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2021 Annual Report
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Chairperson's Message

Just when we might believe that we could not be more inspired by the civil legal aid community's ingenuity in using grant program funds to serve Wisconsinites in need, they raise the bar again. Last year, we were amazed by the ingenuity that providers demonstrated in finding new ways to reach clients during the pandemic. This past year, recipients of community redevelopment grant funds impressed us by developing new models of lawyering entirely, rethinking service delivery and expanding their reach to underserved populations through community lawyering.



WisTAF's strategic priorities include the objective to identify additional sources of funding for grantees' work and innovations. We are excited to be partnering with the state to administer funds through new programs to assist homeowners, refugees, and people affected by COVID, and WisTAF is actively scanning the horizon for other opportunities for public and private funding for civil legal aid in Wisconsin. We are also grateful for the *cy pres* funds received from litigants and their counsel for distribution to grantees.

The staff and Board alike have also used the past several months to move forward with our pursuit of racial justice, committing to a series of co-learning sessions designed to ensure that WisTAF is aligned with principles of racial equity. I am grateful to staff and to Board members for their whole-hearted participation in this important work.

In June, the Board will elect a new chairperson. It has been my great honor to serve the Board in this role. I have been constantly in awe of our incredibly capable staff, and of course, our remarkable Executive Director, Rebecca Murray. I have watched as they strengthened and improved the organization through their tireless efforts. I look forward to seeing WisTAF continue to climb to new heights in its support for civil legal aid in the coming year and beyond.

April Rockstead Barker, *Chairperson*

Executive Director's Message

NBA Hall of Famer Charles Barkley earned his nickname, “Round Mound of Rebound,” due to his physical size and skills. Relatively small by power forward standards, he was known as one of the league’s most dominant rebounders. His technique? In his own words: “It’s called just go get the d*** ball.”

WisTAF can relate. With a staff of only four (dedicated and skillful) team members, we used 2021’s challenges, such as continued declining IOLTA income, as fuel to work even harder at mission achievement. We looked to our pre-pandemic strategic priorities, thoughtfully crafted by our board of directors, as a North Star in guiding our grantmaking, program management, education, and development activities. What we lack in size, we make up for in our passion for mission, efficient operations, and exemplary board leadership.

Without doubt, 2021 was marked by a sense of urgency to rebound. Last year, Wisconsin’s civil legal aid community demonstrated its strength, agility, and preparation in regrouping and responding to the pandemic’s ongoing social and economic impacts. Collaboration and coordination again played a key role in utilizing the community’s sparse resources effectively. WisTAF plays on Wisconsin’s “civil justice team” with legal aid providers, IOLTA participating banks, state government agencies, private funding partners, and fellow leadership organizations like the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission. Together, we identified and filled gaps to score points for safety, prosperity, and fair legal outcomes in Wisconsin.

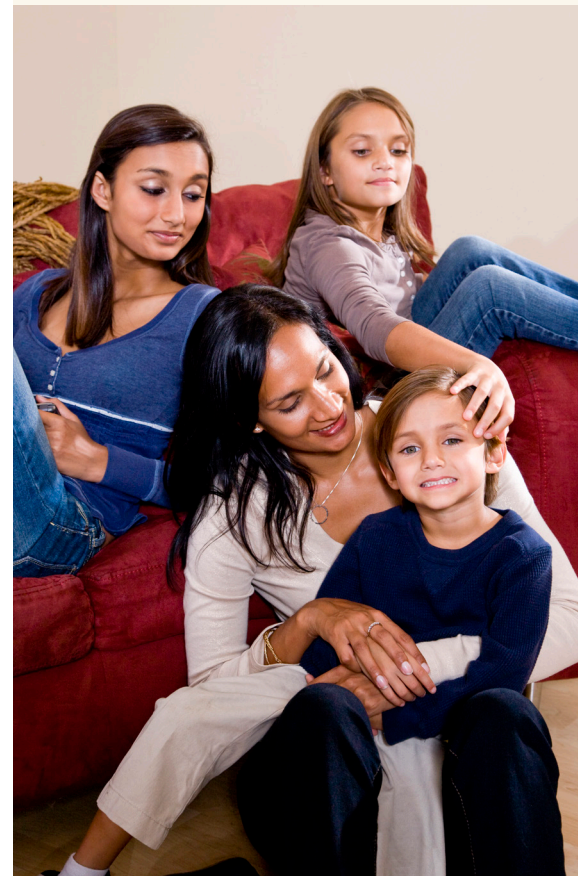
We are grateful for the role these partners played in numerous achievements, including:

- Laying the groundwork for funding allocations to support three additional grant programs in 2022;
- Building new collaborations with natural allies as well as public and private funding partners; and
- Development and enthusiastic support of a statewide civil legal aid economic impact study project.

Our work continues to be urgent. We invite all who have a desire to make fair and efficient access to justice a reality to champion our efforts and support our network of grantees. In 2022 and beyond, WisTAF and the civil justice team have the opportunity to *just go get the ball*, turn a fast break, and position the people we serve — and everyone in Wisconsin — to get a win.

Rebecca L. Murray, *Executive Director*

“Samantha” was physically, emotionally, and financially abused by her husband, with whom she shared three children. At **Golden House** shelter in Green Bay, Samantha found temporary safety and learned about legal tools for protecting her children. A Golden House advocate helped her pursue a restraining order. The shelter’s partner, **Legal Action of Wisconsin**, provided an attorney to Samantha during her divorce and child custody proceedings, which proved long and complicated. Finally, she got legal answers about turning around the impact of her financial abuse. Samantha thanks Legal Action and Golden House, and doesn’t think she could have found her freedom without them.



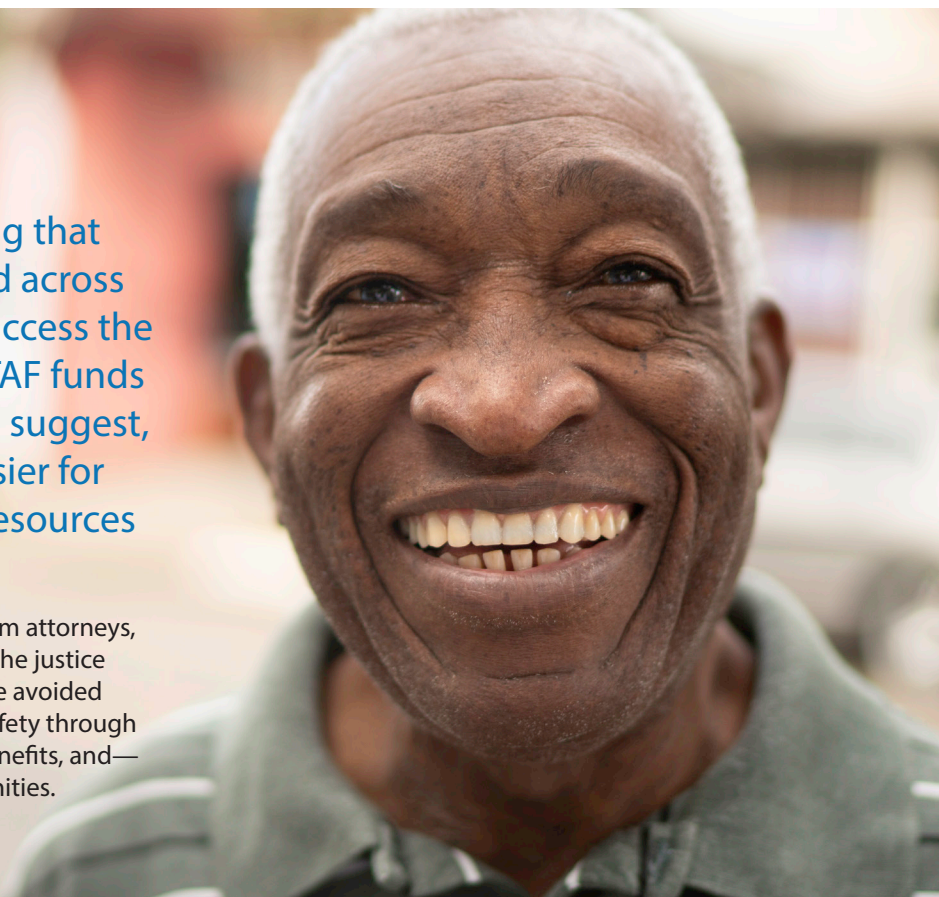
“The opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice.”

– Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*

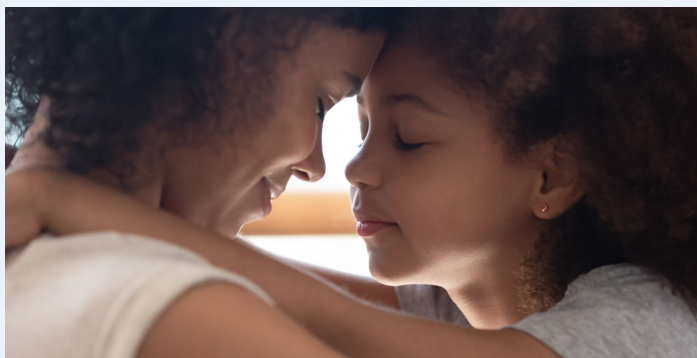
2021 Impact

In 2021, the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation (WisTAF) provided funding that directly helped **9,547** people, spread across nearly every county in Wisconsin, to access the civil justice system. What’s more, WisTAF funds play a role beyond what the numbers suggest, because of flexibility that makes it easier for providers and WisTAF alike to direct resources where people need it most.

Thanks to WisTAF-funded services, including counsel from attorneys, clients addressed life-altering challenges and obtained the justice they’re entitled under the law. All over Wisconsin, people avoided wrongfully losing their homes and jobs, secured their safety through restraining orders, protected their health or veterans’ benefits, and— one person at a time—helped strengthen their communities.



Losing a loved one to COVID is hard enough. But when “James,” who didn’t have health insurance, passed away, his family also inherited crushing medical debt racked up during his final months of hospital care. There are laws on the books to prevent this kind of destructive catastrophe, but rules and processes can be complex. **ABC for Health** navigated multiple bureaucracies to ensure James’ final care was duly paid for. Now his family can focus on moving forward after their loss, free of an accompanying financial debilitation.



“Parma” had been stalked by her ex-husband for over 20 years. An attorney at the **Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASDA)** in Superior helped her get an injunction to stop the constant harassment and stalking, and assisted with subsequent legal process. To date, Parma has had no further instances of stalking and is living a happy and safe life.

About Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc.

What good are laws in protecting your rights and liberties if you can't afford a lawyer? There's no constitutional guarantee to an attorney in most civil cases—cases outside of criminal law. And yet, civil law addresses situations that stand in the way of achieving personal safety, security, and independence.

In a complex system like ours, without an attorney it's often hard to know when the law is on your side, let alone how to argue your case or follow procedures to ensure your protection. Too often, people with limited means are shut out of meaningful participation in Wisconsin's legal system.

The Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc. (WisTAF) exists to address this issue. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, we are proud to be the state's channel for civil legal aid funding established by the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Since our founding in 1986, we have awarded and overseen \$64.8 million in grants to dozens of organizations throughout the state. Our investment helps the most vulnerable residents in every Wisconsin county to access services that open the door to the justice system—including advice and representation from attorneys. With this access, clients can pursue the legal outcomes needed to realize stability, health, and self-sufficiency, in turn benefitting our state as a whole.

Mission

The Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation works with civil legal aid organizations in Wisconsin to increase access to justice. We oversee funds and invest in services and projects to help people resolve their legal problems.

Strategic Direction

WisTAF's 2019-2022 strategic plan has invaluablely helped us work toward long-range goals while responding to unforeseen demands and opportunities. Our original plan included 10 specific goals underneath four strategic priority areas:

- Engage in strategic grant making to fund unmet needs
- Diversify and expand funding sources
- Educate the public and key stakeholders about WisTAF mission and results
- Increase collaboration/coordination among providers and stakeholders in the civil justice system

We succeeded at the majority of our goals as written or with adjustments to timeframe; modifying a few others reflected our reassessment of either priorities or the external landscape. You can find our original plan at wistaf.org.



Partners

Building Public Sector Awareness and Support

WisTAF seized opportunities to advocate for civil legal aid and to educate about the crucial role of an accessible legal system in the goals public officials hold for people and communities in Wisconsin.

Collaborating with aligned organizations, we met remotely with state legislators in both parties as well as Governor Tony Evers' administration. Our request for increased Wisconsin Biennial Budget support gained momentum among both Republicans and Democrats, though it did not succeed this time around.

However, the governor ultimately awarded WisTAF approximately \$9.5 million in one-time federal funds (more than triple the total grants we awarded in 2021) to support civil legal aid for a finite period beginning in 2022. Most of these resources will empower Wisconsinites to address a wide range of COVID-related

legal concerns. Three smaller portions will address COVID-related housing issues, provide legal assistance to people who have fled Afghanistan, and launch an exciting new web portal to help people understand their civil legal needs and find assistance. Stay tuned for future reports on this important work.

IOLTA Participating Financial Institutions

Banking institutions' commitment to the communities they serve is reflected in their participation in the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program, which provides funding support for civil legal aid (see page 12). In all, 167 Wisconsin financial institutions maintained IOLTA accounts during 2021. Of these, 139 waive all fees on the accounts so that 100 percent of interest payments help people access justice. In addition, the **International Bank of Amherst** continued to pledge special support to the cause in this difficult time. You can see the complete list at wistaf.org.

Big goals aren't achieved in isolation. WisTAF is actively involved in educating people and organizations about why civil legal aid should be important to everyone.



Prime Partner Program

Three new financial institutions joined WisTAF's IOLTA Prime Partner program in 2021: CIBC, First Federal Bank of Wisconsin, and West Pointe Bank! Prime Partner financial institutions help their communities by choosing to pay interest rates in excess of those required for their IOLTA accounts.

This year also marked the 10th anniversary of WisTAF's IOLTA Prime Partner program. Noted below are Prime Partners that have been with us since the beginning.

Please consider doing business with our Prime Partner financial institutions, which support justice for all.

Private Philanthropy

Private philanthropic goals related to helping people escape economic disadvantage often benefit from a legal aid component. Attorneys can professionally problem-solve for their clients, a population sometimes unintentionally left behind by even the most laudable efforts. In as many networks and venues as possible, WisTAF shares this understanding, additionally offering insight into the field with interested partners. We would also like to acknowledge gracious support from the **Mark and Sally Egan Foundation** during 2021.

The Civil Legal Aid Alliance of Wisconsin (Civil LAAW)

WisTAF is proud to be a leader and member of the Civil Legal Aid Alliance of Wisconsin (Civil LAAW), a coalition of access-to-justice organizations. Through this collaboration, WisTAF and all member organizations work toward a shared vision of all people capably accessing justice and achieving fair legal outcomes. Members include many WisTAF grantees, the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, the University of Wisconsin–Madison Economic Justice Institute, and others.

2021 Prime Partners

Bank Five Nine*	Forte Bank*
Bank of Sun Prairie	Home Savings Bank
CIBC	Mound City Bank*
Citizens Bank* (Mukwonago)	Peoples State Bank* (Prairie du Chien)
Farmers State Bank* (Hillsboro)	State Bank Financial*
First Business Bank*	West Pointe Bank
First Federal Bank of Wisconsin	

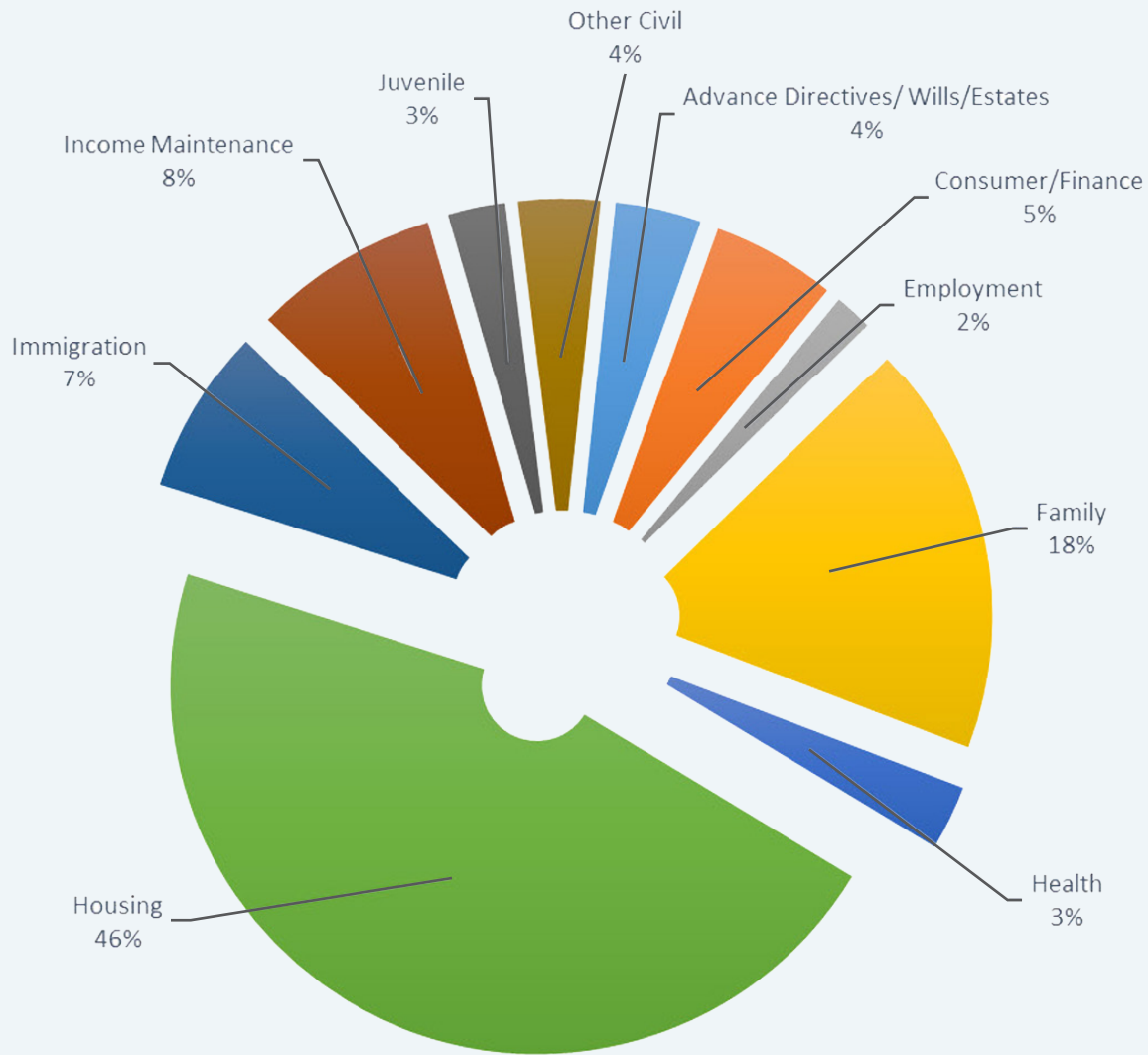
** Prime Partners for 10 years*



The Legal Community

Many of our funding sources show the sense of responsibility on the part of the legal community for civil legal aid. For this, all Wisconsinites should be grateful. In recent years, the State Bar of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Supreme Court established a process for allowing residuals from class actions to contribute to the public good by expanding access to the civil legal system (see page 12). This bore fruit in 2021 as in no other year to date, helping to partially offset drastic reductions in IOLTA income caused by depressed interest rates.

Cases Closed, by Area of Law/Outcome (All Programs)



“Crystal” was raised by her mother. She had not seen her biological father since she was a baby, over a decade ago. Her father had made no attempt to see her, provided no help to her mother -- and had physically abused her mother during their brief relationship. But when Crystal’s father learned he would have to start paying child support, he became upset and filed a motion to require Crystal to spend fifty percent of her time with him. With legal representation from **Community Justice, Inc.**, Crystal’s mother prevailed in court. Crystal was able to stay with the mother who raised her rather than a stranger-father who had previously shown no interest.

Grant Programs

Direct Legal Services (DLS)

WisTAF's largest and longest-standing grant program helps low-income people solve major problems in their lives. Grants to 17 organizations across Wisconsin provided legal advice or representation to more than 7,000 clients in 2021.



Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Civil Legal Services (DVSA)

More than 750 clients addressed critical civil legal problems related to domestic violence and sexual abuse in this program funded by a State of Wisconsin budget allocation. WisTAF made disbursements to 13 legal aid groups and domestic violence shelters around the state during the 2020-2021 grant cycle.

Foreclosure Prevention and Community Redevelopment Legal Assistance (FP/CRLA)

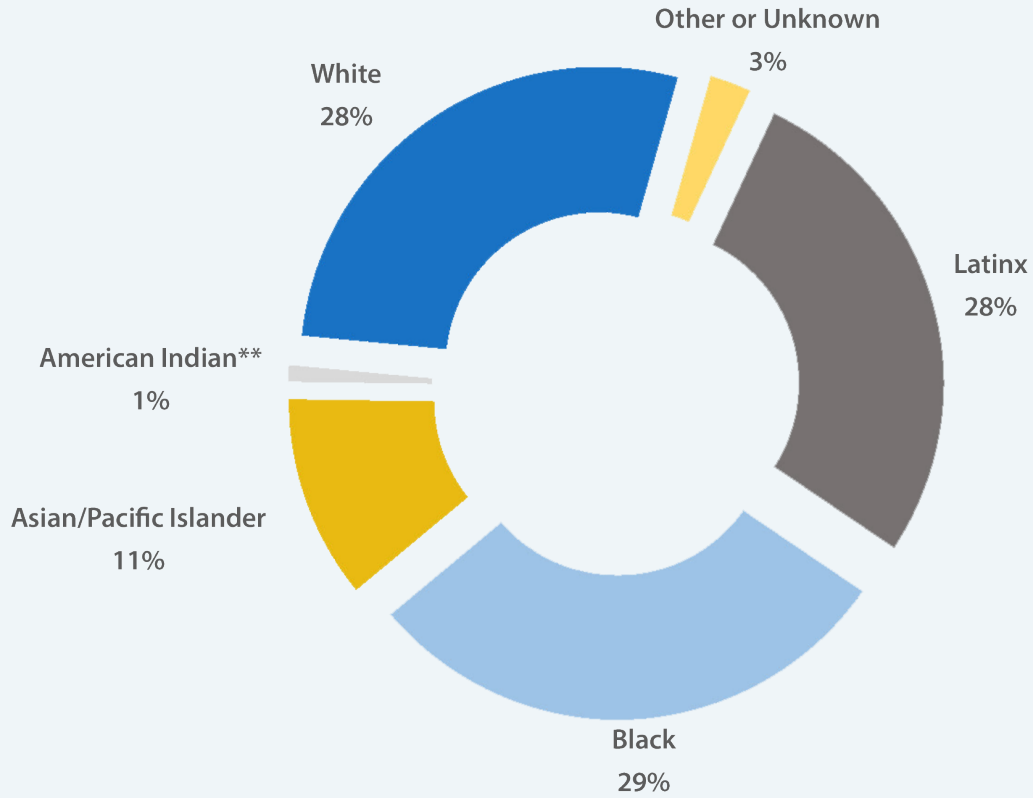
Our third civil legal aid program catalyzes transformational change. Grantee organizations employ innovative strategies to help low-income individuals and families stay in their homes and become economically self-sufficient, while also working at the community level to stabilize and revitalize groups facing disadvantage. FP/CRLA is funded via a one-time settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and Bank of America related to claims of mortgage-related fraud leading up to the financial crisis of 2007-2008.



Demographics

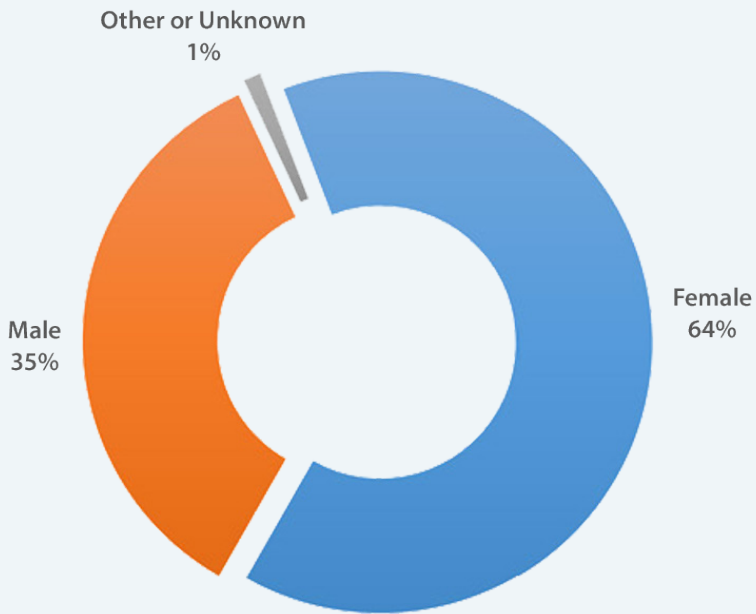
This year, WisTAF grants served people from nearly county in Wisconsin, representing a diversity of races and backgrounds.

Clients by Racial Identity* (All Programs)

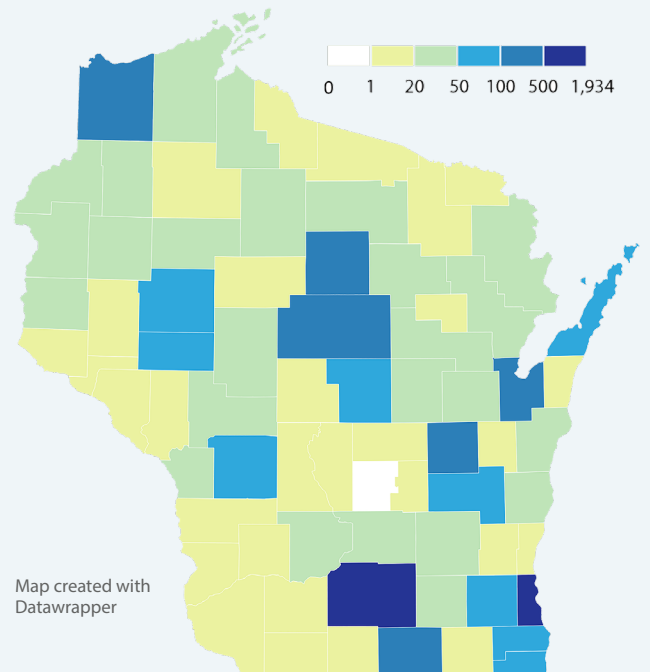


**Percentages are approximate because of differing definitions of racial identities.
 **Civil legal aid also receives public support through alternate avenues for members of Wisconsin Indian nations.*

Clients by Gender Identity* (All Programs)



WisTAF-Funded Services by County (All Programs)



Grantees

WisTAF's 2021 grant recipients continue to use their considerable dedication, skill, and innovation to help and empower the most vulnerable members of our society.

ABC (Advocacy and Benefits Counseling) for Health, Inc. is a nonprofit public interest law firm serving children, families, and other health care consumers throughout Wisconsin on legal issues related to health care access and financing.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable organization serving over 13,000 families annually in the areas of Adult, Family & Children, and Social Ministries.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc. provides programming in the areas of immigration services, emergency support services, adoption services, financial counseling, domestic abuse services, services for children with disabilities, and ministries including the HIV/AIDS Ministry Project.

Catholic Multicultural Center is a social service agency on Madison's South side, running the Immigration Legal Services Program to help low-income and no-income immigrants and refugees who are unable to afford the services of a private attorney.

Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASDA), based in Superior, provides supportive services to individuals hurt by domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse, while advocating for a community effort to end violence.

Centro Legal is a nonprofit legal services firm that helps individuals and families in the Milwaukee area to navigate the legal system in times of crisis. When it comes to civil legal work, Centro Legal specializes in family law.

Community Justice, Inc. is a nonprofit law firm working to close the justice gap in South Central Wisconsin, by offering affordable legal services from qualified and dedicated attorneys to people of modest means. WisTAF funding primarily went to family law work in 2021.

Disability Rights Wisconsin is a private, nonprofit organization advancing the dignity, equality, and self-determination of people with disabilities, and protecting their rights statewide.

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (RISE Law Center) provides quality, affordable direct legal representation to low income survivors of Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse, primarily immigrants and refugees with limited English proficiency, in an effort to prevent and eliminate violence in intimate partner relationships.

Golden House is a private, nonprofit agency that provides safety and support for victims of domestic abuse, while leading community efforts to end domestic violence in Brown County.

HAVEN, Inc. (Household Abuse Victims Emergency Network, Inc.) is a free community service providing a safe and confidential environment to empower all survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through sheltering, advocacy, and education.

Indianhead Community Action Agency is a private, nonprofit agency that assists individuals in achieving self-sufficiency by providing the resources, education, and services necessary to develop healthy families, sustainable communities, and strong local businesses.

Kids Matter Inc. provides legal services and other advocacy for children in foster and kinship care in the greater Milwaukee area.

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. serves low-income clients in the areas of family law and domestic violence, housing, public benefits, special education, and economic development.

Legal Aid Society of Door County is a volunteer organization that operates primarily as a screening and referral source to coordinate legal services through local pro bono attorneys.

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee provides family law, public benefits, landlord-tenant, consumer, municipal ordinance defense, and civil rights law to low-income people in Milwaukee.

LOTUS Legal Clinic, Inc. serves victims of gender-based violence and human trafficking through trauma-informed legal advocacy, policy initiatives, education, and survivor empowerment.

Metro Milwaukee Mediation Services, Inc. assists homeowners and their mortgage services in avoiding preventable foreclosures, and facilitates an informed and respectful transition in those instances where foreclosures are not avoidable.

Portage County Legal Aid Society is a volunteer attorney legal service that addresses the need for pro bono civil legal services for indigent persons in Portage County.

Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services provides prevention, education, and information to communities, families, and schools with the goal of obtaining safety and empowerment for all victims of domestic abuse.

Vivent Health (including former AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin) is committed to being a respectful, caring partner serving everyone affected by HIV through comprehensive, integrated programs including legal services.

The Women's Center provides safety, shelter, and support to all affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse in Waukesha County.

Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center, Inc. provides mediation services and training in mediation and conflict resolution statewide.

Wisconsin Judicare, Inc. provides civil legal assistance, information, and education to low-income people, Native Americans, and others who might otherwise be denied access to justice.

Women's and Children's Horizons provides services to survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault that enhances their safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency.

Financials

In 2021, WisTAF disbursed \$2.9 million to serve 9,547 clients across Wisconsin. While significant, this funding falls far short of the estimated \$30 million-plus that would have been needed to address civil legal needs of Wisconsin families of limited means even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fund Sources

WisTAF grants in recent years have drawn on the following fund sources.

Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA)

In the IOLTA program, attorneys and firms pool short-term or nominal deposits made on behalf of clients or third parties into one account. The interest generated by these accounts is remitted to WisTAF for use in grantmaking to support legal aid. Most participating financial institutions additionally waive fees or provide increased interest as a way to support their communities.

Public Interest Legal Services Fund (PILSF)

In 2005, the Wisconsin Supreme Court established the Public Interest Legal Services Fund (PILSF), citing its necessity in maintaining “the integrity and efficiency of the judicial system within this state” and “the heightened obligations of lawyers, both to our justice system and to assist this Court with the effective administration of justice.” The Fund plays a critical role in supplementing erratic IOLTA funding with a more stable revenue source for civil legal services for low-income Wisconsinites. PILSF funds are directly attributable to the state’s attorneys and judges, and are distributed throughout Wisconsin’s judicial districts.

State Appropriation

Wisconsin’s lawmakers and governor have in various years invested state budget resources for civil legal aid grants administered by WisTAF. The current state allocation of \$500,000 per year in federal TANF funding began with the 2015-2017 budget. The support comes through the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families for a WisTAF-administered grant program supporting legal services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse (DVSA).

U.S. Dept. of Justice Settlement with Bank of America

Through a 2014 United States Department of Justice settlement with Bank of America, IOLTA programs nationwide received one-time funds for foreclosure prevention and community redevelopment legal assistance (FP/CRLA).

Pro Hac Vice

By order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, a portion of the *pro hac vice* admission fees paid by nonresident lawyers to participate in a particular action in Wisconsin is allocated to WisTAF to help support civil legal services for low-income and indigent persons.

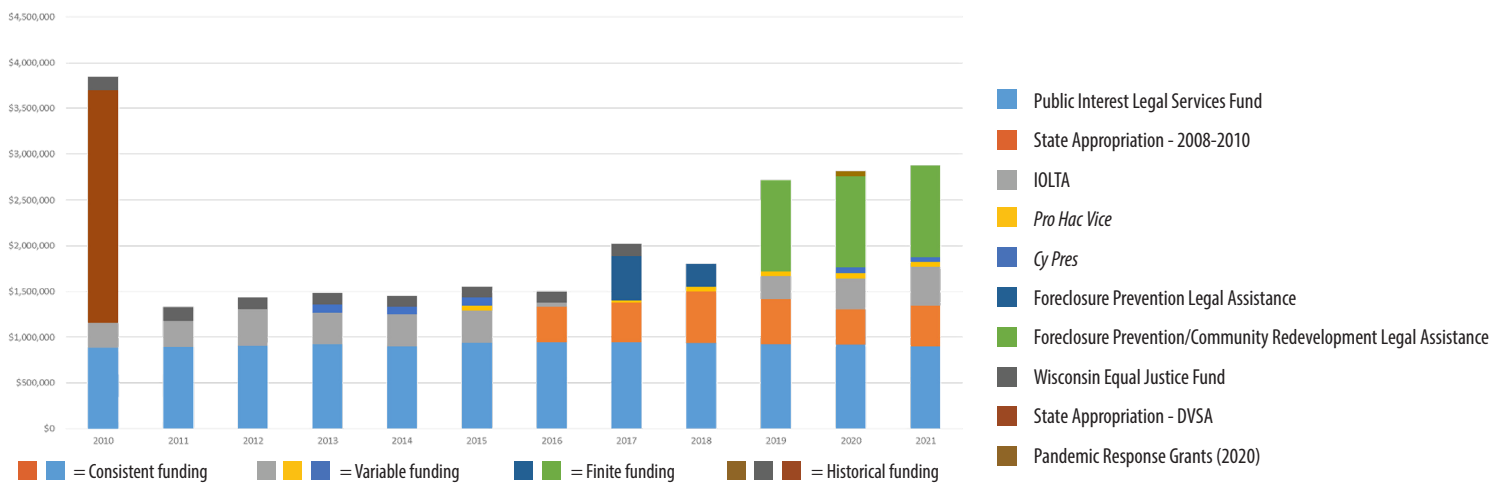
Cy Pres

Wisconsin statutes require that WisTAF receive at least half of any residual funds left over from class action lawsuits filed in Wisconsin state court, in order to provide civil legal aid. Such residuals are referred to by the name of the applicable legal doctrine, *cy pres*. In addition, sometimes parties choose to name WisTAF as the recipient of other residuals, whether class actions, restitution, settlements, or penalties.

Donations

WisTAF also receives donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, and any other source with an interest in providing access to justice in Wisconsin.

Disbursements by Fund Source, 2010-2021



Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	2021*	2020*
Cash.....	\$1,998,246	\$1,653,578
Accounts receivable	64,815	105,226
Grants receivable.....	33,979	48,064
Prepaid expenses	26,384	11,160
Investments	<u>2,710,281</u>	<u>3,503,842</u>
Total assets	\$4,833,705	\$5,321,870
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$8,767	\$8,690
Grants payable.....	83,979	98,064
Accrued expenses	<u>14,599</u>	<u>13,688</u>
Total liabilities	\$107,345	\$120,442
NET ASSETS (unrestricted)	<u>\$4,726,359</u>	<u>\$5,201,428</u>
Total liabilities and net assets.....	<u>\$4,833,705</u>	<u>\$5,321,870</u>

Statement of Activities

REVENUE		
Trust account interest income (IOLTA)	\$626,710	\$1,181,126
Public Interest Legal Services Fund (PILSF)	910,100	913,250
State appropriation (DVSA).....	484,614	468,731
Cy pres income.....	685,888	118,627
Pro hac vice fees	73,700	66,700
Federal relief grant (PPP).....	0	40,600
Investment return	188,174	126,945
Other.....	<u>5,144</u>	<u>6,519</u>
Total revenue.....	\$2,974,330	\$2,922,498
EXPENSES		
Program services (grant awards program)	\$3,149,310	\$3,088,935
Supporting activities	<u>300,088</u>	<u>257,492</u>
Total expenses.....	<u>\$3,449,398</u>	<u>\$3,346,427</u>
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	(475,068)	(423,929)
Net assets – beginning of year.....	<u>\$5,201,428</u>	<u>\$5,625,357</u>
Net assets – end of year.....	<u>\$4,726,360</u>	<u>\$5,201,428</u>

*Figures are audited. Audit is available upon request.

Portfolio of Grants Disbursed During 2021 <i>(Cash Basis)</i>		Direct Legal Services				Foreclosure Prevention / Community Redevelopment Legal Assistance	Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Civil Legal Services	TOTAL 2021
		PILSF	Pro Hac Vice	IOLTA	Cy Pres	Bank of America Settlement	TANF Reimbursements, paid 2021	
Grantee	Area Served							
ABC for Health	Statewide	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee	10 counties in southeastern Wisconsin	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse	19 counties in western, southwestern, and central Wisconsin	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Catholic Multicultural Center	11 counties in southcentral Wisconsin	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse (CASDA)	Ashland, Bayfield, and Douglas counties	\$20,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,637	\$63,437
Centro Legal	Milwaukee and Waukesha counties	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,946	\$87,946
Community Justice, Inc.	14 counties in southern and southwestern Wisconsin	\$18,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$47,514	\$74,514
Disability Rights Wisconsin	Statewide	\$118,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118,400
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin	Statewide	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,828	\$26,828
Golden House, Inc.	Brown and Kewaunee counties	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,654	\$37,654
Household Abuse Victims Emergency Network (HAVEN, Inc.)	Lincoln County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
Indianhead Community Action Agency	9 counties in northern, northwestern, and northcentral Wisconsin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,356	\$35,356
Kids Matter Inc.	Milwaukee and Waukesha counties, limited services statewide	\$39,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,859	\$76,859
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.	39 counties in southern Wisconsin	\$298,407	\$44,066	\$338,353	\$36,374	\$500,000	\$33,835	\$1,251,035
Legal Aid Society of Door County	Door County	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Inc.	Milwaukee County	\$107,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$178,000	\$0	\$285,700
LOTUS Legal Clinic, Inc.	Statewide	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Metro Milwaukee Mediation Services, Inc.	Statewide	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
Portage County Legal Aid Society	Portage County	\$22,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,650
Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.	Marinette and Oconto counties	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,500	\$22,500
The Women's Center	Southeastern Wisconsin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,305	\$12,305
Vivent Health	Statewide	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center, Inc.	Winnebago County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.	33 counties in northern Wisconsin and 11 federally recognized Native American tribes	\$74,043	\$10,934	\$83,954	\$16,069	\$250,000	\$76,332	\$511,332
Women and Children's Horizons	Kenosha County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,908	\$11,908
TOTAL		\$900,000	\$55,000	\$422,307	\$52,443	\$997,000	\$447,674	\$2,874,424



Our Mission

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