

2018 -2021 Community Redevelopment Grants

TOTAL Awarded: \$1.63 million (over 3 years)

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP): (Full award: \$173,240.00)

Black Belt Disability Project

The Black Belt Disability Justice Project (BBDJP) will focus on the protection of children with disabilities in Alabama's Black Belt. It will include individual and systemic advocacy related to delinquency and dependency proceedings, mental health services for Medicaid-eligible children, the well-being of children placed in residential facilities, among other critical legal barriers for children with disabilities. The project will also advocate for the provision of appropriate educational services to students and related systemic educational equity.

Alabama State Bar Volunteer Lawyers Program: (Full award: \$235,000.00)

AL Bankruptcy Assistance Project

Four of the State's volunteer lawyers programs have come together to establish a truly innovative statewide project, the Alabama Bankruptcy Assistance project, aimed at expanding pro bono assistance across the state for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The project will include developing standardized pro bono training and providing coordinated administrative support for the pro bono attorneys.

Birmingham Aids Outreach: (Full award: \$315,000.00)

BAO-MAO TeleLaw Partnership

Taking advantage of the state-of-the-art technology & tele-medical experiences at the Montgomery Advocacy Outreach (MAO) and the legal team located at Birmingham Aids Outreach (BAO), a tele-legal pilot project will be established to serve South Central counties. This pilot will bring medical, social work and legal team members together to serve clients. Data and experience gained from this pilot phase will allow for the expansion of this model to other legal aid providers.

Equal Justice Works: (Full award: \$111,600.00)

Redevelopment Fellowships

This grant will establish an EJW Fellowship position focused on revitalizing and stabilizing low-income communities. The Fellow will be a recent law school graduate who demonstrates a commitment to public interest law. He/she will design and deliver an entrepreneurial project addressing an unmet legal need in a community or region. The Fellow will benefit from Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training.

Legal Services Alabama: (Full award: \$585,000.00)

Rural Economic Improvement Project

The Rural Economic Improvement Project (REIP) will be initiated at Legal Services Alabama as a systemic approach to addressing the legal and economic needs of rural citizens. REIP will provide direct services in nine-counties of the Black Belt while establishing a statewide focus on better meeting the needs of rural citizens across the state. The expansion of local & statewide partners will assist in producing significant & sustainable impact for individuals & rural communities.

Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham: (Full award: \$240,000.00)

Serving Veterans: Protecting those that have protected us

Serving Veterans: Legal Program is a bold "passing gear" initiative that will accelerate existing & create new high quality, free, legal services for low-income veterans. Emphasis will be placed on accessible training for pro bono lawyers, increasing collaborative, community partnerships and sharing lessons learned with other legal aid providers.