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## Louisiana Bar Foundation Awards \$14.6 Million for Civil Legal Aid 2024-25 Statewide Grants

(New Orleans, Louisiana) The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF), awarded more than \$14.6 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. Access to civil legal aid makes communities stronger by helping people that need it most.

LBF is part of a statewide network of local nonprofits and civil legal aid organizations who serve the region's 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 Hon. John C. Davidson (Ret.) explains, "For over three decades, the LBF has been a lifeline, providing crucial funding for civil legal aid. This support is indispensable as we navigate through challenges such as increasing poverty rates and dwindling resources for legal assistance. Our mission to ensure access to justice remains paramount and, together, we can continue to make a significant impact in the lives of those in need."

The grants for this year are listed below. The agencies that serve all of Louisiana are listed first in the statewide section. The remainder of the grants are listed by geographical area. Some agencies serve more than one geographical region of Louisiana and/or receive a grant in more than one funding category.

\* denotes an agency that serves more than one geographical region of Louisiana

+ denotes an agency that received a grant in more than one funding category

To view grants by funding category, go to <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/grants-flyer-AUGUST-24.pdf>

### **STATEWIDE \$ 1,805,780**

Innocence Project New Orleans \$20,000

Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education \$57,500

Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division \$12,500

NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare \$79,200

+Disability Rights Louisiana \$135,000

The Ella Project \$16,000

Emergency Legal Responders \$10,000

Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants \$475,650

Kids' Chance Scholarships \$67,000

Lagniappe Law Lab \$370,000  
Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$65,740  
Louisiana Applesseed \$ 334,400  
Pro Hac Vice \$102,790  
Speak Out for Justice! Focus On Civil Legal Aid \$10,000  
Access to Justice Fund Grants \$50,000

**ACADIANA \$6,378,588**

+\*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$5,355,433  
+\*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$228,655  
\*Chez Hope, Inc. \$125,000  
\*Faith House, Inc. \$115,000  
\*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$60,000  
+\*Lafayette Bar Foundation \$178,500  
+\* Baton Rouge Bar Foundation \$316,000

**BAYOU REGION \$10,243,945**

+\*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (St. Mary Parish only) \$5,355,433  
+\*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$228,655  
+\*Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$75,000  
\*Chez Hope, Inc. \$125,000  
\*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes only) \$4,056,357  
The Haven, Inc. \$125,000  
+\*Lafayette Bar Foundation \$178,500  
\*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$100,000

**CAPITAL AREA \$5,046,762**

+Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center \$65,750  
+\*Baton Rouge Bar Foundation \$316,000  
+\*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$228,655  
\*Chez Hope, Inc. \$125,000  
\*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$60,000  
\*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$100,000  
\*Metro Centers for Community Advocacy \$95,000  
\*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services \$4,056,367

**CENTRAL AREA \$6,535,988**

+\*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$5,355,433  
\*Beauregard Community Concerns \$50,000  
+\*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$228,655  
\*Catholic Charities of North Louisiana \$110,265  
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc. \$97,710  
\*D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) \$72,925

\*Faith House, Inc. \$115,000  
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana \$150,000  
\*Project Celebration, Inc. \$129,000  
+\*The Wellspring Alliance for Families \$227,000

**GREATER NEW ORLEANS \$5,415,487**

+\*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$228,655  
+\*Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$75,000  
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard \$50,000  
First Grace Community Alliance \$65,000  
\*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$60,000  
\*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$100,000  
+Louisiana Center for Children's Rights \$83,400  
+Loyola University New Orleans College of Law \$30,000  
\*Metro Centers for Community Advocacy \$95,000  
Project SAVE, a program of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$133,075  
\*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services \$4,056,357  
\*The Pro Bono Project \$439,000

**NORTHEAST \$6,387,278**

\*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$5,355,433  
+\*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$228,655  
\*Catholic Charities of North Louisiana \$110,265  
\*D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) \$72,925  
Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation \$124,000  
\*Project Celebration, Inc. \$129,000  
\*T.E.A.M.S. Training, Education and Mediation for Students \$40,000  
\*The Wellspring Alliance for Families \$227,000  
\*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$100,000

**NORTHSHORE \$5,510,012**

+\*Baton Rouge Bar Foundation \$316,000  
+\*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$228,655  
+\*Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$75,000  
\*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$60,000  
Safe Harbor \$60,000  
\*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services \$4,056,357  
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program dba Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (SAFE)  
\$115,000  
STARC of La, Inc \$10,000  
\*The Pro Bono Project \$439,000  
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany \$50,000

\*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$100,000

**NORTHWEST \$5,984,275**

\*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$5,355,433

\*Catholic Charities of North Louisiana \$110,265

\*Project Celebration, Inc. \$129,000

Shreveport Bar Foundation \$249,577

\*T.E.A.M.S. Training, Education and Mediation for Students \$40,000

\*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$100,000

**SOUTHWEST \$5,844,088**

\*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$5,355,433

\*Beauregard Community Concerns \$50,000

Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse \$26,000

Oasis A Safe Haven for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence \$50,000

Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation \$128,290

St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center \$50,000

Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc. \$27,000

\*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$157,365

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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.*