



GRANTS MATRIX AT-A-GLANCE

State-Administered Federal Funds that can Support Legal Aid

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General support for legal aid	AmeriCorps State and National, VISTA, NCCC, and Senior Corps	AmeriCorps is a national service program to address community issues. AmeriCorps volunteers can help with recruiting and capacity building, among others.	Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)	No, but CNCS has a long history of legal aid and court grantees	Justice for Arkansans Project: Combats housing instability and employment barriers Mid Minnesota Legal Assistance: VISTA members maintain their websites	US DOJ: Guide to the AmeriCorps State and National Program for Legal Aid Organizations ¹ Guide to the AmeriCorps VISTA Program for Legal Aid Organizations ²	Legal aid organizations and courts apply to their state commission. CNCS provides contact information and state-specific deadlines ³
	Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	CSBG provides funding to lessen poverty, address the needs of low-income individuals, and services and activities to increase self-sufficiency.	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Community Services	Yes, legal services regarding employment, education, among others ¹	Idaho Legal Aid Services: Workers' rights and family violence Los Angeles, CA: 5 legal aid organizations provide family law, housing and immigration	ACF: Factsheet states what services are eligible ² National Legal Aid & Defender Association: Presentation on legal aid and CSBG ³	HHS provides a contact list of state officials and program contacts who oversee CSBG ⁴
	Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)	SSBG provides funding to achieve self-sufficiency, prevent abuse, and prevent/reduce inappropriate institutionalized care.	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Community Services	Yes, legal aid is included among the 29 Uniform Definitions of Services (45 CFR § 96) ¹	Pennsylvania Legal Aid: general legal services Vermont Legal Aid: partners with the Vermont Agency of Human Services for low-income persons	ACF: Annual reports on how states use SSBG ² States are required to publish a state plan	ACF lists state officials and program contacts that oversee SSBG ³
Crime victim	Family Violence Prevention and Services Formula Grants (FVPSA)	FVPSA funds more than 1,600 organizations that provide domestic violence services and prevention programming	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau	Yes, provided by statute (42 USC § 10408) ¹	Idaho's Women and Children's Alliance: Legal and court advocacy program Minnesota's Battered Women's Justice Project: Training for referrals	Congressional Research Service funding reports for FVPSA ² 2-page FVPSA Fact Sheet ³	HHS lists the state administration offices and their respective websites ⁴
	STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant	STOP grants are awarded to states to develop and strengthen response to violence against women and enhance services for survivors	U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Violence Against Women (DOJ OVW)	Yes, read 28 CFR § 90, ¹ 34 USC § 10441 (b), ² and grant program solicitation ³	Maine's Pine Tree Legal Assistance: Supports victims of violence in rural areas Kentucky: Regularly awards to regional legal aid providers	US DOJ: Frequently Asked Questions regarding STOP Formula Grants ⁴ Link to formula grant amounts for each state ⁵	DOJ OVW provides a STOP Administrator contact list, with primary and secondary contacts for each state ⁶
	Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Formula Grants (VOCA)	Victim assistance formula grants provide funding to help victims of all types of crimes	U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (DOJ OVC)	Yes, read new rule: 28 CFR § 94.119(f). ¹ Allows for legal assistance services where need arises as a result of victimization	Massachusetts, Washington State and Michigan: Statewide legal aid networks to help crime victims	VOCA Allocations by State ² DOJ OVC: VOCA resource map ³ and VOCApedia ⁴ JGP VOCA FAQs ⁵ JGP State Examples ⁶	The DOJ OVC's US Resource Map of Crime Victim Services & Information lists this information for each state ⁷
Family	Title IV-D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity)	This state-federal partnership allows the federal government to reimburse \$2 for every \$3 the state spends on program costs for child support services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	Yes, read final rule, 45 CFR § 304.20 (b)(3) (vi), ¹ 45 C.F.R. § 304.21 (a) ²	California: Court-based facilitators provide legal assistance to parents Texas Legal Services Center: Hotline provides information about custody and visitation	The Self-Represented Litigation Network: Resource Guide for IV-D funding ³ HHS: Who is served by the Title IV-D program ⁴ JGP Title IV-D FAQ ⁵	HHS OCSE has a map of contacts by state ⁶
	Title IV-E (Federal Payments for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance)	Title IV-E supports programs that assist foster placement and adoption of children. Federal matching funds are determined based on states' per capita income	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Children's Bureau (CB)	Yes, CB allows costs for attorneys representing a child or parent ¹ Read 2020 CB FAQ on Legal Representation ²	Since 2019 Kansas Legal Services has been providing legal services to families facing barriers to the placement of related children in their homes, as an alternative to foster care	American Bar Association: Technical overview of Title IV-E ² NACC Resources ³ NLADA & JGP Title IV-E Webinar, September 2020 ⁴	The US DHHS Children's Bureau has a directory of foster care contacts and links to information specific to each state ⁴
Multipurpose	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	CDBG provides services, affordable housing, and job opportunities to people living in vulnerable communities. It also provides disaster relief	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development	Yes, funding can be used for a variety of legal, housing, and community development related services ¹	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services: Funds expungement clinics and filing fees in their Clean State Expungement Program	HUD: Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for State CDBG Programs ²	HUD lists contact information, report awards, jurisdictions, and other data for organizations on their website ³
	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	This federal cash assistance program helps states implement a variety of activities that adhere to one or more of the four program purposes	U.S. Department of Health, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Family Assistance	HHS FAQs clarify that states can use TANF funds for legal help for needy families ¹	Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma: TANF funds support a range of legal services Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education: Coordinates statewide domestic violence legal assistance project	HHS: States' most recent TANF spending ^{2,3} JGP: TANF FAQs ⁴	HHS has a listing of state administering agencies ⁵

Health

Employment/
Reentry

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State Opioid Response grants (SOR grants)	SOR grants provide funding for states to reduce unmet treatment need and overdose related deaths through prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD)	U.S. Department of Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	The Funding Opportunity Announcement contains broad language that could potentially include legal services ¹	Vermont Legal Aid: Establishing three medical-legal partnerships to provide legal advocacy through biweekly office hours, trainings, and legal clinics	SAMHSA: Grant awards and abstracts are available online ²	SAMHSA has a list of agencies, individual project summaries, and individual grant awards from 2018 ³
Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program	This program awards grants to states and territories to provide medical and support services to people living with HIV/AIDS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)	Yes, the 2018 Policy Clarification Notice lists legal services as an allowable service ¹	Georgia: AIDS Legal Project helps people with legal matters related to HIV status Maryland Legal Aid: The Ryan White Project provides free legal services	HSRA: Program fact sheets ^{2, 3} HRSA: Page with program recipient resources ⁴	HSRA provides state profiles ⁵ and main contact numbers for the HIV/AIDS Bureau ⁶
SABG/MHBG (Substance Abuse Block Grant & Mental Health Services Block Grant)	SABG and MHBG provide funding for services to prevent and treat substance use disorder, severe mental illness, and emotional disturbance	U.S. Department of Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	The FY 2020-2021 Block Grant Application includes Medical Legal Partnerships as a potential use of funds ¹	Legal Aid of West Virginia: Provides advocacy, legal assistance, and referrals to children	SAMHSA: Map with SABG and MHBG funding every year ² States are also required to publish state plans online for public comment	SAMHSA has an contact list of each state's administering agency and point of contact ³
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)	WIOA provides supportive services for job seekers, youth, and vulnerable individuals to find and retain employment	U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment & Training Administration	Yes, legal aid services are included in WIOA's Final Rule, 20 CFR §§680.900, 681.570 ¹	Tulsa, Oklahoma: Workforce Tulsa has an MOU with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma to provide legal services to individuals seeking work ²	DOL: Online Excel spreadsheet listing how much each state spends on different WIOA programs ³	DOL's Career One Stop website lists each state's workforce development board ⁴

Endnotes

AmeriCorps

- <https://www.justice.gov/archives/atj/page/file/899371/download>
- <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/atj/legacy/2012/07/12/vista-manual-7-3.pdf>
- <https://www.nationalservice.gov/about/contact-us/state-service-commissions>

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ocs/comm_ocs_csbg_factsheet_nov2018.pdf
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ocs/comm_ocs_csbg_factsheet_nov2018.pdf
- https://legalaidresourcesdotorg.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/aba-pac_nlada-federal-funding-presentation.pdf
- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/state-officials-and-program-contacts>

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ssbg/about>
- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/ssbg-annual-reports>
- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/ssbg-contacts>

Family Violence Prevention and Services Formula Grants (FVPSA)

- <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/10408>
- <https://www.everycrsreport.com/reports/R42838.html>
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fysb/fvpsa_state_and_tribal_factsheet_081518_508.pdf
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fysb/fvpsa_state_contacts.pdf

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

- <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/28/part-90>
- <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/34/10441>
- <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1257711/download>
- <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1008816/download>
- <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/awards/fy-2019-ovw-grant-awards-program#STOP%20Formula>
- <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/stop-administrators-contact-list>

Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Formula Grants (VOCA)

- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/07/08/2016-16085/victims-of-crime-act-victim-assistance-program>
- <https://ovc.ojp.gov/fy-2020-voca-assistance-and-compensation-solicitations-and-allocation-tables>
- <https://oip.gov/ovc/map.html>
- <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/victims-crime-act-voca-administrators/vocapedia>
- <https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/toolkit/upload/faqs-about-voca-1-7-19.pdf>
- <https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/toolkit/module-3.cfm>

Title IV-D - Child Support and Establishment of Paternity

- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/resource/final-rule-flexibility-efficiency-and-modernization-in-child-support-enforcement-programs>
- <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-12-20/pdf/2016-29598.pdf>
- <https://www.srln.org/node/53/resource-title-iv-d-funding-resource-guide-srln-2014>
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/programs/css/iv_d_characteristics_2016_census_results.pdf
- <https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/toolkit/grant-faqs.cfm#collapse-5364036>
- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/resource/state-and-tribal-child-support-agency-contacts>

Title IV-E - Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/public_html/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy_dsp.jsp?citiID=36
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/technical_bulletin_faq_legal_representation.pdf
- ABA Title IV-E Resource
- <https://www.naccchildlaw.org/page/TitleIVforLegalRepresentation>
- <http://www.nlada.org/node/34001>
- <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/2015StateFosterCareContacts.pdf>

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/sites/onecpd/assets/file/Basically-CDBG-State-Chapter-7-Public-Services.pdf>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2179/guide-national-objectives-eligible-activities-state-cdbg-programs/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/#/byState>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- See questions 19 and 20: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/resource/q-a-use-of-funds?page=all>
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ofa/tanf_financial_data_fy_2019_91020.pdf
- TANF Spending FY 2019 Charts
- <https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/toolkit/grant-faqs.cfm>
- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/help>

State Opioid Response grants (SOR)

- <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-20-012>
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/awards/2020/TI-20-012>

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/program-grants-management/ServiceCategoryPCN_16-02Final.pdf
- <https://data.hrsa.gov/data/fact-sheets#>
- <https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Publications/factsheets/program-factsheet-prgram-admin.pdf>
- <https://hab.hrsa.gov/program-grants-management/ryan-white-hiv-aids-program-recipient-resources>
- <https://hab.hrsa.gov/stateprofiles2018/#/>
- <https://hab.hrsa.gov/program-grants-management/bureau-contacts>

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) and Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG)

- https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/fy_2020-2021_block_grant_application_and_plan.pdf
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants-awards-by-state>
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants/contacts>

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2016-08-19/pdf/2016-15975.pdf>
- See 1-pager on OK and WIOA at <https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/toolkit/module-3.cfm>
- <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/budget/spending-updates/annual>
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/WorkforceDevelopment/find-workforce-development-boards.aspx>



This resource provides an at-a-glance view of The Justice in Government Project's Grants Matrix, available at: <https://legalaidresources.org/> (see Module 2)