

TEXAS | ACCESS to JUSTICE FOUNDATION

2010-2011 Grant Awards

ADVOCACY, INCORPORATED (\$1,385,654) provides civil legal services to low-income persons with disabilities and mental illness.

AID TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE (\$370,359) provides civil legal services to victims of domestic violence in Harris County.

AMERICAN GATEWAYS (\$272,897) (formerly Political Asylum Project of Austin) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons seeking assistance in Central Texas.

BOAT PEOPLE SOS, INC. (\$147,689) provides civil legal services to low-income Asian immigrant community in Harris County.

CABRINI CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES (\$288,014) provides civil legal services to low-income immigrants who are seeking assistance with asylum and residency issues in Harris County.

CASA DE PROYECTO LIBERTAD (\$258,861) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income seeking assistance in Harlingen and the South Texas area.

CATHEDRAL JUSTICE PROJECT (\$133,533) provides a range of civil legal service to the homeless population of Houston.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS (\$14,047) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons seeking assistance in the Beaumont area.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS (\$20,074) provides a range of immigration representation to persons seeking assistance in the Waco area.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DALLAS, INC. (\$298,457) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons seeking assistance in Dallas and adjacent counties.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SAN ANTONIO (\$247,484) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons seeking assistance in Bexar and Webb counties.

DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND/DALLAS VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROGRAM (\$235,975) provides civil legal services via volunteer attorneys to low-income persons in Dallas.

DIOCESAN MIGRANT AND REFUGEE (\$305,671) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons seeking assistance in El Paso, Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Loving, Hudspeth, Presidio, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler counties.

EARL CARL INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL AND SOCIAL POLICY/THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW (\$118,340) provides civil legal services to low-income African-American residents of Harris County experiencing land loss.

EQUAL JUSTICE CENTER (\$236,977) provides civil legal services to low-income workers in wage claims in Central Texas.

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES (\$185,402) provides civil legal services to low-income victims of domestic violence in Bexar County.

FORT BEND LAWYERS CARE (\$56,098) provides civil legal services via volunteer attorneys to low-income persons in Fort Bend County.

HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM (\$508,525) provides civil legal services via volunteer and staff attorneys to low-income persons in Harris County. This includes funding for the **SOUTHEAST TEXAS LEGAL CLINIC** program which provides legal representation to low-income persons in Harris and surrounding rural counties who are HIV+ or have AIDS.

LAS AMERICAS REFUGEE ASYLUM PROJECT (\$25,076) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons and, particularly

juveniles in detention seeking assistance in the El Paso area.

LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS (\$6,081,952) provides civil legal services to low-income persons in 114 North and West Texas counties.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF LUBBOCK (\$246,494) provides civil legal services to low-income persons in Lubbock

LEGAL HOSPICE OF TEXAS (\$172,512) provides civil legal services to low-income persons in Dallas who are HIV+, have AIDS or other terminal illness.

LONE STAR LEGAL AID (\$6,340,129) provides civil legal services to low-income persons in 72 counties in the East Texas. This includes sub-grants to:

BRAZOS COUNTY CIVIL LEGAL AID REFERRAL, INC. provides civil legal services to the community by recruiting pro bono private attorneys in Brazos County; and **JEFFERSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION PRO BONO PROGRAM** provides civil legal services to the community by recruiting pro bono private attorneys in Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Liberty counties.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER (\$58,216) provides civil legal service to low-income victims of domestic violence in Montgomery County.

NAACP- HOUSTON (\$199,532) provides civil legal services to low-income persons in Harris County.

OFICINA LEGAL DEL PUEBLO UNIDO, INC./TEXAS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT (\$785,485) provides civil legal services to low-income farm workers and *colonia* residents in the Rio Grande Valley and El Paso and to low-income and minority individuals in civil rights matters.

PROBAR – ABA FUND FOR JUSTICE AND EDUCATION (\$40,121) provides a range of immigration representation to indigent, detained immigrants and asylum seekers in South Texas.

REFUGEE AID IMMIGRATION COUNSELING AND EDUCATION SERVICES (\$166,608) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons seeking assistance in Bexar County.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW, CIVIL CLINIC (\$103,074) provides civil legal services in family law cases and Social Security appeals to low-income persons in Harris County.

SOUTHERN DISABILITY LAW CENTER (\$144,089) provides legal representation to low-income persons with disabilities throughout Texas.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY IMMIGRATION CLINIC (\$121,903) provides a range of immigration representation to low-income persons seeking assistance in Bexar County.

TEXAS ADVOCACY PROJECT INC. (\$75,446) provides free legal advice and assistance to victims of domestic violence.

TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER (\$2,297,581) provides legal advice and representation to persons 60+, public utilities advocacy on behalf of low-income persons and support the statewide website and Earned Income Tax Credit projects.

TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID, INC. (\$8,396,825) provides civil legal services to low-income persons in 68 counties in Southwest Texas.

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW CLINIC (\$40,000) provides legal services to assist caretakers of children who were victims of abuse or neglect in Tarrant County.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, IMMIGRATION CLINIC (\$135,250) provides and assists other programs with immigration appeals throughout Texas and provides a range of immigration representation to low income persons in Harris County

VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES OF CENTRAL TEXAS (\$236,823) provides civil legal services via volunteer attorneys to low-income persons in Travis, Williamson and Lee Counties.

YMCA INTERNATIONAL SERVICES (\$196,324) provides civil legal services to the immigrant community in Harris County.



2010 Special Impact Grant Awards (20-month Grants)

\$310,389 **LONE STAR LEGAL AID** to fund the creation of the Tenant Defense Project serving Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery counties for appointment/placement of counsel for persons involved in eviction appeals.

\$347,611 **TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID** to fund the creation of the Border Foreclosure Defense Project which will partner with courts in six underserved counties (Webb, Zapata, Starr, Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy) to represent low-income clients in defense of foreclosure of homes in equity loans, tax loans and reverse mortgages by providing an attorney to represent them.

\$65,000 **SMITH COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION** to fund the creation of a Self-Help Center, employing a full-time Reference Attorney to develop and establish a court-based Self-Help Center in the Smith County Law Library.

\$271,000 **TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER** to fund the creation of the Self-Represented Litigants Project which will develop and provide easily accessible legal information, such as court procedures, standard litigation forms, and, when necessary, individualized advice and brief services from licensed attorneys through a statewide program. Other aspects of the project include using Live Chat on the Texas Law Help website, creating a self-help video for pro se litigants, online document review by attorneys and online document assembly. Their project will also offer Lubbock County Law Library online document assembly stations and a judicial information video.

\$206,000 **LONE STAR LEGAL AID** to fund the creation of the Rural Pro Se Litigation Project in Nacogdoches and Angelina counties which includes: 1) creating court-based self-help centers to provide information and materials and answer questions and provide guidance; 2) web kiosks stationed within these centers for online document assembly; 3) development of standardized and uniform forms in collaboration with county courts; 4) court-based and external pro se clinics covering substantive and procedural issues; and 5) courtroom settlement assistance and community outreach designed to promote pro se in areas such as landlord tenant, family law, domestic violence, probate, consumer, guardianship, small claims and employment.



2010 Special Legal Aid for Veteran Grant Awards

\$35,000 **COMMUNITY JUSTICE FOUNDATION OF THE SAN ANTONIO BAR ASSOCIATION** to fund a staff person and general support to make existing quarterly veterans clinic monthly and work with local legal aid in recruitment, training and support.

\$42,500 **EL PASO BAR FOUNDATION** to fund an attorney, paralegal and general support to coordinate, support and recruit volunteer attorneys for veterans to staff clinics and to work with the local legal aid in recruitment, training and support.

\$35,000 **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** to fund a paralegal and general support to recruit attorneys, collaborate with the local bar associations in their efforts to support pro bono legal services to veterans, and coordinate their offices in creating and supporting veteran clinics.

\$7,500 **TARRANT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION** to fund staff and expenses along with some support costs to assist their Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Committee to recruit and support a pro bono clinic for veterans.

\$47,500 **LONE STAR LEGAL AID** to fund attorney staff to identify veteran's legal needs in their service area, recruit volunteer attorneys to support existing efforts by the SBOT, develop training materials, facilitate with local bar-hosted veterans clinic and work with and collaborate with other partners in their region such as Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program.

\$62,500 **TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER** to fund attorney staff along with costs associated for materials and travel to coordinate outreach among the three LSC-funded legal aid programs to recruit volunteers and hold clinics as well as creating and providing a statewide legal hotline for veterans and to offer training volunteer attorneys in areas not currently served by walk-in legal clinics for veterans.