

**TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION
GRANTS AWARDED
SPRING 2026**

ACT - Advocates for Community Transformation	\$30,000
<i>“Commercial Nuisance Abatement for Safer Neighborhoods”</i>	
To support a new civil justice initiative to hold crime-enabling commercial properties accountable and restore safety for vulnerable neighborhoods.	
Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children	\$19,500
<i>“Case Management and Client Tracking Technology Update”</i>	
To update the case management and client tracking system.	
Aid the Silent	\$50,000
<i>“Bridging the Silence: Equal Access Initiative”</i>	
To deliver dual-track legal education to improve ethical compliance, communication access, and legal understanding for Deaf Texans and justice professionals statewide.	
Alliance for Children	\$7,400
<i>“Support for our Court Education/Accompaniment and Emergency Needs Program”</i>	
To support a court education and accompaniment and an emergency needs program.	
Amarillo Area CASA	\$7,000
<i>“Support to attend the CASA Conference and Technology”</i>	
To support staff attendance at the statewide conference and technology upgrades to support for children in foster care.	
AVANCE San Antonio	\$20,000
<i>“Caminos al Futuro Community Legal Aid Clinic”</i>	
To provide case management, legal navigation, and referrals to legal partners to reduce legal and economic barriers for low-income families.	
Better at Last	\$11,500
<i>“Elder Law Education Series”</i>	
To expand elder law education, fraud prevention, with workshops and seminars and by connecting older adults with attorneys.	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Texas	\$8,000
<i>“Future Ready: Keystone Club”</i>	
To support leadership development and a week-long summer camp educating Rockwall teens on law enforcement, civic engagement, and their rights.	

Brighton Center	\$7,000
<i>“Special Education Support Services Program”</i>	
To support special education support services by educating parents about special education laws and how to advocate for educational services.	
Carver Development Board	\$3,200
<i>“Creative Nights: Legal Education for Working Artists”</i>	
To provide working artists with accessible legal education, tools, and one-on-one guidance on contracts, taxes, and intellectual property.	
CASA of Central Texas, Inc.	\$10,000
<i>“Connect and Grow for Increased Advocacy”</i>	
To expand volunteer recruitment initiatives and outreach efforts to better serve the growing number of children in the child welfare system.	
CASA of Galveston County	\$5,000
<i>“Family Engagement Kits to Increase Connection Outcomes for Youth in Foster Care”</i>	
To create tool kits to enhance family engagement, strengthen permanency planning, and improve outcomes for children in care.	
CASA of Southeast Texas	\$6,500
<i>“Early Advocacy Access Project”</i>	
To pilot an early advocacy service expansion, ensuring children and families have meaningful advocacy before adversary hearings.	
Catholic Charities of Central Texas	\$20,000
<i>“Immigration Legal Services Employment Authorization Documents”</i>	
To provide filing fee assistance to immigrants applying for Employment Authorization Documents to obtain legal work authorization.	
Child Advocates of Fort Bend	\$13,250
<i>“Trauma Informed Community Initiative in Fort Bend County”</i>	
To provide training to help professionals and advocates in the Fort Bend County judicial system learn how to engage clients with trauma-informed advocacy.	
Children's Advocacy Center of Central Texas	\$5,000
<i>“Operation Stop Child Abuse Education and Volunteer Enhancement Program”</i>	
To launch a volunteer program to educate on prevention and the investigation process of child abuse.	
Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County	\$22,000
<i>“Prevention Education and Abuse Reporting Outreach”</i>	
To train community members to recognize child abuse and understand legal reporting responsibilities.	

College Possible Texas	\$11,000
<i>“Texas College Access Rights and Transitions Initiative”</i>	
To support college advisors in understanding education law, assess eligibility, and college access rights for Texas students.	
Comal County Family Violence ShelterDBA Crisis Center of Comal County	\$10,000
<i>“Legal Services & Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence”</i>	
To provide pro-bono legal services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.	
Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.	\$3,500
<i>“Summer Legal Internship Program for Houston High School Students”</i>	
To provide a stipend for a high school student who will serve as a legal intern for a non-profit or governmental legal agency.	
Dallas County/Dallas County District Attorney's Office	\$15,000
<i>“Expanding Mobility for Pretrial Diversion Using a Transportation App”</i>	
To improve transportation access for pretrial diversion participants, reducing missed obligations, increasing compliance, lowering violations, & improving program completion.	
Dallas Leadership Foundation	\$5,000
<i>“2026 Workforce Development Initiative”</i>	
To support workforce training, job readiness, and job placement services for justice involved individuals to secure living-wage employment and long-term economic stability.	
Dallas Urban Debate Alliance	\$6,000
<i>“Summer Debate Camp for ESL Students”</i>	
To fund a summer debate day camp for ESL students, building English fluency, confidence, and critical thinking through guided speaking, teamwork, and legal debate.	
Disability Chamber of Commerce RGV	\$20,000
<i>“Legal Pathways to Adulthood for Texans with Disabilities Under Texas Law”</i>	
To provide bilingual legal education to families and adults with disabilities on guardianship, supported decision-making, and safe transition-to-adulthood choices.	
Each One Teach One	\$10,000
<i>“Empowerment Pathways: Literacy for Community Strength”</i>	
To provide adult learners with literacy and legal-navigation skills, so that they can understand documents, access resources, and advocate for their rights.	
Family Counseling Service	\$5,040
<i>“Compassion Satisfaction, Compassion Fatigue, and Ethical Professional Detachment”</i>	
To provide presentations to legal and community partners on the subject of compassion satisfaction, compassion fatigue, and ethical professional detachment.	

Family Eldercare	\$5,000
<i>“Guardianship: Court-Appointed Services for Indigent Adults”</i>	
To provide guardianship service fees for indigent adults to ensure proper care, accurate documentation, and seamless coordination with probate courts.	
Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc.	\$10,000
<i>“KidShare - Safe Haven”</i>	
To increase access to legal information and assistance for families that are in high conflict, under served and living in poverty.	
For the Silent	\$12,891
<i>“HOPE Roars”</i>	
To produce a publication teaching children under the age of 7 lifelong skills of self advocacy and the prevention of sexual abuse.	
Foster Care Advocacy Center	\$10,000
<i>“High Quality Representation for Rural Foster Youth Placed in Harris County”</i>	
To provide in-person legal advocacy for foster youth from rural Texas counties placed in Harris County who cannot otherwise meet with a lawyer.	
Fostering Family DBA The Riverside Project	\$10,000
<i>“Enhanced Youth Advocacy, Support, and Permanency in Child Protection Court”</i>	
To provide a courtroom-based youth closet and individualized staff support to help youth aging out of foster care access community resources, relationships, and stability.	
Freedom House	\$12,500
<i>“Justice Bridge”</i>	
To provide civil legal services for survivors of violent crime, removing financial barriers and improving access to justice, safety, and long-term stability.	
Goodwill Industries of East Texas, Inc.	\$7,800
<i>“Reentry Program, Expungement Services”</i>	
To assist participants with criminal records to complete the expungement process.	
Henderson Co Coalition Against Family Violence d/b/a Breaking Chains	\$10,000
<i>“Legal Assistance Program”</i>	
To provide legal representation to victims of domestic violence in Henderson and neighboring counties.	
Hope Of South Texas, Inc	\$1,500
<i>“The Caregiver Compass Library”</i>	
To provide a focused library providing plain language court guidance, helping caregivers support children and understand court processes.	

Houston Area Suicide Prevention Coalition	\$10,000
<i>“Suicide Prevention Continuing Education for Texas Legal Professionals”</i>	
To provide virtual session equip Texas attorneys and legal professionals to recognize suicide risk in themselves and others and respond.	
Houston PEARLS Foundation	\$25,600
<i>“Transportation Assistance Program”</i>	
To fund program management to maintain background checks, administration, and direct transportation for foster youth who require CPS-approved contacts.	
Houston Recovery Center	\$6,500
<i>“Publishing Recovery Management Outcomes for Justice Involved Clients”</i>	
To publish two open-access, peer-reviewed papers on outcomes for justice-involved clients diverted from jail to sobering and recovery management, defining stabilization benchmarks.	
Houston Urban Debate League	\$6,000
<i>“2026 HUDL-TBF summer camp at the University of Texas - Austin”</i>	
To transport students and provide supplies and materials for summer legal debate camp.	
Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Inc.	\$10,000
<i>“Workers' Rights Initiative”</i>	
To assist low-income applicants in applying for assistance with employment rights issues and help create supportive pro bono materials.	
International Rescue Committee, Inc.	\$9,255
<i>“Texas Immigration Rights Education and Staff Development”</i>	
To fund immigration legal staff training and bilingual Know Your Rights outreach in Dallas and Abilene to help low-income immigrants understand their rights and access legal aid.	
Juliette Fowler Communities	\$10,000
<i>“Legal Assistance for Low-Income Seniors”</i>	
To provide legal assistance to low-income seniors to navigate Medicaid Long-Term Care applications for Assisted Living.	
Justice for Children	\$17,550
<i>“Child Abuse Training for Mandated Professionals”</i>	
To provide statewide online trainings about child abuse laws and issues to professionals who are mandated reporters and/or have mandatory training requirements.	
Madonna Neighborhood Center	\$11,500
<i>“Legal Assistance for Low-Income Seniors”</i>	
To provide education, information, and individual consultation from legal professionals to low-income seniors.	

ME3LJ Center	\$20,000
<i>“No Script Podcast”</i>	
To fund the labor and equipment required for the launch and production of a new re-entry and diversion podcast.	
MOORE CONNECTIONS INC	\$25,000
<i>“Palo Pinto County Teen Court Development Program”</i>	
To develop a teen court program in a rural community; the program design, governance, and program infrastructure.	
NAMI Greater Houston	\$7,500
<i>“Beyond Punishment: A Guide to the Criminal Justice System in Southeast Texas”</i>	
To fund a legally accurate, plain-language publication to educate families on preventing and navigating criminal justice involvement related to mental illness.	
Peoples' Counsel	\$15,000
<i>“Expanded legal support for survivors of unconstitutional police misconduct”</i>	
To provide legal advice, investigative resources, and representation to underrepresented survivors of unconstitutional police misconduct within Harris County.	
Philosophic Systems Institute	\$10,000
<i>“Shadows to Light @INSPIRE Mental Health Court”</i>	
To provide a court-integrated learning space for higher self-efficacy, fewer missed appointments and supervision violations, reduced recidivism, and cost savings.	
Proyecto Azteca	\$13,500
<i>“Protecting Homes Through Estate Planning”</i>	
To provide estate planning education and legal guidance to low-income homeowners to reduce heirs’ property and title issues and prevent involuntary loss of homes.	
Reflection Ministries of TX	\$30,000
<i>“Legal Access for Trafficking Survivors Project”</i>	
To provide crisis stabilization and legal access for human trafficking victims.	
RGV Linking Economic and Academic Development	\$19,500
<i>HIDALGO COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER AND LEGAL EDUCATION PIPELINE INITIATIVE”</i>	
To provide legal education, courtroom exposure, mentorship, and rights-based learning opportunities for students.	

<p>Scouting America, Alamo Area Council <i>“Law Merit Badge Sponsorship”</i> To help make the law merit badge more widely available.</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>Search & Support San Antonio <i>“Justice and Education Pathways for Impacted Families Victim Assistance Project”</i> To provide legal education and guidance to help impacted families understand their rights, navigate justice processes, and stay engaged as victims.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>
<p>SJRC Texas, Inc. <i>“Azure Data Lake – Legal Information Management Project”</i> To fund the legal component of a database system to improve court coordination, legal compliance, and timely caregiver notification for children in foster care.</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>
<p>Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. <i>“2026 Annual Judicial Education Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day”</i> To further judicial expertise, provide a safe environment to exchange ideas, and offer an opportunity for collegiality among the judiciary and its partners.</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
<p>Texas Civil Rights Project <i>“Habeas Corpus Network Project”</i> To provide attorneys with Habeas Corpus litigation training and technical assistance, to expand the statewide network of Habeas Corpus litigators.</p>	<p>\$15,000</p>
<p>Texas Humane Network <i>““Laws for Paws” Symposium”</i> To educate animal-related professionals on federal and state animal laws, such as animal cruelty, wildlife, service animals, and shelter regulations.</p>	<p>\$5,500</p>
<p>Texas Immigration Law Council <i>“Immigrant Justice Across Rural Texas”</i> To expand access to justice for rural low-income immigrants by strengthening legal infrastructure and partnerships across the Panhandle, South Plains, and Laredo.</p>	<p>\$7,500</p>
<p>Texas State Law Library <i>“Texas Legal Oasis Project”</i> To train public librarians in legal deserts in Texas to assist with legal questions and general legal research.</p>	<p>\$21,114</p>
<p>Texas Young Lawyers Association <i>“Texas Future Lawyers Alliance (TFLA)”</i> To provide legal knowledge and information about legal careers for aspiring first-generation lawyers across Texas.</p>	<p>\$43,440</p>

The UT Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health	\$18,750
<i>“Enhancing and evaluating a community court for homeless adults in Bexar County”</i>	
To enhance and evaluate an existing homeless court in Bexar County to divert homeless adults with misdemeanors to healthcare and social services.	
Transformation Park	\$30,000
<i>“Justice Access & Court Navigation Program”</i>	
To improve access to justice and reduce homelessness by removing legal barriers for underserved individuals.	
Transformative Justice Coalition of Wilco	\$7,500
<i>“Transforming Struggles into Testimonies (TST)”</i>	
To provide emerging adults involved with the criminal justice system support for acute needs to increase diversion involvement and success.	
Trinity Kids, Inc.	\$10,000
<i>“Creating Positive Memories: 2026 Royal Family Kids Camp”</i>	
To provide trauma-informed camp experiences for foster children, creating healing, stability, and positive memories through mentoring.	
United Against Human Trafficking	\$3,000
<i>“Trafficking Survivor Identification & Response Initiative”</i>	
To strengthen anti-trafficking efforts in Fort Bend and Greater Houston through coordinated investigations, survivor services, and training for justice partners.	
Unlocking Doors	\$10,000
<i>“Unlocking Peer Support”</i>	
To assist justice involved individuals in understanding the way to handle challenges they may face as they find a sustainable future that is crime free.	
VECINA	\$14,250
<i>“Texas Immigration Legal Resiliency Program”</i>	
To establish a virtual mentorship and Community of Practice to ensure ethical, resilient, and competent legal representation for indigent Texan immigrants.	
Waco Family Medicine	\$9,200
<i>“Medical-Legal Partnership at the Community Resource Marketplace”</i>	
To embed civil legal aid addressing housing, benefits, and other health-harming legal needs when under-served individuals seek medical services.	
Wade Wellness Services	\$9,000
<i>“Family First Program”</i>	
To provide licensed attorneys on behalf of impoverished and disadvantaged families in need of Family Law representation.	

Westlake United Methodist Church

\$13,000

“Supporting Transformative Youth Justice”

To address unfunded needs and requirements of the youth involved in the court-led, pre-trial supervision and diversion program.

Women's Center of Brazoria County

\$15,000

“Ensuring Equal Access to Civil Justice for Domestic Violence Survivors”

To provide civil legal assistance to domestic violence survivors in Brazoria County to improve access to justice.

YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth

\$7,500

“Youth and Government”

To assist with the transportation costs for students participating in the Youth and Government and Junior Youth and Government program to attend state conference.