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2023/2024 IOLTA Grants Program Awards

Barnstable County

Organization: **Barnstable County Bar Association**

Program: Barnstable County Probate & Family Court Project

Description: To provide direct legal assistance to pro se individuals through a Lawyer for the Day program and a Pro Bono Conciliation Program at the Barnstable Probate and Family Court. Volunteer attorneys are recruited from the BCBA.

Award: \$19,920.00

Website: www.barnstablebarassociation.org

Organization: **Cape Mediation**

Program: Court Mediation and Conciliation Program

Description: To provide no-fee mediation services in Barnstable and Nantucket Counties. Funds will be used to provide summary process mediation in Falmouth and Orleans District Courts, small claims mediation in Falmouth and Nantucket District Courts, and a civil conciliation program in both the Orleans & Barnstable District Courts.

Award: \$18,000.00

Website: www.capemediation.org

Organization: **WE CAN**

Program: Legal Assistance Program

Description: To provide free legal consultations to low-income women of Cape Cod regarding primarily family law matters, including divorce, child support, and custody issues. Funds will also be used to provide attorney-led Divorce Boot Camps, Family Law Overview workshops, workshops on Legal Issues Facing Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and workshops on Child Support.

Award: \$17,000.00

Website: www.wecancenter.org

Berkshire County

Organization: **Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority**

Program: Housing Services and Mediation Program

Description: To provide legal counseling, informal mediation/negotiation services, and in-court mediation services to resolve landlord/tenant, neighbor, and small claims disputes to landlords, tenants, homeowners, and consumer disputants. Funds will also be used for community legal education programs.

Award: \$36,000.00

Website: www.bcrha.com

Organization: **Berkshire Immigrant Center**
Program: Immigration Legal Services and Education
Description: To assist low-income Berkshire County immigrants by providing advice, information, advocacy, referral and support on issues related to immigration, employment, housing, and social services. Funds will be used to conduct a semi-monthly walk-in clinic offering consultation with an immigration atty.
Award: \$25,000.00
Website: www.berkshireic.org

Organization: **Health Law Advocates, Inc.**
Program: Mental Health Advocacy Program for Kids-Western MA
Description: MHAP for Kids provides legal representation to families to help them overcome barriers to mental health care for children and minimize their involvement in juvenile court. Initially launched in 2012 in two pilot sites (Lowell and Lynn), MHAP for Kids now serves a statewide service area, and 10 total sites. This grant specifically provides funding for the Pittsfield office.
Award: \$20,000.00
Website: www.healthlawadvocates.org

Bristol County

Organization: **Bristol County Bar Association**
Program: Pro Bono Conciliation Project
Description: To conduct a pro bono conciliation project that seeks to remove as many cases as possible from the Bristol County Probate & Family Court trial docket and to get the parties to self-determine case outcomes. Pro bono conciliators drawn from the BCBA focus primarily on pro se litigants.
Award: \$10,000.00
Website: www.bristolcountybarassociation.org

Organization: **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts INC.**
Program: Immigration Law Programs
Description: To provide low and no-cost legal assistance for low-income refugees and immigrants, including legal services such as representation in court proceedings and interviews, multi-lingual community education forums, and outreach to local detainees and victims.
Award: \$110,000.00
Website: www.cssdioc.org

Organization: **Court Appointed Special Advocates of Bristol County Inc**
Program: Court Appointed Special Advocates of Bristol County Inc
Description: To recruit, train and supervise volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates in Bristol County who will zealously advocate for the best interest of vulnerable, at-risk children in the foster care system.
Award: \$10,000.00

Organization: **Pension Action Center, University of Massachusetts Foundation as fiscal agent**
Program: Pension Action Center Helpline and Case Advocacy for Older Adults
Description: PAC offers brief counsel and full direct representation to elders seeking to recover rightful pension benefits. PAC is the only source of free pension legal assistance in Massachusetts.
Award: \$15,000.00
Website: www.umb.edu/pensionaction

Organization: **South Coastal Counties Legal Services**
Program: SCCLS General Support Grant
Description: To provide general support for SCCLS' delivery of civil legal services to low-income clients in Southeastern Massachusetts.
Award: \$221,768.00
Website: www.sccls.org

Organization: **The Women's Center**
Program: Legal Advocacy Program
Description: To assist individuals seeking protection from abusive relationships by advising them of their options in regard to filing restraining orders and/or criminal charges, offering victims the information and resources needed to make informed choices, and by assisting them to access pro-bono legal services. Program serves the 12 towns and two cities that comprise the greater New Bedford/Fall River area.
Award: \$30,000.00
Website: www.thewomenscentersc.com

Essex County

Organization: **Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, Inc.**
Program: Child & Adolescent Legal Services (CALs) Program
Description: To provide a comprehensive approach to child advocacy, implementing a wide range of legal and related services to children in MA. Services include direct representation, information and referral, technical assistance and training to attorneys, parents, and youth-serving professionals; community outreach and education, and systemic advocacy.
Award: \$65,000.00
Website: www.clcm.org

Organization: **Essex County Bar Association**
Program: Housing Court Lawyer for a Day Program and Homelessness Prevention Project
Description: To provide legal advocacy and mediation to low-income or marginalized tenants and landlords in the Salem session of the Northeast Housing Court. Low-income or marginalized clients will receive assistance from pro bono attorneys serving as lawyer for the day. This is a successor program of North Shore Community Action Programs' LDP which has operated at the housing court for nearly 20 years.
Award: \$20,500.00
Website: www.essexcountybar.org

Organization: **Essex County Bar Association**
Program: Multi-Court Pro-Bono Conciliation Program
Description: To remove as many cases as possible from the Essex County trial docket using over 192 pro bono conciliators from the ECBA to resolve conflict, at no cost to the parties or courts, prior to trial at six courthouses in Essex County.
Award: \$23,580.00
Website: www.essexcountybar.org

Organization: **Essex County Bar Association**
Program: Probate and Family Court Pro Bono Lawyer for the Day Program
Description: To support low-income individuals in Probate and Family Court matters, such as divorce, custody, child support, visitation, guardianship, abuse prevention, and restraining orders. Attorneys volunteer their time at Essex County Probate Courts.
Award: \$20,468.00
Website: www.essexcountybar.org

Organization: **Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center**
Program: Domestic Violence Family Law Program
Description: To provide free and reduced fee legal representation to low-income victims of domestic violence in northern Essex County with their safety and family law issues. Services are provided both by a staff attorney and a pro bono attorney panel.
Award: \$38,316.00
Website: www.jeannegeiger.org

Organization: **North Shore Community Mediation, Inc.**
Program: Court and Community Mediation Program
Description: To provide pre-screening and mediation services at the small claims and summary process sessions in the Salem, Peabody, and Gloucester District Courts, to juvenile CRA or HPO cases from the Essex County Juvenile Court, and complex divorce and separation cases from the Salem session of the Essex County Probate & Family Court.
Award: \$9,000.00
Website: www.nsmediation.org

Organization: **Northeast Legal Aid**
Program: NLA General Support Grant
Description: To provide general support for NLA' delivery of civil legal services to low-income clients in Northeastern Massachusetts.
Award: \$159,066.00
Website: www.northeastlegalaid.org

Franklin County

Organization: **Collaborative Resolutions Group**
Program: Family Mediation Program
Description: To offer low or no-cost divorce, post-divorce, custody, and relationship mediation services to low-income couples. Funds will also support the On-site Introductory Mediation Programs at the Franklin, Hampshire & Hampden Probate and Family Courts.
Award: \$20,000.00
Website: www.collaborativeresolutionsgroup.org

Organization: **Franklin County Bar Association**
Program: Legal Aid Program
Description: To support reduced-fee attorneys providing legal services to low-income children, elders, and victims of domestic violence who are at risk of exploitation, abuse, homelessness, and continued poverty. The Franklin Probate and Family Court encourages program participation to assist in dealing with the high volume of pro se litigants.
Award: \$55,000.00
Website: www.franklincountybar.org

Organization: **Quabbin Mediation**
Program: Four-County Mediation Services
Description: To provide free mediation services for small claims cases in Orange and Eastern Hampshire District Courts, and referrals from the Franklin County Probate & Family Court's Orange sessions. Veteran mediators, trained through Quabbin's Veteran Mediation Program, will be utilized for any cases involving veterans.
Award: \$30,000.00
Website: www.quabbinmediation.org

Hampden County

Organization: **Community Legal Aid, Inc.**
Program: CLA General Support Grant Western MA
Description: To provide general support for CLA's delivery of civil legal services to low-income clients in Western Massachusetts.
Award: \$179,558.00
Website: www.communitylegal.org

Organization: **Hampden County Bar Association**
Program: Children's Law Project
Description: To provide legal representation for children involved in cases in the Probate and Family Court. Funds will also be used to recruit and train lawyers to serve as advocates at a reduced fee for children involved in family law cases.
Award: \$70,000.00
Website: www.hcbar.org

Organization: **Hampden County Bar Foundation**
Program: Hampden County Legal Clinic
Description: To provide free, essential legal and law-related services to Hampden County litigants in need through legal clinics and lawyer for the day programs.
Award: \$15,000.00

Organization: **Western New England University School of Law Center for Social Justice**
Program: Consumer Debt Initiative
Description: To provide a multi-faceted approach designed to address the often debilitating economic and legal consequences of being in financial debt through the provision of free legal services.
Award: \$25,000.00
Website: <https://www1.wne.edu/law/centers/center-for-social-justice/index.cfm>

Hampshire County

Organization: **Center for New Americans**
Program: Center for New Americans
Description: To provide immigration legal services to low-income immigrants at low or no cost. Funds will be used to provide informational workshops, legal counsel, and application assistance.
Award: \$20,000.00
Website: www.cnam.org

Organization: **Hampshire County Bar Association**
Program: HELP & DRPC
Description: To address the unmet civil legal needs of the low-income elders 60 years of age or older in Hampshire County and to provide direct representation for children exposed to conflict in domestic relations cases in Hampshire County and who are ineligible for any other form of legal assistance. Local attorneys are paid on a reduced fee basis and each attorney takes at least one case pro bono.
Award: \$15,000.00
Website: www.hampshirebar.org

Organization: **Safe Passage**
Program: Legal Advice & Referral Panel
Description: To provide legal assistance to low-income survivors of domestic violence. Services will be provided by a staff attorney and a panel of reduced fee attorneys who provide legal consultation, advice, and representation to clients.
Award: \$27,500.00
Website: www.safepass.org

Middlesex County

Organization: **Community Dispute Settlement Center**
Program: Divorce/Family/Juvenile District Court Mediation
Description: To provide mediation services to low and moderate income litigants in the Probate & Family and District Courts, both on-site at the courts and off-site at CDSC. Funds will be used to provide mediation to address issues related to married and unmarried separating couples, as well as small claims, summary process, and other complex civil issues.
Award: \$17,500.00
Website: www.communitydispute.org

Organization: **De Novo Center for Justice and Healing**
Program: DeNovo General Support Grant
Description: To provide general support for De Novo's delivery of civil legal services to low-income clients in Greater Boston Region 1.
Award: \$150,170.00
Website: www.denovo.org

Organization: **Housing Families, Inc.**
Program: Homelessness Prevention & Legal Services Program
Description: To assist low-income clients at-risk of becoming homeless by staffing the Lawyer for the Day Program at Malden District Court, as well as the Woburn session of the Northeast Housing court, and providing weekly Eviction Defense Clinics. Funds will support the legal staff who, together with a pro bono panel, will provide legal representation, information, advice, and referrals.
Award: \$30,000.00
Website: www.housingfamilies.org

Organization: **Jewish Family and Children's Service**
Program: Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Description: To provide low-income families facing food insecurity with legal services needed to maintain nutrition benefits via the SNAP program.
Award: \$15,000.00
Website: <https://www.jfcsboston.org/>

Organization: **Mediation Works Incorporated (MWI)**
Program: Court Mediation Program
Description: To prevent homelessness and streamline court proceedings by providing court-connected mediation services for summary process cases at 6 district courts in Norfolk, Suffolk and Plymouth Counties. MWI is approved to serve at 5 add'l District Courts in Suffolk, Bristol and Middlesex counties, and hopes to expand services to those courts as well. Funds will also be used to recruit and train volunteer mediators, with a special focus on multilingual mediators.
Award: \$12,000.00
Website: <https://www.mwi.org/public-service-initiatives>

Organization: **MetroWest Legal Services**
Program: MWLS General Support Grant
Description: To provide general support for MWLS' delivery of civil legal services to low-income clients in Greater Boston Region 3.
Award: \$150,170.00
Website: www.mwlegal.org

Organization: **MetroWest Mediation Services, Inc.**
Program: Court Mediation & Conciliation Services
Description: To provide mediation services to individuals referred by the Framingham, Natick, Concord, and Marlborough District Courts, as well as the Middlesex County Juvenile and Probate and Family Courts.
Award: \$20,000.00
Website: www.metrowestmediationservices.org

Organization: **Middlesex County Bar Association**

Program: Pro Bono Conciliation Program

Description: To reduce the backlog of pending cases in the Middlesex Probate and Family Court using pro bono conciliators. The conciliators will meet with the parties and counsel to provide guidance and insight or to provide a reasonable solution to an existing logjam in the negotiations.

Award: \$15,000.00

Website: www.middlesexbar.org

Organization: **Saheli, Inc.**

Program: Legal Advocacy Program

Description: To increase awareness about the cultural aspects and challenges unique to immigrant communities by organizing workshops for law students at Boston area law schools. Funds will also be used to organize free legal clinics and educational workshops led by practicing attorneys, making legal help for immigrant victims of domestic violence more accessible.

Award: \$16,900.00

Website: www.saheliboston.org

Organization: **The Second Step**

Program: Steps to Justice

Description: Provides high-quality, trauma-informed, free legal services to survivors of domestic violence. Services include direct representation and limited assistance on matters related to abuse prevention, family law, housing and immigration. Serves Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Essex counties.

Award: \$20,000.00

Website: www.thesecondstep.org

Norfolk County

Organization: **DOVE, Inc.**

Program: Legal Advocacy Program

Description: To provide direct legal assistance through advice, document preparation, and/or limited representation to domestic violence survivors primarily in Norfolk County.

Award: \$25,000.00

Website: www.dovema.org

Plymouth County

Organization: **Pilgrim Advocates, Inc.**

Program: Lawyer of the Day

Description: To support a Lawyer for the Day program in the Plymouth and Brockton Probate and Family Courts every court day of the year, as well as two attorneys one day a week in the Southeast Housing Court. Volunteer lawyers will assist pro se litigants onsite at the courts.

Award: \$12,000.00

Organization: **Plymouth County Bar Association**
Program: Plymouth County Probate & Family Court Conciliation Program
Description: To support a pro bono conciliation project that will seek to remove as many cases as possible from the Plymouth County Probate & Family Court trial docket. Funds will be used to train pro bono conciliators drawn from the PCBA and to support the program coordinator.
Award: \$5,000.00
Website: www.plymouthcountybar.com

Suffolk County

Organization: **Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE)**
Program: Free Legal Assistance for Environmental Justice
Description: To provide free legal assistance in environmental justice cases to low-income communities and communities of color who cannot afford counsel. Services will be provided by staff attorneys as well utilizing a network of pro bono attorneys.
Award: \$10,000.00
Website: <https://ace-ej.org/>

Organization: **Boston CASA, Inc.**
Program: Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children and Youth
Description: CASA recruits, trains and supervises volunteer "court appointed special advocates" who are appointed by judges of the Suffolk County Juvenile Court to serve and advocate for court-involved children who have experienced abuse and neglect.
Award: \$15,000.00
Website: www.bostoncasa.org

Organization: **Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.**
Program: Legal Advocacy Program
Description: To provide legal representation, information and referral, legal counseling, court accompaniment, outreach, and education to victims of domestic violence who are shelter guests, community clients, and hotline callers. Funds will also be used to support a medical-legal partnership program at MGH and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Casa Myrna's anti-trafficking program.
Award: \$50,000.00
Website: www.casamyrna.org

Organization: **Finex House, Inc.**
Program: Legal Advocacy Program
Description: To provide in-house, comprehensive legal services to survivors of domestic abuse and their children. The staff attorney will assist clients with family law issues such as divorces, spousal support, child custody and support, benefits, housing advocacy, and immigration issues.
Award: \$23,000.00
Website: www.finexhouse.org

Organization: **Flaschner Judicial Institute**
Program: Education Programs and Publications for Judges
Description: To provide independent educational programs designed specifically for the Massachusetts Judiciary.
Award: \$175,000.00
Website: www.flaschner.org

Organization: **Greater Boston Legal Services**
Program: GBLS General Support Grant
Description: To provide general support for GBLS' delivery of civil legal services to low-income clients in Greater Boston Region 2.
Award: \$250,284.00
Website: www.gbls.org

Organization: **HarborCOV**
Program: Immigration Legal Services for DV Survivors
Description: To provide specialized immigration legal services to survivors of domestic violence using an integrated model rooted in a consistent, supportive, client-directed relationship between the legal advocate and client. In addition to the staff attorney, the program utilizes trained domestic violence advocates who are accredited DOJ representatives to deliver assistance to clients through a trauma informed lens.
Award: \$10,000.00
Website: www.harborcov.org

Organization: **Health Law Advocates, Inc.**
Program: Medical-Legal Partnership for Immigrants (MLPI)
Description: To increase access to health care for low-income immigrants by providing them with direct legal services to help them enroll in MassHealth and receive coverage for specific services. Services are delivered through partnerships with community health centers where legal assistance is provided on site.
Award: \$25,000.00
Website: www.healthlawadvocates.org

Organization: **Immigrant Family Services Institute, Inc. (IFSI-USA)**
Program: Immigrant Family Services Institute
Description: To provide long term stability to the Haitian community in Mattapan and surrounding areas through the delivery of immigration legal services, as part of a holistic multi-level "village model" approach to successful immigration and resettlement.
Award: \$25,000.00
Website: www.ifsu-usa.org

Organization: **JRI Health Law Institute**
Program: Serving the Underserved: Closer to Home
Description: To provide legal assistance to indigent people living with HIV/AIDS primarily in southeast and western Mass. Project lawyers will provide onsite intakes with formally collaborating agencies and health centers and provide representation on matters involving vital needs, such as access to disability benefits, housing, and health insurance.
Award: \$15,000.00
Website: www.jri.org/hli

Organization: **Justice at Work**
Program: Legal Services and Training for Immigrant Workers in Low-Paying Jobs
Description: Assists workers in low-paying jobs in utilizing small claims court as an effective tool to rectify, punish, and deter wage theft (a situation in which an employer violates wage and hour laws, often through nonpayment of a worker's regular and/or overtime wages). Funds will be used to train law students, advocates, and staff; provide legal advice; and represent workers in small claims court.
Award: \$30,000.00
Website: www.jatwork.org

Organization: **KIND, Inc.**
Program: Legal and Social Services for Unaccompanied Children in Massachusetts
Description: To support a staff attorney who will represent high needs unaccompanied children in the Boston area. Given the children's complex legal cases and social needs, high needs unaccompanied minor cases are not a good fit for most pro bono attorneys and this project expands KIND's capacity to help them.
Award: \$25,000.00
Website: www.supportkind.org

Organization: **Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing & Homelessness, Inc.**
Program: Massachusetts Legal Clinic for the Homeless & Low-Income Residents
Description: To conduct legal services clinics to the homeless and near homeless using volunteer attorneys at several area homeless shelters, including the Pine Street Inn, St. Francis House, Medeiros Center, and the Women's Lunch Place. Funds will also be used to provide training to volunteer attorneys.
Award: \$20,500.00
Website: www.lawyersclearinghouse.org

Organization: **Lawyers for Civil Rights - Boston**
Program: Lawyers for Civil Rights HealthJustice
Description: To support a medical-legal partnership with MGH Health Care Center in Chelsea. A LCR attorney will receive referrals from the medical providers and provide free legal assistance in matters that impact a family's abilities to seek and sustain medical treatment that leads to improved health outcomes.
Award: \$10,000.00
Website: <http://www.lawyersforcivilrights.org>

Organization: **Mabel Center for Immigrant Justice**
Program: Legal Representation
Description: To provide expert pro bono legal services to asylum-seeking families that have been separated, detained in family detention centers, and/ or subjected to expedited removal through the dedicated docket.
Award: \$20,000.00
Website: www.mabelcenter.org

Organization: **Massachusetts Advocates for Children**
Program: Children's Law Support Project and Education Justice Project
Description: To address the legal needs of children from low-income families who face barriers to equal educational opportunities. Funds will be used to provide in-house and pro bono legal advice and representation and to conduct systemic advocacy as well as training and support to private attorneys and advocates.
Award: \$50,000.00
Website: www.massadvocates.org

Organization: **Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition**
Program: 40 Hour Immigration Law Training
Description: To provide an in-depth, 40-hour training on immigration law to forty staff at nonprofit organizations. Following completion of the training, MIRA will support students through the process of applying for recognition and accreditation through the DOJ's Office of Legal Access Programs (formerly managed by the Board of Immigration Appeals).
Award: \$15,000.00
Website: www.miracoalition.org

Organization: **Massachusetts Law Reform Institute**
Program: Mass Legal Answers Online
Description: To support a statewide virtual legal helpline. Through a secure website, low-income clients statewide pose questions regarding civil legal issues that will be answered online by pro bono attorneys. Attorneys and clients can access the site at anytime, as long as there is an internet connection. This program is part of an ABA effort to launch virtual legal helplines in every state.
Award: \$10,000.00
Website: www.mlri.org

Organization: **Massachusetts Law Reform Institute**
Program: Statewide Equity, Stability, & Justice Project 2023-24
Description: To support MLRI's impact advocacy and technical assistance to frontline legal aid providers and anti-poverty advocates, with particular focus on immigration, housing, racial equity & justice issues.
Award: \$60,000.00
Website: www.mlri.org

Organization: **Pine Street Inn**
Program: Homeless Court Program
Description: To support the Homeless Court, which is currently held at the Pine Street Inn. This specialty court assists homeless individuals in the removal of default warrants for low level felonies which are legal barriers that impede their ability to secure housing, employment, and substance disorder treatment.
Award: \$15,000.00
Website: www.pinestreetinn.org

Organization: **Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project**
Program: PAIR Asylum and Detention Program
Description: To represent immigrants seeking political asylum by combining the resources of the private bar, law schools, and nonprofit agencies and to advise and represent detained immigrants seeking asylum, waivers, and other relief in Immigration Court, and release on bond, parole, and habeas corpus petitions in federal court. Program also conducts Know Your Rights presentations to detainees, refers clients to its pro bono and reduced fee panels, and trains attorneys on detainee issues.
Award: \$115,000.00
Website: www.pairproject.org

Organization: **Prisoners' Legal Services**
Program: Health Equity and Brutality Project
Description: To ensure that prisons and jails identify, provide treatment for, and accommodate prisoners with chronic illness and mental health issues, and to provide advocacy for prisoners who have been assaulted by correctional staff. The project works to enforce prison regulations and other significant prisoners' rights.
Award: \$80,000.00
Website: www.plsma.org

Organization: **Rian Immigrant Center**
Program: Immigration Legal Services and BMC Expansion Project
Description: To assist low-income immigrants by providing a full range of legal services, beginning with consultation at the program's weekly legal clinics. Staff attorneys and BIA accredited representatives provide immigrants, asylees, and refugees with legal advice and/or full representation. Includes services provided through the Medical Legal Partnership for Immigrants in collaboration with Health Law Advocates.
Award: \$50,000.00
Website: www.riancenter.org

Organization: **Rosie's Place Inc.**
Program: Legal Clinics for Low-income, Poor, and Homeless Women
Description: To provide legal services to the guests of Rosie's Place, predominantly low-income and homeless women, through legal clinics and one-to-one consultations with staff and pro bono attorneys.
Award: \$17,500.00
Website: www.rosiesplace.org

Organization: **Third Sector New England**
Program: The Family Law Project at The Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
Description: To provide legal representation to low-income parents with mental illness who are at risk of losing custody and all contact with their children. This project is a collaboration between Third Sector New England and the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee.
Award: \$38,000.00
Website: www.mhlac.org

Organization: **Veterans Legal Services, Inc.**
Program: Veterans Legal Services Program
Description: To provide free civil legal services to low-income military veterans so that they may achieve and maintain stable housing, economic security, and healthy families. Services are delivered on-site at veterans' homeless shelters, service centers, and VA facilities and range from on-the-spot advice to full representation.
Award: \$60,000.00
Website: www.veteranslegalservices.org

Organization: **Women's Bar Foundation of Massachusetts, Inc.**
Program: Family Law Project for Domestic Abuse Survivors
Description: To provide referrals for pro bono legal assistance to low-income survivors of domestic violence. The project recruits and provides ongoing training and mentoring for volunteer attorneys in the areas of domestic violence, divorce, child support, custody, and visitation.
Award: \$25,000.00
Website: <https://wbawbf.org/content/wbf>

Worcester County

Organization: **Ascentria Community Services**
Program: Immigration Legal Assistance Program
Description: To provide free legal services, including direct representation, managed referrals, and pro se assistance, to low-income political asylum seekers, unaccompanied minors, and victims of trafficking, violent crime, domestic violence, and labor exploitation.
Award: \$75,000.00
Website: www.ascentria.org

Organization: **CASA Project, Inc.**
Program: Child Court Advocacy Program
Description: To provide volunteer CASA court advocates for abused and neglected youth in the Worcester County Juvenile Court, to ensure they receive needed services while in litigation, and to help them move quickly to safe, permanent homes. Funds will be used to monitor each case assigned and volunteers serving in the program.
Award: \$50,000.00
Website: www.thecasaproject.org

Organization: **Catholic Charities Diocese of Worcester Inc.**
Program: Catholic Charities Worcester County's Immigration Legal Assistance Program
Description: To meet the needs of recent immigrants to the US within the Worcester County, Massachusetts area by providing a holistic and culturally competent legal representation to foreign-born individuals.
Award: \$30,000.00
Website: <https://www.ccworc.org/>

Organization: **Community Legal Aid, Inc.**

Program: CLA General Support Grant Central MA

Description: To provide general support for CLA's delivery of civil legal services to low-income clients in Central Massachusetts.

Award: \$169,812.00

Website: www.communitylegal.org

Organization: **Dismas House of Central Massachusetts**

Program: BAR None Program

Description: To provide assistance to recently released ex-prisoners on any outstanding civil legal issues that are barriers to successful community reintegration. All assistance is provided free of charge to the client.

Award: \$28,500.00

Website: www.dismasisfamily.org

Organization: **YWCA of Central Massachusetts**

Program: Court Advocacy

Description: To provide certified advocates onsite in the district and probate courts to provide advocacy and support services to victims of domestic violence seeking intervention and protection through the courts. The program serves Worcester Probate and Family Court, as well as the District Courts in Ayer, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster, Winchendon, and Worcester.

Award: \$25,000.00

Website: www.ywcacm.org