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## Louisiana Bar Foundation Awards \$12 Million for Civil Legal Aid 2023-24 Statewide Grants

New Orleans, Louisiana- Access to civil legal aid makes our communities stronger by helping people avoid foreclosure, protect themselves from domestic violence, gain custody of loved ones, and safeguard economic security.

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF), a statewide organization, recently awarded more than \$12 million in grants to assist women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, and those facing loss of their homes with civil legal aid issues. Civil legal aid is free legal advice, representation, or other legal assistance provided to low-income and vulnerable people who cannot otherwise afford legal help.

LBF has partnered with local nonprofit, civil legal aid organizations who serve the regions poorest citizens. These funds will provide services that go to the very heart of the health, safety, and security issues many citizens experience.

LBF President Deidre Deculus Robert, said, "Our citizens need legal representation beyond criminal matters. Families need support in several ways, and the funding provided by the LBF to support our legal aid providers and advocates for families and children in need of civil legal aid support is essential."

Click here to see a complete list of 2023-24 LBF grants by funding category.

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Louisiana Bar Foundation is the state's largest funder of civil legal aid. We partner with a trusted network of more than 70 organizations that lead community driven efforts to help families facing non-criminal, civil legal challenges. Our goal is to make sure that all Louisianans, regardless of their background or income level, have access to civil legal services that they need.