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**Louisiana Bar Foundation Awards \$14.3 Million
for Civil Legal Aid 2026-27 Grants**

(New Orleans, Louisiana) The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF), awarded more than \$14.3 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 core of the health, safety, and security issues many citizens experience. LBF President Mike Mestayer said, "We have the opportunity to right wrongs, to better peoples' lives, and to seek true justice where injustice is seen. By addressing the civil legal needs of our population, we have the ability to effect real change."

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, see our latest flyer [JUNE.grants-flyer.2026.pdf](#)

STATEWIDE \$ 5,613,955

Access to Justice Fund Grants \$50,000
+*Disability Rights Louisiana \$124,680
*Emergency Legal Responders \$5,000
Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants \$270,000
Kids' Chance Scholarships \$45,500
Lagniappe Law Lab \$465,000
Louisiana Appleseed \$250,000
*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
*Louisiana Guardianship Services Inc \$29,680
*NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare \$90,062
Pro Hac Vice \$100,000
Speak Out for Justice! Focus On Civil Legal Aid \$10,000
State of Louisiana Child in Need of Care and Adult Civil Legal Aid Services \$4,084,853
*The Ella Project \$17,680

ACADIANA \$2,788,212

+*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$1,985,624
+*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$217,770
*Chez Hope, Inc. \$119,500
*Faith House, Inc. \$124,000
*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$74,680
Lafayette Bar Foundation \$157,588
The Extra Mile \$75,000
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050

BAYOU REGION \$4,696,131

+*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (St. Mary Parish only) \$1,985,624
+*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$217,770
*Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$60,000
*Chez Hope, Inc. \$119,500
*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$99,680
*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes only) \$2,035,507
*The Haven, Inc. \$144,000
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050

CAPITAL AREA \$3,186,521

+*Baton Rouge Bar Foundation \$316,000
+Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center \$54,334
+*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$217,770
*Chez Hope, Inc. \$119,500
*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$74,680
*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$99,680
*Metro Centers for Community Advocacy \$91,000
*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services \$2,035,507
*The Haven, Inc. \$144,000
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050

CENTRAL \$3,020,882

+*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$1,985,624
*Beauregard Community Concerns \$44,000
+*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$217,770
*Catholic Charities of North Louisiana \$119,728
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc. \$97,710
*D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) \$69,000
*Faith House, Inc. \$124,000
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana \$157,000
Fostering Community \$75,000
*Project Celebration, Inc. \$97,000
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050

GREATER NEW ORLEANS \$3,623,567

*Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$60,000
+*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$217,770
Dillard University \$6,000
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard \$49,000
*First Grace Community Alliance \$65,000
*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$74,680
*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$99,680
+Louisiana Center for Children's Rights \$93,270
+*Loyola University New Orleans College of Law \$189,680
*Metro Centers for Community Advocacy \$91,000
Project SAVE, a program of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$169,000
*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services \$2,035,507
*The Pro Bono Project \$439,000
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050.00

NORTHEAST \$2,971,352

+*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$1,985,624
+*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$217,770
*Catholic Charities of North Louisiana \$119,728
*D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team) \$69,000
*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$74,680
Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation \$124,000
*T.E.A.M.S. Training, Education and Mediation for Students \$45,000
+The Wellspring Alliance for Families \$301,500
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050

NORTHSHORE \$3,755,367

+*Baton Rouge Bar Foundation \$316,000
*Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans \$60,000
+*Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge \$217,770
*First Grace Community Alliance \$65,000
*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$74,680
*Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana \$99,680
+*Loyola University New Orleans College of Law \$189,680
Safe Harbor \$49,000
*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services \$2,035,507
Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (SAFE) \$125,000
*The Pro Bono Project \$439,000
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany \$50,000

NORTHWEST \$2,660,017

+*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$1,985,624
*Catholic Charities of North Louisiana \$119,728
*Frontline Legal Services, Inc. \$74,680
*Project Celebration, Inc. \$97,000
+Shreveport Bar Foundation \$303,935
*T.E.A.M.S. Training, Education and Mediation for Students \$45,000
*Workplace Justice Project \$34,050

SOUTHWEST \$2,380,274

+*Acadiana Legal Service Corporation \$1,985,624
*Beauregard Community Concerns \$44,000
+Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc. \$36,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse \$24,000
Oasis A Safe Haven for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence \$48,000
St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center \$79,680
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation \$128,290
Southwest Louisiana Law Center \$34,680
Whistle Stop \$20,000

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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.