enhancing skills to support victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

# THRU Project

\$5,000

"BreakTHRU"

To help youth with a history of foster care address trauma, build confidence, and strengthen self-advocacy skills.

# **Travis County Juvenile Probation Department**

\$2,500

"Pot of Gold Program"

To educate youth about the effects of crime on victims and helps victims receive restitution for property offenses.

**Unbound Now** \$3,500

"Victim Advocacy for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in Northeast Texas" To expand victim advocacy and legal system support for sexually exploited youth in underserved Northeast Texas counties.

### University of Texas at El Paso

\$11,600

"Law School Preparation Institute (LSPI) High School Law Camp"

To relaunch the LSPI High School Summer Camp, offering students hands-on exposure to the legal profession and insight into careers in law.

### **Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas**

\$5,500

"Staff Professional Development at the 2026 Equal Justice Conference" To fund leadership staff's attendance at the 2026 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference

Voz de Ninos \$15,000

"Empowering Youth Comprehend & Advocate for Their Legal Rights in Foster Care" to provide children and youth in the foster care system with essential life skills and a comprehensive understanding of foster care system legal aspects.

#### **West Central Texas Council of Governments**

\$8,802

"Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Education in West Central Texas"

To educate low income individuals on their tenant rights and responsibilities.

### Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center

\$18,000

"Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Professional Development and Training"

To support court prep, trauma-informed education & MDT training to improve collaboration in child abuse cases & connect families with essential knowledge & support.

#### WTF-Winning The Fight

\$5,000

"The Ripple Effect"

To equip teens and parents with tools to prevent or mitigate substance use, support mental health, and reduce justice system involvement.

#### YMCA of Greater San Antonio

\$5,000

"Empowering Future Leaders Through Youth & Government"

To connect underrepresented youth with the legal profession, provide an understanding of civic engagement & democracy, and enhance critical life & academic skills.