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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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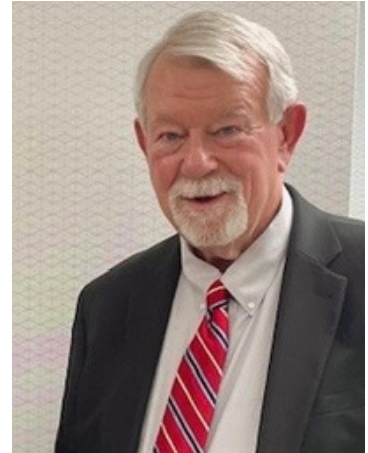
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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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

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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

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# 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

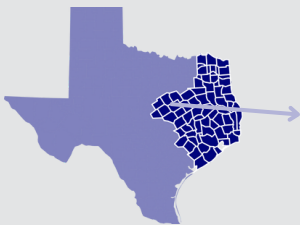
Secured vital benefits like Medicaid and SNAP for over 8,000 clients.



## 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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# PRO BONO VOLUNTEERS



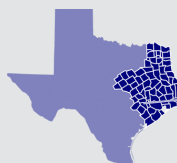
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## WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING



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

# FUNDERS

We are proud to be supported by a diverse community of funders whose generosity makes it possible for us to protect and advance the civil legal rights of Texans every day.

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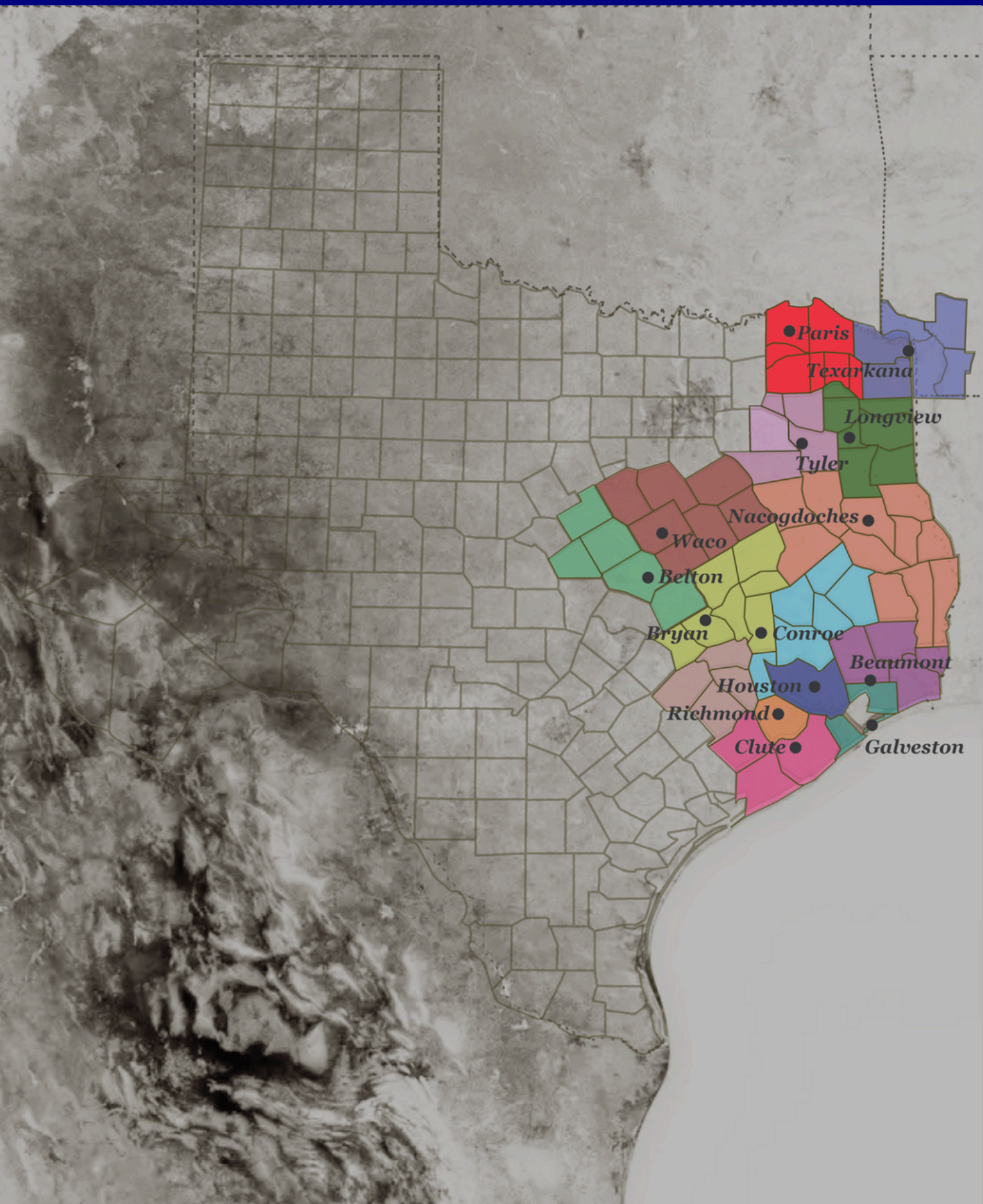
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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## REVENUE

2024

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

**Grand Total** **\$43,596,410**

## EXPENSES

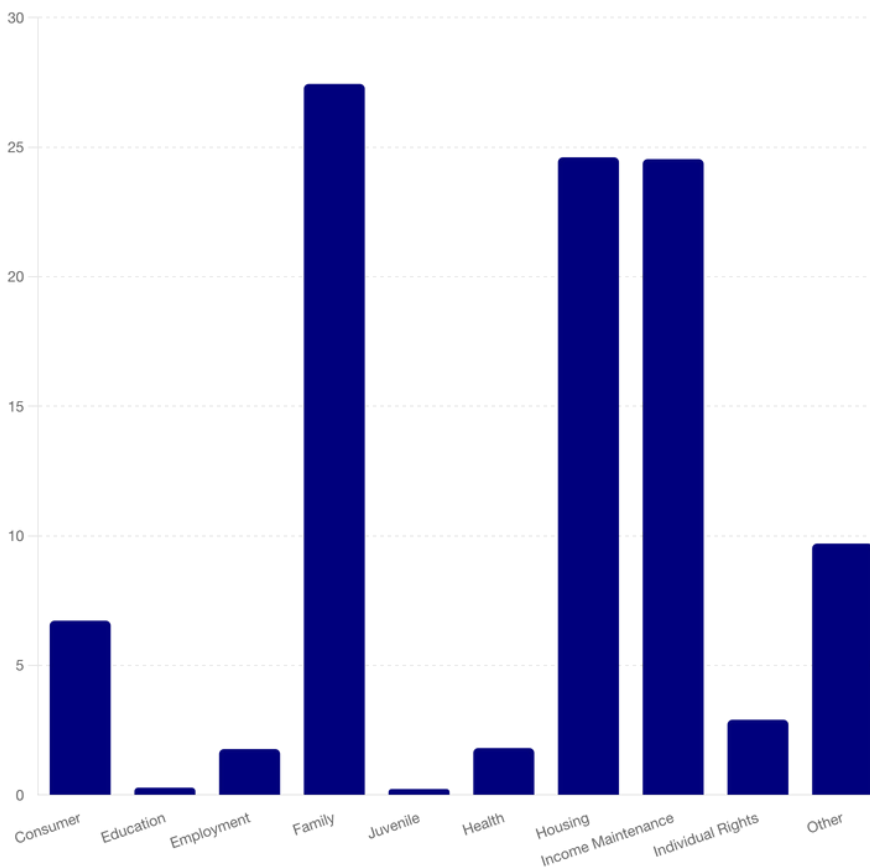
2024

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



Eviction Right to Counsel Media Outreach

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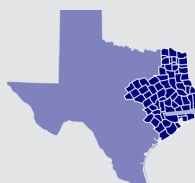
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Our Board reflects the diversity and resilience of the communities we serve. Their guidance ensures that LSLA remains mission-focused and rooted in service to the public good.

### 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.

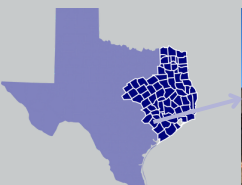
Nacogdoches Office, 2024

**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 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

