



# LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION

FUNDING CIVIL LEGAL AID

2026-27

## \$14.3 Million

for Civil Justice Initiatives

Since 1989, LBF has granted more than **\$162 million** in grants to help people with a range of issues, including assistance for veterans and military families, domestic violence, senior and elderly services, child welfare services, housing, and unemployment.

*In April, the board approved more than \$10 million in grants for 2026-27. We anticipate awarding a total of \$14.3 million for the 2026-27 fiscal year which begins on July 1.*

### **Building Capital Development** **\$226,988**

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$50,000
Baton Rouge Children’s Advocacy Center	\$19,334
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$12,588
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	\$50,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$23,935
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$21,131
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$50,000

### **Children’s Legal Services** **\$400,000**

*Helps 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	\$5,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$60,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$50,000
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$50,000
Family and Youth Counseling Agency	\$20,000
First Grace Community Alliance	\$65,000
Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights	\$55,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	\$30,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$45,000
Whistle Stop	\$20,000

### **Domestic Violence Programs** **\$1,500,000**

*Essential services provided by these agencies include legal services, domestic/dating violence education, and establishing collaborative relationships with law enforcement, judges, clerks of court, and prosecutors.*

Beauregard Community Concerns	\$44,000
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$119,500
D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistant Team)	\$69,000
Faith House, Inc.	\$124,000
Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc.	\$14,000

Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$157,000
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard	\$49,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$24,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$91,000
Oasis A Safe Haven	\$48,000
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$97,000
Project SAVE	\$169,000
Safe Harbor	\$49,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$125,000
The Haven, Inc.	\$144,000
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$176,500

### **Law-Related Education** **\$275,000**

*For law-related educational programs benefitting children and/or the public*

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$55,000
Baton Rouge Children’s Advocacy Center	\$30,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$52,500
Dillard University	\$6,000
Emergency Legal Responders	\$5,000
Family and Youth Counseling Agency	\$2,500
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$60,000
Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee	\$1,500
Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	\$10,000
Workplace Justice Project	\$2,500
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$50,000

### **Legal Services Corporations** **\$4,000,000**

*Provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state.*

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,985,624
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$2,014,376

### **My Community Cares** **\$375,000**

*Strengthens families and prevents child abuse and neglect ultimately reducing the need for foster care.*

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

### **Other Legal Services** **\$845,000**

*These programs provide legal services of a special nature.*

Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$119,728
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$115,270
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$74,680
Eden Centers for Hope and Healing	\$4,680
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$74,680
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$99,680
Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights	\$38,270
Louisiana Guardianship Services, Inc.	\$29,680
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	\$34,680
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$90,062
Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$34,680
St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center	\$79,680
The Ella Project	\$17,680
Workplace Justice Project	\$31,550

### **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.*

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

### **Access to Justice Fund Grants**

**\$50,000**

*Promotes administration of justice and benefits Louisiana's statewide justice community. Initiatives must meet one of the following criteria: The advancement and maintenance of statewide technology, the coordination of statewide intake and referral, or disaster/emergency response.*

Disability Rights Louisiana	\$21,550
Lagniappe Law Lab - Disaster Hotline	\$3,000
Lagniappe Law Lab - Navigator	\$20,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$5,450

### **Kids' Chance Scholarships**

**\$45,500**

*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.*

### **Loan Repayment Assistance Program**

**\$96,833**

*The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF.*

### **Pro Hac Vice**

**TBD**

*A portion of the fees collected by the Louisiana state courts through motions for pro hac vice admission filed by out-of-state lawyers not licensed to practice law in Louisiana are directed to the LBF for distribution to the Legal Services Corporations.*

### **Special Program and Project Grants**

**\$715,000**

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

Lagniappe Law Lab	\$465,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$250,000

### **State of Louisiana Child in Need of Care and Adult Civil Legal Aid Services**

**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 noncustodial, and adult civil legal services within the state's civil justice system.*

### **Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants**

**\$270,000**

*Nine Community Partnership Panels serve as regional chapters of the Foundation. Panels identify needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year.*



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