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Floodwater accumulates on May 4 in a residential area following significant rainstorms in Coldspring. Credit: Callaghan O'Hare for The Texas Tribune



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As we reflect on 2024, we are proud to share the transformative work made possible by your support. Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) continues its mission to protect and advance the rights of low-income Texans.

This year, LSLA handled more than 25,111 cases benefitting legal services to more than 61,289 individuals.



Your support empowers the ‘underdog’—families, veterans, seniors, and survivors—who face legal systems often stacked against them. With legal aid, everyday Texans do not just get legal help—they get justice.

Paul E. Furrh, Jr.

OUR MISSION

To protect and advance the civil legal rights of low-income Texans by providing advocacy, legal representation, and community education that ensures equal access to justice.

2024 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

61,289

Individuals Served

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



LSLA's work during 2024 reaffirmed and continued its essential role in upholding judicial responsibility and delivering real results for Texas families. As Chair, I am proud to witness the direct impact of legal aid—from assisting families impacted by our area's 2024 severe weather events to restoring dignity to survivors of violence.

LSLA remains committed to our mission and to the 'underdog'—those who too often face systems alone. We thank our hard-working staff, funders, volunteers, and the communities who make justice possible.

Elizabeth Mata Kroger
Chair, Board of Directors

14.4%

of our service area is
low-income

**122 LSLA
lawyers**

serve a poverty
population of 2 million

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Helping Families Recover from Disaster

Responded to East Texas Flood, a Derecho, and Hurricane Beryl.



Keeping Roofs Over Heads

Prevented displacement across major cities.



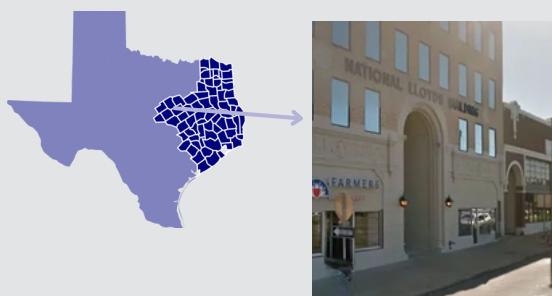
Securing Basic Needs Like Healthcare & Food

Secured vital benefits like Medicaid and SNAP for over 8,000 clients.

Serving Those Who Served

Delivered legal aid to Veterans via VA clinic partnerships.

WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING



Lone Star Legal Aid was a life saver for my wife and myself. Being an army Veteran on disability, we didn't know where to turn, and by chance we came across Lone Star Legal Aid. Mrs Fergie and Mrs Johnson are kind, compassionate, and they are the consummate professionals.

Waco Office, June 2025

2024 IMPACT

61,289

individuals served

12,400+

housing cases defended

1,750+

veterans assisted

\$15.3 million

in economic benefits secured

8,000+

domestic violence survivors protected

1,200+

education sessions held



STORY OF JUSTICE

Cecelia

When Cecelia's mother passed away without a will, the family home she had shared with her mother for years became the subject of complex heirship issues. With twelve children in the family and no clear title, Cecelia—living with a disability and unable to manage rising property taxes—faced the imminent threat of foreclosure.

Lone Star Legal Aid's Staff Attorney, Mariah Gorom, intervened. She navigated the heirship process, secured written agreements from Cecelia's siblings to transfer their ownership rights, and obtained critical property tax exemptions, including Homestead and disability protections. Through this work, Cecelia gained clear title to her home and the stability to remain in it.

Mariah notes, "Proper estate planning—especially the creation of a valid will—is the most effective way to prevent complicated heirship disputes and protect families from devastating outcomes like tax foreclosure."

Names have been changed to protect the identity of the client(s).



STORY OF JUSTICE

Laura

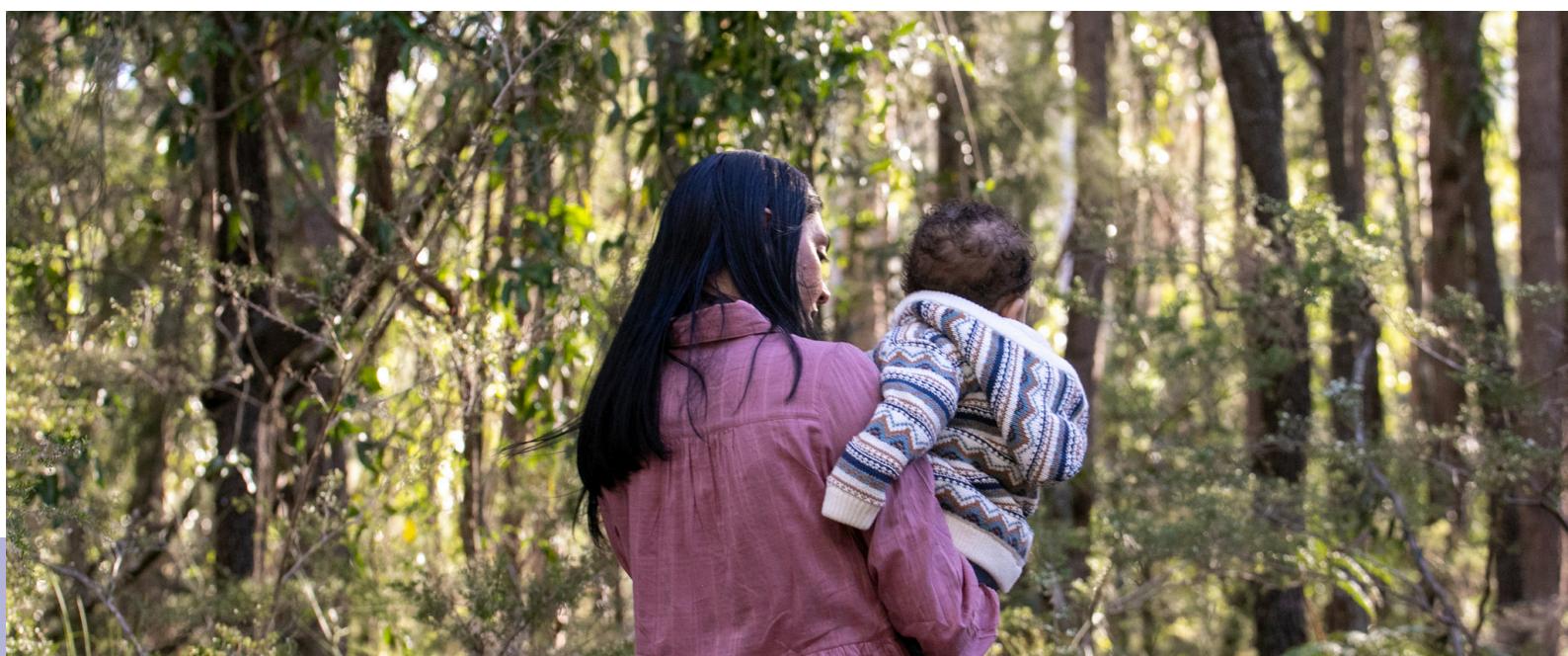
Laura's husband violently assaulted her, leaving her fearful for her and her children's safety. After his arrest on felony assault charges, she obtained a Protective Order and turned to Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) for help with divorce and custody.

LSLA staff Attorney, Cheranda Robertson, stepped in when delays threatened to prolong the case with a bold strategy: presenting an Agreed Final Decree of Divorce directly to Laura's husband during his criminal sentencing.

Her negotiation secured a powerful outcome—sole custody for Laura, a finding of family violence, unrestricted relocation rights, strict visitation limits, permanent injunctions, child support, and full protection of her personal information.

"This is one of the most favorable settlements I've obtained for a client," Robertson shared. Thanks to LSLA, Laura and her children were able to close a painful chapter and begin the new year with safety and hope.

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WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING



Mr. Thai Nguyen has been excellent help in getting my traffic tickets taken off my record in order for me to get my driver's license back. If need be to go with you to court, he will and he helps a lot. Thank you very much sir for your hard work.

Houston Office, August 2024

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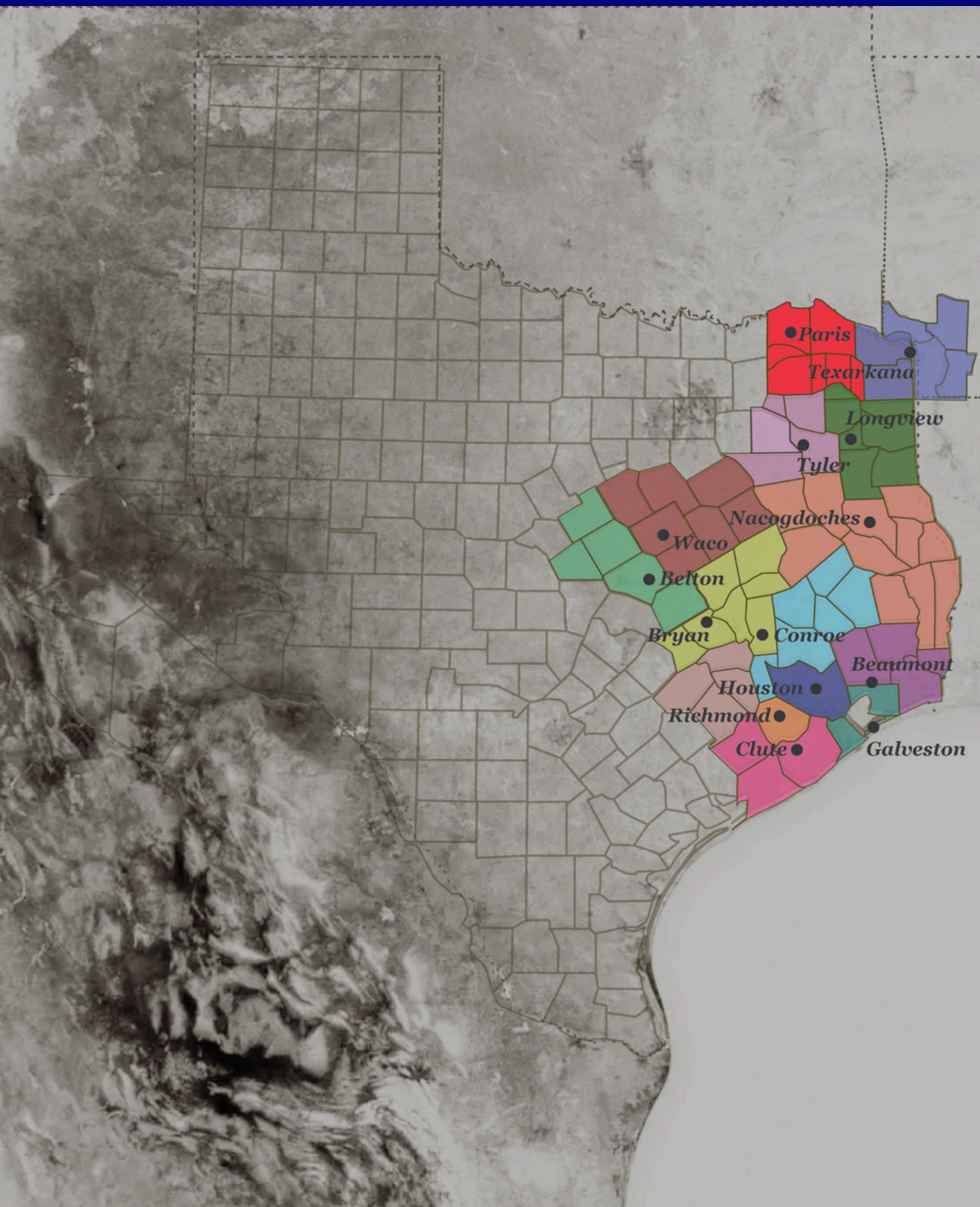
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2024

Federal and State Grants	\$42,207,837
Local Grants	\$1,282,385
Other	\$106,188

Grand Total \$43,596,410

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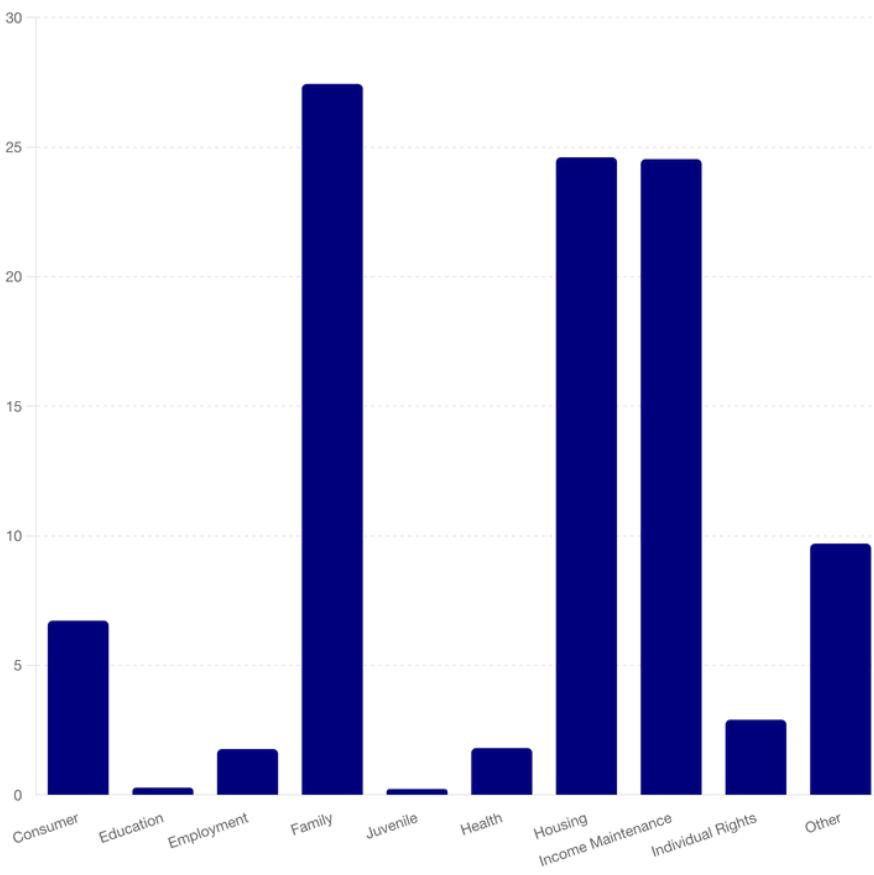
2024

Program	\$38,442,908
Administration	\$4,940,578
Fundraising	\$38,249

Grand Total \$43,421,735

Community Reinvestment: Types of Cases Handled

Y Percentage of Total Cases by X



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WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING



I had called a few places before I was referred to Lone Star Legal Aid and it was a GOD send. I appreciate being given all of the information good or bad upfront.

Nacogdoches Office, 2024

IN 2025, Lone Star Legal Aid remains committed to ensuring that all Texans—regardless of income—have a fair chance to resolve civil legal issues affecting their safety, health, and financial stability. Our work this year focuses on expanding rural access, supporting Veterans and older adults, strengthening protections for survivors of violence, and promoting housing stability and economic security, particularly in communities facing disasters or rising costs of living. With your support as a volunteer or donor, we can continue to protect vulnerable families and strengthen communities across Texas.



WHAT'S REQUIRED OF SENIOR AND DISABILITY HOUSING IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY?



WHAT OUR CLIENTS
ARE SAYING



To say I am very fortunate that Lonestar Legal Aid exists would be an understatement. I was waging a uphill battle against an unscrupulous organization and they came through in the clutch for me when things were looking bleak. I am forever grateful to Lonestar Legal Aid, Megan and Carlos. There are still good people and organizations left in this world.

Richmond Office, 2025

