



GRANTS FUNDED BY THE 2013 CBF INVESTING IN JUSTICE CAMPAIGN MAY 2013

The CBF awarded 100% of the record proceeds raised through the 2013 CBF Investing in Justice Campaign in grants to 38 pro bono and legal aid organizations in the Chicago area. These grants, which totaled more than \$1.8 million, will enable these organizations to provide critical legal assistance to tens of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged Chicagoans in our community, including the elderly, the disabled, veterans, children, domestic violence victims, and people at risk of losing their homes.

The CBF's Campaign grants, which provide vital operating support for the work of these organizations and support a number of innovative special projects and initiatives that improve access to justice for people in need, were made possible thanks to the generous support of over 4,000 individuals and 137 law firms, corporate legal departments, and other law-related organizations that participated in the Campaign.

The 2013 Campaign grants were awarded through the CBF's comprehensive screening and evaluation process that carefully vets organizations and projects before they receive funding. The CBF's grants process is overseen by a highly-regarded board of lawyers and judges who are broadly representative of Chicago's legal community, with the assistance of experienced CBF staff. CBF Board members, along with members of the CBF Young Professionals Board, join staff in making visits to the organizations applying for funding to better inform the Board in making the grant decisions. The CBF's rigorous grants process ensures accountability and strategically allocates the Campaign funds to maximize impact; leverages additional support from government and other sources; and promotes best practices on common issues and collective challenges facing pro bono and legal aid organizations.

Organizational Support Grants

More than two-thirds of this year's CBF Campaign funds – \$1.25 million – again went 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 provide legal services to substantial numbers of low-income and disadvantaged people in areas of law where there is significant unmet need and that demonstrate considerable impact in their work. Organizations receiving these grants include:

Organizations Providing General Legal Aid Services throughout the Chicago Area (Grants Ranging from \$90,000 - \$100,000)

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 Ranging from \$45,000 - \$75,000)

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

Broader Impact Legal Aid Services and/or Advocacy
(Grants Ranging from \$40,000 - \$60,000)

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and The Law Project
Equip for Equality
Health & Disability Advocates (HDA)
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH)
Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services (LAS)
Life Span – *Center for Legal Services & Advocacy*
National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)

Specialized Advocacy and/or Legal Aid Services
(Grants Ranging from \$7,500 - \$32,500)

Access Living – *Legal Services Department*
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
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 Immigration Legal Services*
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless – *Law Project*
Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
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
Lawndale Christian Legal Center
Latinos Progresando – *Immigration Legal Services*
Lawyers for the Creative Arts (LCA)
Midwest Center on Law & the Deaf (MCLD)
The Roger Baldwin Foundation of the ACLU – *Children's Initiative*
Uptown People's Law Center
Working Hands Legal Clinic
World Relief Chicago – *Immigrant Legal Services*

Special Project Grants

This year's Campaign also made possible a variety of Special Project grants to support innovative projects that make the justice system more user-friendly and accessible for those in need. The CBF's Special Project grants enable tens of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged Chicagoans to get critical legal advice and assistance.

Using our system-wide perspective, the CBF helped launch many of these projects in response to gaps in the pro bono and legal aid system. Because these projects have a broad impact on the courts and justice system and align with the CBF's overall priorities, including pro bono and

making the courts more user friendly and accessible to people without lawyers, the CBF is committed to funding these projects for the long term.

Campaign contributions help leverage significantly more funding for the CBF’s Special Projects from others sources, including a special grant the CBF received from The Chicago Community Trust’s Chicago Area Fund for Legal Assistance, cy pres awards received from several federal and state court cases, and funds from Cook County to support court-based advice desks. The amounts listed below include funding that has been leveraged from these other sources.

Court-based Projects/Help Desks

These court-based advice or help desks assist people without lawyers with a wide variety of legal problems. Lawyers who staff these desks “triage” each person’s situation and provide the following services: help them better understand their legal problem; refer them to pro bono and legal aid lawyers when appropriate; give them brief advice and self-help resources for their legal problems; and assist them with completing court documents and forms. Collectively, these desks served nearly 20,000 people last year and helped the courts run more smoothly.

Municipal Division Advice Desk –	
CARPLS	\$212,127**
Chicago Legal Clinic	\$77,935**
Bankruptcy Court Help Desk – LAF	\$100,000†
Expungement Live Call Assistance Project –	
Cabrini Green Legal Aid	\$25,000*†
Chicago Legal Clinic	\$25,000*†
Markham Eviction Defense Project – LAF	\$35,000*†
Immigrant Detainee Help Desk – National Immigrant Justice Center	\$30,000*†
Expungement Assistance Help Desk – Cabrini Green Legal Aid	\$25,000*
Collection Advice Desk – CARPLS	\$25,000*
Domestic Relations Advice Desk – CARPLS	\$25,000*
Parentage and Child Support Pro Se Advice Desk – Chicago Legal Clinic	\$25,000*
Poverty Law Project – Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services	\$25,000*

* The amount listed includes funding from a grant to the CBF from the Chicago Area Fund for Legal Assistance at The Chicago Community Trust.

** The amount listed includes matching funding the CBF received from Cook County.

† The amount listed includes funding the CBF received from cy pres awards.

Pro Bono Projects

These projects engage a significant number of pro bono or volunteer attorneys in providing services to clients and, for some projects, the courts. The organizations administering these projects recruit, train, and support the pro bono attorneys involved.

Disabled Adults Guardian ad Litem Probate Court Pro Bono Project – Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation	\$50,000
Nonprofit Legal Assessment Program – The Law Project	\$50,000
Prisoner Civil Rights Correspondence Project – Uptown People’s Law Center	\$30,000*
SSI/SSDI Overpayment Pro Bono Project – Health & Disability Advocates AIDS Legal Council of Chicago	\$25,000 \$5,000
Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project – Domestic Violence Legal Clinic	\$25,000
Special Education Clinic – Equip for Equality	\$25,000*
Immigrant Children’s Protection Project – National Immigrant Justice Center	\$20,000*

Systemic Initiatives

Many of these projects target a particularly vulnerable population or a specific legal problem. In addition, some of these projects include broader advocacy or capacity building efforts that are consistent with the CBF’s mission and priorities.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Fundors Collaborative	\$50,000
Veterans’ Rights Project – LAF	\$30,000*
Legal Resource Project for Immigration Service Providers – DePaul College of Law	\$25,000*
Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children – Health and Disability Advocates	\$25,000*
Youth Futures – Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Law Project	\$20,000*

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For more information about the CBF’s grants, visit www.chicagobarfoundation.org or contact Ryanne Easley, Director of Grants, at reasley@chicagobar.org or 312-554-1247.