



**LOUISIANA BAR
FOUNDATION**
FUNDING CIVIL LEGAL AID

2024-25

\$ 14.5 Million

for Civil Justice Initiatives

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. Since 1989 the LBF has granted more than \$133.3 million in grants to help people across a wide range of issues, including assistance for veterans and military families, domestic violence, senior and elderly services, child welfare services, housing, and unemployment.

Access to Justice Fund Grants \$50,000

Promotes administration of justice and benefits Louisiana’s statewide justice community. Initiatives for consideration must meet at least one of the following criteria: The advancement and maintenance of state-wide technology, the coordination of statewide intake and referral, or disaster/emergency response.

Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$20,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$30,000

Building Capital Development \$281,831

Grants up to \$50,000, on a 50% ratio matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assisting in the acquisition or renovation of an office building and/or property.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$50,000
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$50,000
Baton Rouge Children’s Advocacy Center	\$5,750
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$33,500
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$44,577
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$48,004
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$50,000

Child in Need of Care TBD

Through Acadiana Legal Service Corporation and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services this funding provides free legal representation to children in need of care, foster care, and non-custodial.

Children’s Legal Services \$400,000

Helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development.

Baton Rouge Children’s Advocacy Center	\$25,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$50,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$75,000
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$60,000
First Grace Community Alliance	\$65,000

Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights	\$55,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Education)	\$20,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Immigration)	\$10,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$40,000

Domestic Violence Programs \$1,500,000

Essential services provided by these agencies are shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal services, education of domestic/dating violence, and establishing collaborative relationships with law enforcement, judges, clerks of court, and prosecutors.

Beauregard Community Concerns	\$50,000
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$125,000
D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistant Team)	\$72,925
Faith House, Inc.	\$115,000
Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc.	\$27,000
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$150,000
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard	\$50,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$26,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$95,000
Oasis A Safe Haven	\$50,000
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$129,000
Project SAVE	\$133,075
Safe Harbor	\$60,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$115,000
The Haven, Inc.	\$125,000
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$177,000

Kids’ Chance Scholarships \$57,000

The Louisiana Bar Foundation Kids’ Chance Scholarship Program is helping kids achieve their dreams. The program provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers’ Compensation Act or law.

Law-Related Education \$275,000

The LBF awards grants to entities for law-related educational programs benefitting children and/or the public.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$55,000
Baton Rouge Children’s Advocacy Center	\$35,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$55,000
Emergency Legal Responders	\$10,000
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$57,500
Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	\$12,500
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$50,000

Legal Services Corporations \$4,000,000

Eligible programs are funded by the LSC federal agency and provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$2,085,580
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,914,420

Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$65,740

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides forgivable loans of up to \$7,500 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF. Recipients identities are kept confidential.

Louisiana Housing Corporation Funding \$333,333

Funding is for education, counseling, and direct representation aiding impoverished citizens in matters of title clearing (as it relates to homeowner foreclosure), foreclosure prevention, mediation, and mortgage loan modifications.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$110,000
Lagniappe Law Lab	\$50,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$54,400
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$118,933

My Community Cares \$375,000

The LBF supports the MCC Program which strengthens families and prevents child abuse and neglect preventing the need for foster care. Funding is for full-time attorney positions fully dedicated to MCC work.

Shreveport Bar Foundation – Caddo	\$75,000
The Extra Mile – Lafayette	\$75,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law – Orleans	\$75,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families – Ouachita	\$75,000
Fostering Community – Rapides	\$75,000

Other Legal Service Providers \$672,520

Through staff attorneys and paralegals, these programs provide legal services of a special nature such as mental health and child advocacy mediation.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$123,655
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$110,265
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$75,000
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$60,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$20,000
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$100,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$28,400
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$79,200
St. Francis Cabrini Immigration Law Center	\$50,000
STARC of La., Inc.	\$10,000
The Ella Project	\$16,000

Pro Bono Projects \$1,350,000

Often operated by the local bar association, these projects utilize the local private bar to handle cases for the poor pro bono in many legal areas.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$211,000
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$97,710
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$145,000
Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$124,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$205,000
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$128,290
The Pro Bono Project	\$439,000

Special Program and Project Funding TBD

Collaboration with justice community stakeholders providing umbrella support services to several or all civil legal aid providers.

Jock Scott Community Partnership \$225,000

Panel Grants

Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation. These panels identify needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year. Grants listed are from the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Acadiana	
AVEC Les Enfants	\$5,000
Chez Hope	\$20,000
Bayou Region	
CASA of Terrebonne	\$9,000
Chez Hope	\$16,000
Capital Area	
Chez Hope	\$15,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$10,000
Central Region	
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$13,500
Children's Advocacy Network	\$10,500
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Greater Orleans	
First Grace Community Alliance	\$8,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center	\$2,500
The Pro Bono Project	\$1,500
Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center	\$12,000
Northeast	
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$4,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$12,000
The Wellspring	\$8,000
Northshore	
Family Promise of St. Tammany	\$5,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
NAMI of St. Tammany	\$9,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$10,000
Northwest	
Gingerbread House	\$10,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Project Celebration	\$3,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$3,000
TEAMS	\$3,000
Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$5,000
Southwest	
Family and Youth Counseling Agency	\$25,000

In April, the board approved \$9.5 million in annual sustaining grants, and we anticipate awarding more than \$14.5 million for the next fiscal year which begins on July 1. This is as of May 2024.

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