



NEVADA BAR  
**FOUNDATION**

**2020  
ANNUAL  
REPORT**

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**NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

This year marked the six-year anniversary of the Nevada Bar Foundation's management of the statewide IOLTA program and annual granting of dollars that fund vital legal services to our communities. In the past six years, the Foundation has granted \$19,317,518 which has provided 193,950 Nevada households with civil legal assistance in their times of need. While the nature of legal aid to these households varies, we have seen a consistent trend in needs relating to housing assistance, family law, domestic violence, and estate planning and probate.

The Nevada Bar Foundation consistently operates with little overhead – just two percent of its annual IOLTA budget – so that the dollars contributed by our banking partners are directed to where they are needed most.

The Foundation is especially thankful this year for the support it has received from IOLTA participating financial institutions, many of whom remained among our Leadership Institutions and agreed to pay premium rates on all accounts under deposit despite falling Federal interest rates.

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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. Dollars granted through the IOLTA program were especially important this year as the COVID-19 pandemic affected Nevada's communities without warning.

The Foundation recognizes the effect of the pandemic on our supporting financial institutions as well and the sacrifices made to keep IOLTA rates consistent while Federal Fund Rates plummeted.

**LEADERSHIP INSTITUTIONS**

*These financial institutions pay premium rates on all IOLTA accounts under deposit.*

Bank of Nevada  
First Foundation Bank  
First Independent Bank  
First Savings Bank  
Meadows Bank  
Nevada Bank & Trust  
Wells Fargo

**SUSTAINING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

*These financial institutions pay favorable rates on all IOLTA accounts under deposit.*

American First National Bank	Lexicon Bank
Bank of America	Nevada State Bank
Bank of George	Northern Trust Bank
Bank of the West	Pacific Premier Bank
Chase	Plumas Bank
CIT	Royal Business Bank
Citibank	Silver State Schools Credit Union
City National Bank	Town and Country Bank
East West Bank	US Bank
Financial Horizons Credit Union	Valley Bank of Nevada
First Security Bank of Nevada	Washington Federal
Heritage Bank	
Kirkwood Bank of Nevada	

## IOLTA GRANTS

Thanks to the generous support from our financial institutions, the Nevada Bar Foundation has granted more than \$19 million since assuming the IOLTA program in 2014. These strong partnerships have resulted in increased contributions annually, with nearly \$2 million more granted in 2020 than in the Foundation's first year of IOLTA program management.

### 2020 IOLTA GRANT AWARDS

CASA – Carson City	\$25,000
CASA – Lyon County	\$30,000
CASA – Northeastern Nevada	\$17,000
CASA – Pioneer Territory	\$23,000
Domestic Violence Resource Center	\$20,000
Immigrant Home Foundation	\$10,146
Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada	\$2,640,120
Nevada Legal Services	\$676,200
Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program	\$25,000
Rocky Mountain Innocence Center	\$10,000
Safe Nest	\$43,000
Southern Nevada Senior Law Program	\$376,810
Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada	\$288,610
Washoe County Legal Services	\$722,260

### NBF IOLTA GRANT HISTORY

2020	\$4,907,146
2019	\$3,400,000
2018	\$2,665,500
2017	\$2,588,990
2016	\$2,813,917
2015	\$2,942,055

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**WHO WE SERVE**

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 and draws upon the findings of the 2018 Civil Legal Needs Assessment.

**“** *Ruby, a senior citizen, was the victim of an online scam and was persuaded to purchase a rental car using a prepaid debit card. No matter how hard she tried, she was unable to get the debit card provider to refund her money. A legal aid attorney got involved and together, they worked their way through the debit card company’s bureaucracy. After a few hours on the phone, the company agreed to refund Ruby her money.*

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED		
NEVADA COUNTIES	2020	2019
Carson City	897	797
Churchill	90	129
Clark	28,306	25,378
Douglas	141	181
Elko	149	186
Esmeralda	2	7
Eureka	4	5
Humboldt	294	301
Lander	6	28
Lincoln	14	5
Lyon	404	369
Mineral	247	219
Nye	113	124
Pershing	41	37
Storey	13	12
Washoe	1,674	1,538
White Pine	14	14
	<b>32,409</b>	<b>29,330</b>

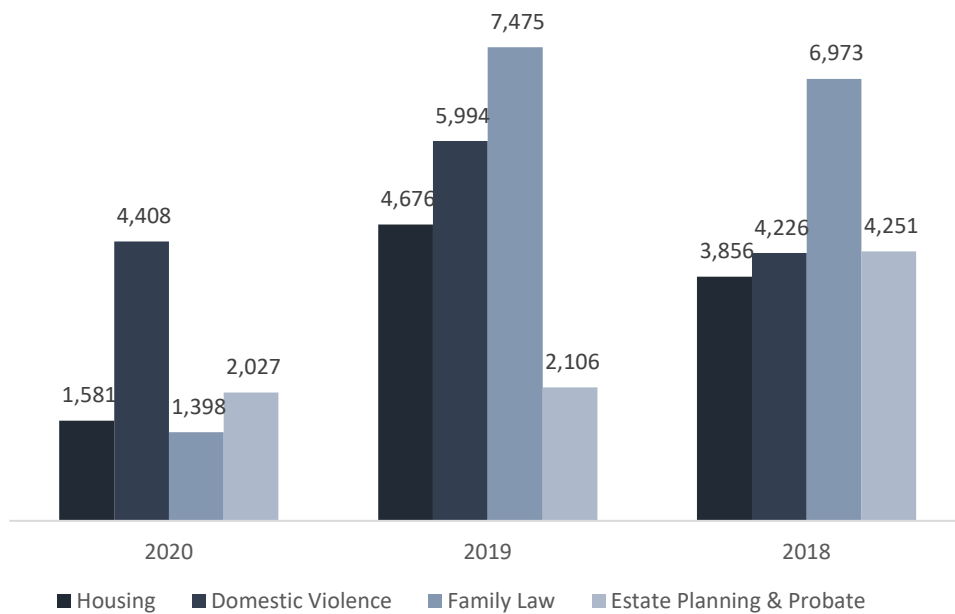
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**SERVICE DELIVERY**

This year, the dollars granted through the IOLTA grant program served more than 30,000 Nevada households. Representation was delivered through a variety of formats, with self-help centers serving the greatest number of households.

	Households
Assisted without Litigation	7,409
Assisted with Litigation	1,956
Classes & Clinics	2,759
Ask a Lawyer Events	824
Self Help Centers	20,544
Placed with a Pro Bono Attorney	163
Representation by a Pro Bono Attorney	1,152
Assisted by Pro Bono Attorney Hotline or Brief Consultations	399

**CLIENT MATTERS**



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**FINANCIALS**

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 voluntary non-IOLTA donations to support law related education, such as 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 12.31.20  
(Unaudited)****CURRENT ASSETS \$5,589,123**

Cash & Cash Equivalents	
IOLTA	\$4,463,083
IOLTA Reserves	\$800,00
Non-IOLTA	\$323,539
Colleagues Funds	\$2,500

**Accounts Receivable \$346,780****Prepaid Expenses (\$0)****Total Current Assets \$5,935,903****PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT**

Flagpole & Podium	\$11,513
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$8,000)

**Net Property & Equip. \$3,513****TOTAL ASSETS \$5,939,416****CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	\$52,000
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**FUND BALANCE \$5,939,416****TOTAL LIABILITIES &  
FUND BALANCES \$5,939,416**