



GRANTS FUNDED BY THE 2020 CBF INVESTING IN JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

The 2020 Investing in Justice Campaign made possible more than \$2 million in grants and support thanks to the support of more than 4,200 individuals at 150 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. In the midst of the pandemic, the need for legal services was greater than ever before. Because of our dedicated donors, tens of thousands of Chicagoans were able to access critical legal help at a time when it is more important than ever.

The Campaign grants and support for more than 30 pro bono and legal aid organizations and related initiatives 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 survivors, and people at risk of wrongfully losing their homes. These grants provide vital operating support to organizations and also support a number of innovative special projects and related 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

Over half of this year's Campaign grants were 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 organizations receiving these grants this year include:

County-Wide Legal Aid Hotline

CARPLS (Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services)

County-Wide Pro Bono Program

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS)

Organizations Providing Broader Impact Legal Aid Services and/or Advocacy

Ascend Justice

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
Equip for Equality
Greater Chicago Legal Clinic
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH)
Legal Aid Chicago
Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
Legal Council for Health Justice
Life Span—*Center for Legal Services & Advocacy*
National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)

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

Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR)
Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)
Shriver Center on Poverty Law (Shriver Center)

Organizations Providing Specialized Advocacy and/or Legal Aid Services

Access Living—*Legal Services Department*
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago—*Legal Assistance*
Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL)
Centro Romero—*Latin American Legal Assistance Services*
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless—*Law Project*
First Defense Legal Aid (FDLA)
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
Latinos Progresando—*Immigration Legal Services Program*
Lawndale Christian Legal Center
Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)
The Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU—*Children's Initiative*
Uptown People's Law Center
World Relief Chicagoland—*Immigrant Legal Services*

SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

This year's Campaign also made possible Special Project grants and support for innovative projects that make the justice system more user-friendly and accessible for people in need and help thousands of low and moderate-income Chicagoans each year.

Campaign contributions help leverage over \$700,000 in funding for the CBF's Special Projects from CBF foundation and government partners, including The Chicago Community Trust's Chicago Area Fund for Legal Assistance, and funds from Cook County, Federal Court, and the City of Chicago to support court-based advice desks.

The impactful projects supported by this year's Campaign include:

Bankruptcy Assistance Desk—Legal Aid Chicago

With a corps of pro bono attorneys, this Desk provides legal information, advice, and brief legal assistance to people without lawyers in Bankruptcy Court.

CBF Justice Entrepreneurs Project

Launched by the CBF in 2013, The Justice Entrepreneurs Project (JEP) is an internationally recognized incubator for newer lawyers to launch innovative, socially conscious law practices in the Chicago area that provide affordable services to low- and middle-income people and small businesses, a vastly underserved client base. To date, the JEP has helped over 50 lawyers build sustainable businesses serving this market.

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.

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

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.

Illinois JusticeCorps—The Illinois Bar Foundation

This is an innovative program through which AmeriCorps volunteers serve as guides to make courts across Illinois, including three 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.

The Judge William J. Hibbler Memorial Pro Se Assistance Program—Legal Aid Chicago

With the assistance of dedicated pro bono attorneys, this Desk provides people without lawyers in Federal Court with legal information, advice and limited legal assistance.

Markham Eviction Advice Desk—Legal Aid Chicago

This Desk assists low-income tenants who reside in the Sixth Municipal District and are facing eviction.

Municipal Court Advice Desk—CARPLS & Greater 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 eviction and consumer cases.

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