



GRANTS FUNDED BY THE 2017 CBF INVESTING IN JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

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The 2017 Investing in Justice Campaign made possible more than \$2.1 million in grants thanks to the record-breaking support of nearly 5,100 individuals at 153 participating law firms, corporate legal departments and other law-related organizations, a number of generous matching contributions from participating firms and companies, and additional foundation and government funding the CBF is able to leverage through the Campaign grants process. The Campaign grants to more than 30 pro bono and legal aid organizations in the Chicago area will enable these organizations to provide critical legal assistance to tens of thousands of people in need in our community, including the elderly, the disabled, veterans, children, domestic violence victims and people at risk of wrongfully losing their homes.

The CBF's Campaign grants provide vital operating support to organizations and also support a number of innovative special projects and initiatives that improve access to justice for people in need. The CBF's rigorous grants process ensures accountability and strategically allocates the Campaign funds to maximize impact.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT GRANTS

About two-thirds of this year's Campaign grants—\$1.275 million—was for general operating support grants to dozens of pro bono and legal aid organizations serving the Chicago area. Priority among the CBF's Organizational Support grants is given to organizations that demonstrate considerable impact in their work by providing legal services to substantial numbers of low-income and disadvantaged people in areas of law where there is significant unmet need. The 33 organizations receiving these grants this year include:

Organizations Providing General Legal Aid Services Throughout the Chicago Area

Grants Range from \$90,000 to \$110,000

CARPLS (Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services)

Chicago Legal Clinic (CLC)

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation (CVLS)

LAF (f/k/a Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago)

Organizations with System-wide Impact That Also Support the Efforts of Other Pro Bono and Legal Aid Organizations

Grants Range from \$45,000 to \$75,000

Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR)

Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law (Shriver Center)

Organizations Providing Broader Impact Legal Aid Services and/or Advocacy

Grants Range from \$45,000 to \$72,500

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law & The Law Project

Equip for Equality (EFE)

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH)

Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS)

Legal Council for Health Justice

Life Span—*Center for Legal Services & Advocacy*

National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)

Organizations Providing Specialized Advocacy and/or Legal Aid Services

Grants Range from \$7,500 to \$25,000

Access Living—*Legal Services Department*

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago—*Legal Assistance*

Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL)

Center for Economic Progress—*Tax Clinic*

Centro Romero—*Latin American Legal Assistance Services*

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless—*Law Project*

Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC)

The Family Defense Center

First Defense Legal Aid (FDLA)

Indo-American Center—*Citizenship and Immigration Services*

James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy

Latinos Progresando—*Immigration Legal Services Program*

Lawndale Christian Legal Center (LCLC)

Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)

The Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU—*Children's Initiative*

Uptown People's Law Center

World Relief Chicago—*Immigrant Legal Services*

SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

This year's Campaign also made possible Special Project grants to support innovative projects that make the justice system more user-friendly and accessible for people in need and help tens of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged Chicagoans each year. These grants support court-based projects/help desks and pro bono projects.

Campaign contributions help leverage over \$600,000 in funding for the CBF's Special Projects from other sources, including The Chicago Community Trust's Chicago Area Fund for Legal Assistance, and funds from Cook County and the City of Chicago to support court-based advice desks.

Some of the impactful projects funded by the Campaign include:

Municipal Court Advice Desk—CARPLS & Chicago Legal Clinic

A joint project with the Circuit Court of Cook County, the CBF, CARPLS and Chicago Legal Clinic, this Desk provides free legal assistance to thousands of low-income individuals without lawyers who have cases pending in the Municipal Division, including landlord/tenant and consumer cases.

The Judge William J. Hibbler Memorial Pro Se Assistance Program – LAF

This Desk provides people without lawyers in Federal Court with legal information, advice and limited legal assistance.

Federal Court Settlement Assistance Project – Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Through this Project, the Chicago Lawyers' Committee recruits, trains and supports pro bono attorneys to represent people without lawyers in settlement conferences in federal cases.

City of Chicago Administrative Hearings Advice Desk—CARPLS

This Desk is a joint project with the City of Chicago, the CBF and CARPLS that provides free legal assistance to low-income people with cases pending before the City's Department of Administrative Hearings, including building code violation cases, vehicle impound cases, and other municipal matters.

Illinois JusticeCorps

This is an innovative program through which AmeriCorps volunteers serve as guides to make courts across Illinois, including two courthouses in Cook County, more welcoming and less intimidating for people without lawyers by providing navigational and procedural assistance. The program is a partnership between the Illinois Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, Illinois Bar Foundation, Serve Illinois and the CBF.

For more information about the CBF's grants, visit chicagobarfoundation.org or contact Dina Merrell, CBF Associate Director, at dmerrell@chicagobar.org or 312-554-1206.