



NEVADA BAR
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Nevada Bar Foundation has remained a consistent source of financial support for statewide pro bono legal assistance programs. Building upon a solid foundation of a dedicated Board of Trustees, the generous support of our banking partners, and low administrative expenses, the Foundation has expertly directed its funding to the organizations and programs that serve community legal needs.

In 2023, the Foundation distributed \$6,881,880 in IOLTA grant dollars, the most funding awarded since assuming the program in 2014. These dollars provided civil legal services to more than 40,000 households statewide.

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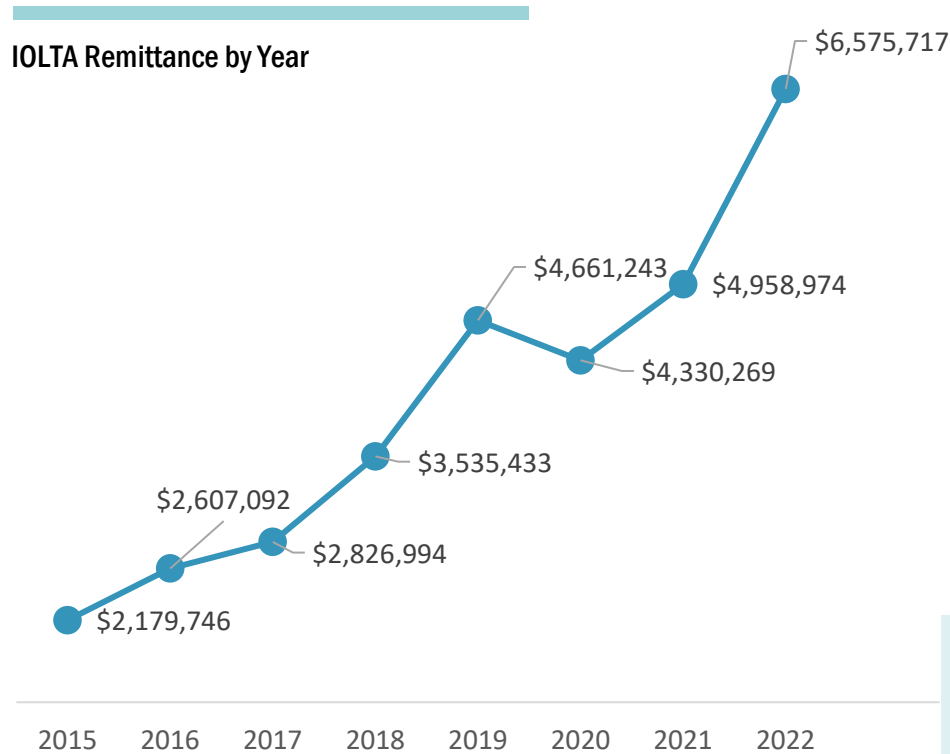
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IOLTA PROGRAM

The longstanding partnerships between the Nevada Bar Foundation and its financial partners has provided for consistent funding for the thousands of Nevadans in need of pro bono legal services. In cooperation with the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, interest rates set on IOLTA accounts provided for that consistency.

Beginning in 2018, financial institutions that committed to paying premium rates on all IOLTA accounts have been recognized as Leadership Institutions. As demonstrated by the chart below, the rates provided by these Leadership Institutions contributed to a significant increase in available IOLTA grant funding.



Annual dollars remitted by Nevada banks more than doubled in the past 6 years.

LEADERSHIP FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Nevada Bar Foundation recognizes the financial institutions listed here for their continued participation in the IOLTA banking program. **Special thanks to our financial heroes: the Leadership Institutions that pay premium rates on all IOLTA accounts.**



Bank of Nevada
Clark County Credit Union
Financial Horizons Credit Union
First Independent Bank
First Savings Bank
First Security Bank of Nevada
GenuBank
Heritage Bank
Lexicon Bank
Meadows Bank
MidFirst Bank
Nevada Bank & Trust
Nevada State Bank
Royal Business Bank
Silver State Schools Credit Union
Town & Country Bank
Wells Fargo

SUSTAINING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

American First National Bank
Bank of America
BMO Bank N.A.
Chase
Citibank
City National Bank
East West Bank
Enterprise Bank & Trust
First Citizens Bank
First Foundation Bank
GBank
Heritage Bank
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Northern Trust Bank
Pacific Premier Bank
Plumas Bank
US Bank
Valley Bank of Nevada
Washington Federal Bank

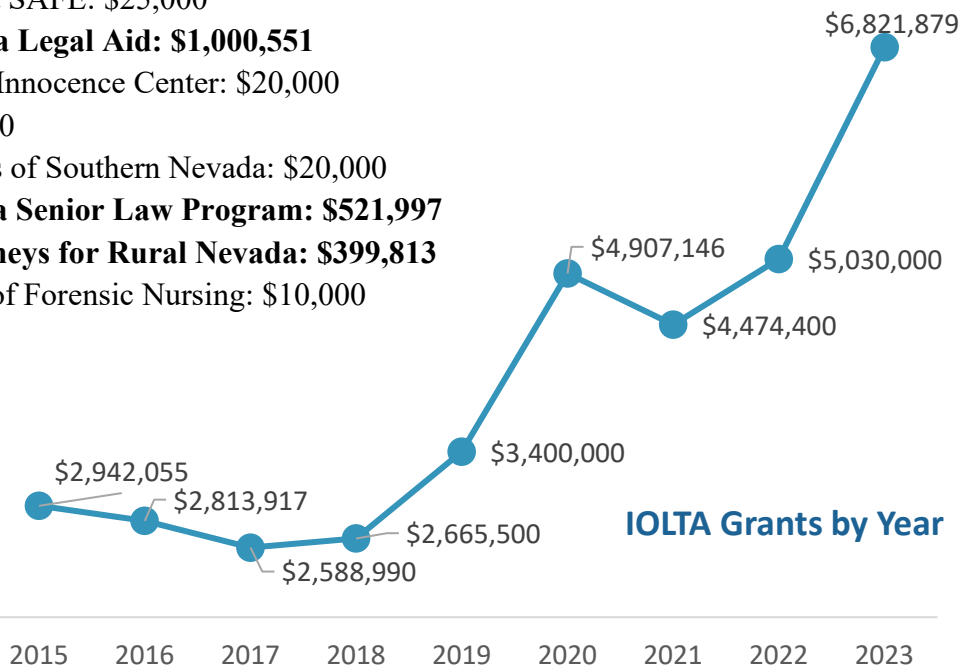
Since 2018, the number of Leadership Financial Institutions has grown from 3 to 17.

IOLTA GRANTS

The Nevada Bar Foundation provided IOLTA Grants totaling \$6,821,880 in 2023. The availability of funding for Nevada legal aid organizations has steadily increased over the past five years, due largely to the commitment from Nevada’s Leadership Financial Institutions offering premium rates on IOLTA accounts. **The Foundation grants 96% of all available dollars to five legal aid organizations identified by the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission**; these organizations provide the greatest number of legal aid services throughout the state.

2023 IOLTA Grant Awards

- CASA – Carson City: \$30,000
- CASA – Lyon County: \$30,000
- CASA – Pioneer Territory: \$35,000
- CASA – Northeastern Nevada: \$20,000
- Domestic Violence Resource Center: \$20,000
- Immigrant Home Foundation: \$20,400
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada: \$3,657,374**
- Nevada Legal Services: \$936,744**
- Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program: \$25,000
- Northeast Nevada SAFE: \$25,000
- Northern Nevada Legal Aid: \$1,000,551**
- Rocky Mountain Innocence Center: \$20,000
- Safe Nest: \$50,000
- Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada: \$20,000
- Southern Nevada Senior Law Program: \$521,997**
- Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada: \$399,813**
- Nevada Institute of Forensic Nursing: \$10,000



WHO IOLTA SERVES

The Nevada Bar Foundation grants IOLTA funding to statewide legal aid organizations using a formula that distributes grant dollars to statewide programs delivering legal services in areas of greatest need. The Foundation works with the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission to identify these programs.

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED		
NEVADA COUNTIES	2022	2023
Carson City	978	1034
Churchill	129	94
Clark	32,941	40,881
Douglas	137	193
Elko	147	153
Esmeralda	1	3
Eureka	5	15
Humboldt	143	137
Lander	16	17
Lincoln	15	23
Lyon	335	360
Mineral	158	163
Nye	155	163
Pershing	21	14
Storey	6	15
Washoe	1,915	2169
White Pine	9	12
	37,111	40,648

Success Stories

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada advocated on behalf of a family from Cuba fleeing political and social persecution. Because of the legal assistance provided by CCSN with the Las Vegas Immigration Court and Department of Homeland Security, the family was granted asylum. The family now has a pathway to lawful, permanent residence in the United States.

Domestic Violence Resource Center assisted a client who had been subject to abuse for 13 years. She tried without success to break the cycle. DVRC provided her with life-saving safety planning, emotional support and spent the necessary time with her to navigate the legal process. The client expresses gratitude to DVRC for making her feel safe & heard in a system where for years without their services she felt defeated and unsupported.

Northeastern Nevada CASA utilized grant funding to assist with a “first” – an abandoned newborn baby boy left at a hospital. This Safe Haven baby was assigned to a newly trained CASA volunteer to advocate on his behalf. The advocate ensured the infant had a safe adoptive placement.

SERVICE DELIVERY

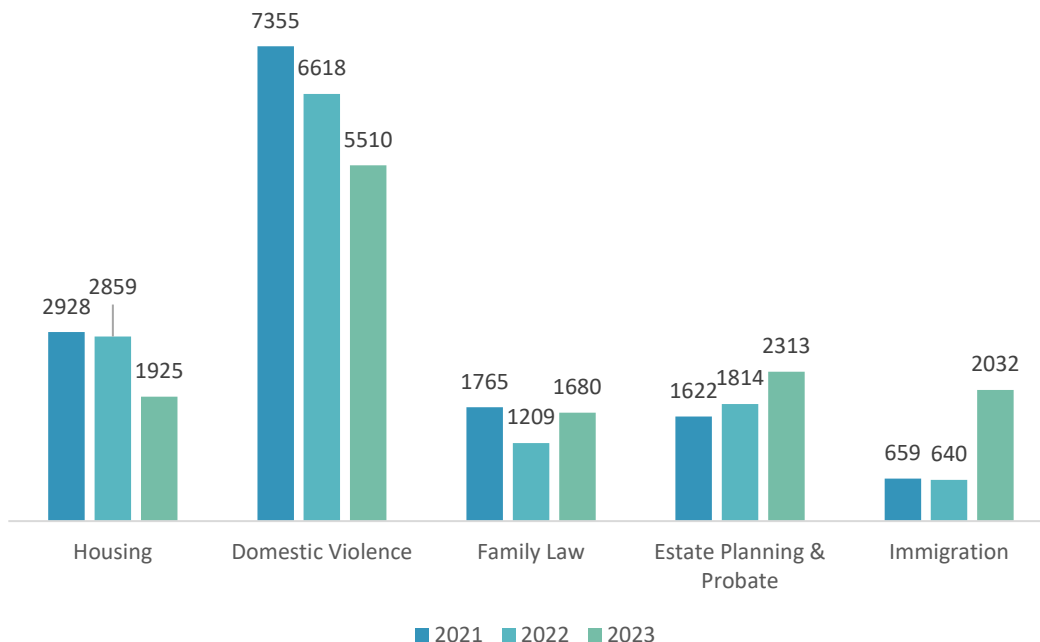
Dollars granted through the IOLTA grant program served more than 45,000 Nevada households in 2023. Representation is delivered in a variety of formats, depending on client needs. Annually, service through self-help centers run by legal aid organizations, provide representation to the greatest number of people.

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

- 8,798 represented without litigation
- 3,068 represented with litigation
- 2,045 attended classes and clinics
- 2,979 attended ask-a-lawyer events
- 29,721 served at self-help centers
- 133 were placed with pro bono attorneys
- 1,533 were represented by pro bono
- 1,545 were helped through pro bono attorney hotlines or brief consultations

CLIENT MATTERS

Although most legal service organizations provide a variety of legal services, year over year, there is a consistent demand for services related to domestic violence, housing, estate planning and probate, and family law. This year, we have noted immigration assistance, as this number has increased, primarily due to funding of a new grantee focused on immigration services.



FOUNDATION GRANTS



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In 2022, the Nevada Supreme Court authorized use of dollars held in reserve by the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education to fund a grant program that supports statewide educational, pipeline and pro bono initiatives. Future funding for the Foundation Grants program is also guaranteed by the State Bar of Nevada, through assessments of late fees imposed on noncompliant continuing legal education providers and attorneys.

In 2023, the Board of Trustees approved merging the IDEA Grant program of the State Bar of Nevada with the Bar Foundation Grants into a single grant program (Bar Foundation Grants) administered by the Nevada Bar Foundation. The State Bar will provide \$100,000 in annual funding toward Foundation Grants. This decision was made in large part because the purpose of both grants was closely aligned and many of the same programs applied for both grants and were awarded funding from both organizations.

A unique feature of the Foundation Grant program calls upon grant recipients to leverage available funds by obtaining matching funds through their community support partners. **In 2023 the Nevada Bar Foundation authorized \$200,000 in direct grants and up to another \$205,750 in matching funds.**

Educational Programs Funded

- Northern Nevada Legal Aid: \$5,000 grant and \$5,000 matching grant for the “Now That You are 18” programs.
- Project REAL: \$25,000 one-year grant to publish copies of its “Government, Independence, and You” publication with a \$25,000 matching grant.
- Nevada Institute of Forensic Nursing: \$12,500 and a \$5,000 matching grant for training and support of law related education programs.

Pipeline Programs Funded

- Legal Aid of Southern Nevada: \$21,000 matching grant to fund its Pipeline to Justice Project

Pro Bono Programs Funded

- Rocky Mountain Innocence Center: \$22,500 grant with a \$50,000 match for use toward hiring and increasing salaries for staff retention.
- Southern Nevada Senior Law Program: \$16,250 grant and a \$16,5000 matching grant to fund its Hispanic Senior Outreach Campaign.
- Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program: \$30,000 to support its CARE Law Program.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Nevada Bar Foundation Trustees provide responsible stewardship for the dollars remitted through the IOLTA program and grants for delivery of legal services. Trustees also manage non-IOLTA operations, such as the Check YES campaign to raise money through annual license fee donations, and the Charles Deaner Living Trust, which supports Nevada's high school mock trial program.

The Foundation operates under an agreement with the State Bar of Nevada for program administration, alleviating the need for dedicated staffing and overhead.

This relationship with the State Bar of Nevada has enabled the Foundation to grant more than 98 percent of all IOLTA dollars to legal aid organizations that provide services to the poor, to victims of domestic violence and to the children protected by or in need of protection of the juvenile court.

Financial Information as of 12.31.23 (Unaudited)

CURRENT ASSETS	\$12,165,977
Cash & Cash Equivalents	
IOLTA	\$10,849,422
IOLTA Reserves	\$800,000
Non-IOLTA	\$516,555

Accounts Receivable	\$1,730,840
Prepaid Expenses	\$0

Total Current Assets	<u>\$13,896,817</u>
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PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Flagpole & Podium	\$11,513
Accumulated Depreciation (\$9,152)	

Net Property & Equip. \$2,361

TOTAL ASSETS \$13,899,178

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$48,799
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FUND BALANCE \$13,899,178

Colleagues Funds	\$2,500
Restricted MCLE	\$774,339

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES \$13,899,178