



**ANNUAL REPORT
2022**

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 2022, the Foundation distributed \$5,030,000 in IOLTA grant dollars, the most funding awarded since assuming the program in 2014. These dollars provided civil legal services to more than 37,000 households statewide.

This year, the Foundation also established a new grant program, Foundation Grants, that awarded \$180,378 to organizations that provide educational and pipeline programs, support affinity bar associations, and that deliver legal services to underserved populations. Another \$77,500 was authorized in matching grants.

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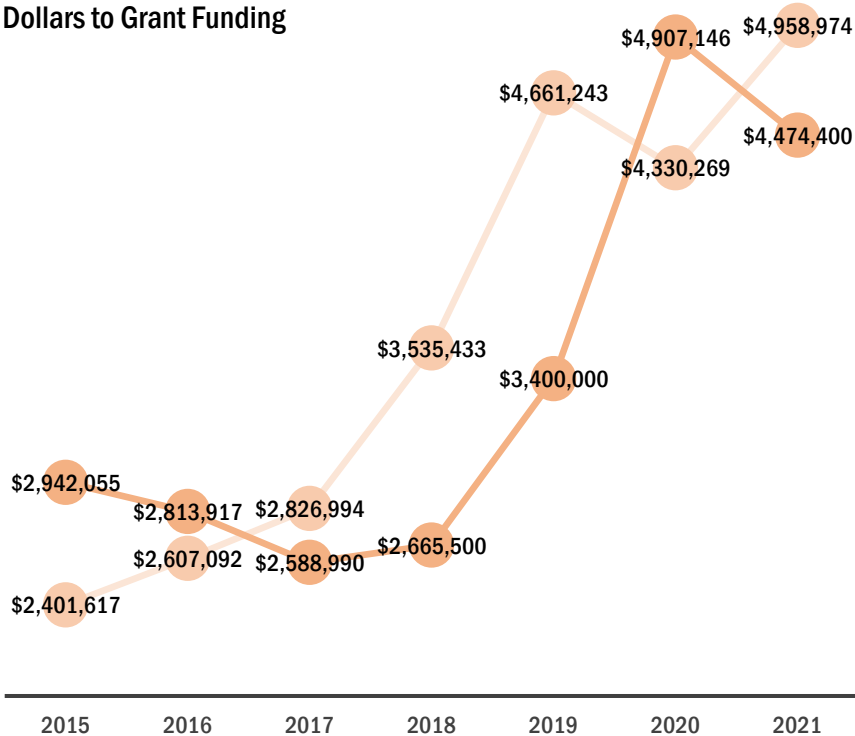
IOLTA PROGRAM

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.

The chart below demonstrates the impact on IOLTA funds and grant giving. Annual awarded grants are based on previous year funding. **The Foundation awarded \$5,030,000 in 2022 IOLTA Grants.**

Comparison of Previous Year Remitted IOLTA Dollars to Grant Funding



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

Grants awarded use all available IOLTA dollars and are often supplemented by other donations to the Foundation.

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.**

American First National Bank

Bank of Nevada

Financial Horizons Credit Union

First Citizens Bank

First Independent Bank

First Savings Bank

First Security Bank of Nevada

GenuBank

Heritage Bank

Lexicon Bank

Meadows Bank

Nevada Bank & Trust

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SUSTAINING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bank of America

Bank of the West

Chase

Citibank

City National Bank

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Enterprise Bank & Trust

First Foundation Bank

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Northern Trust Bank

Pacific Premier Bank

Plumas Bank

US Bank

Valley Bank of Nevada

Since 2018, the number of Leadership Financial Institutions has grown from 3 to 18.

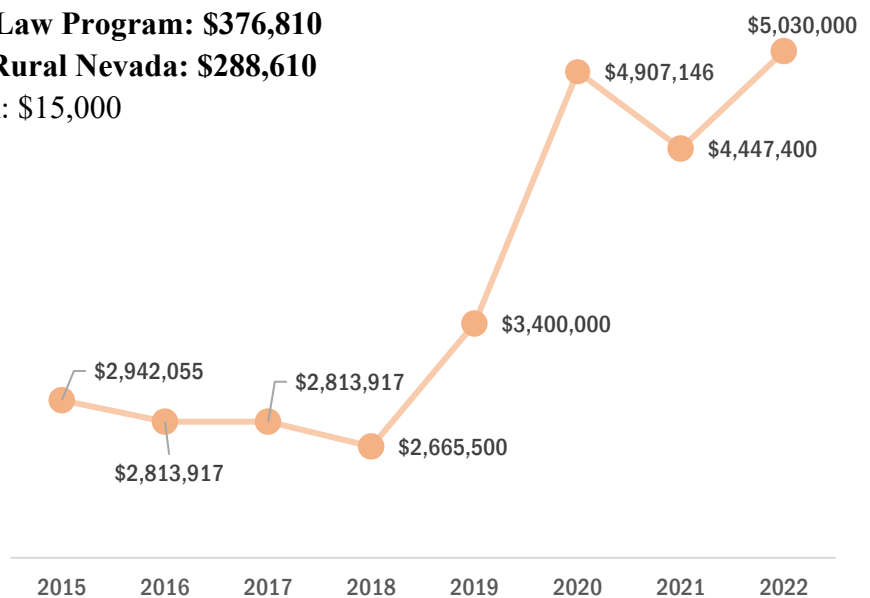
IOLTA GRANTS

The Nevada Bar Foundation granted \$5,030,000 in 2022. 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.

2022 IOLTA Grant Awards

- CASA – Carson City: \$30,000
- CASA – Lyon County: \$35,000
- CASA – Pioneer Territory: \$40,000
- Domestic Violence Resource Center: \$20,000
- Immigrant Home Foundation: \$21,000
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada: \$2,640,120**
- Nevada CASA Association: \$25,000
- Nevada Legal Services: \$676,200**
- Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program: \$25,000
- Northeast Nevada SAFE: \$25,000
- Northern Nevada Legal Aid: \$722,260**
- Rocky Mountain Innocence Center: \$20,000
- Safe Nest: \$50,000
- Southern Nevada Senior Law Program: \$376,810**
- Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevada: \$288,610**
- Washoe CASA Foundation: \$15,000

NBF IOLTA Grant History



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	2021
Carson City	978	843
Churchill	129	69
Clark	32,941	36,804
Douglas	137	173
Elko	147	129
Esmeralda	1	3
Eureka	5	6
Humboldt	143	200
Lander	16	15
Lincoln	15	17
Lyon	335	391
Mineral	158	256
Nye	155	150
Pershing	21	24
Storey	6	17
Washoe	1,915	1,539
White Pine	9	12
	37,111	40,648

Success Stories

Nevada Legal Services assisted a young woman with intellectual disabilities live independently, terminate her guardianship, and gain necessary support for independent housing and employment. After years of assistance, she was able to marry and live her life freely and independently.

Domestic Violence Resource Center counseled a woman experiencing domestic violence who was anxious about filing a TPO because it might enrage her boyfriend further. The TPO advocate made her feel safe by not pressuring her to decide and by providing her with comprehensive safety planning.

Northeastern Nevada CASA assisted a child born addicted to drugs by working with the foster family to terminate parental rights and allow the foster family to adopt. While adoption proceedings were pending, the biological parents gave birth to a second child with the same issues. Both have been adopted by the foster family and plans are in place to adopt a third child born to the same parents this year.

SERVICE DELIVERY

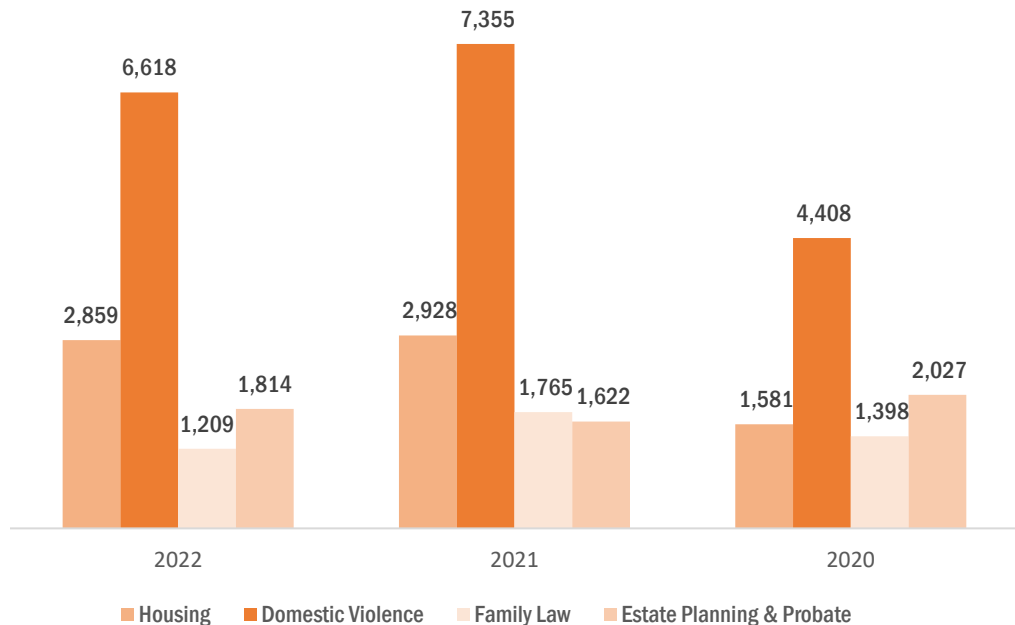
Dollars granted through the IOLTA grant program served more than 37,000 Nevada households in 2022. Representation is delivered in a variety of formats, depending on client needs. Annually, service through self-help centers run by legal aid organizations, provide representation to the greatest number of people.

HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

- 9,278 represented without litigation
- 1,792 represented with litigation
- 2,262 attended classes and clinics
- 1,208 attended ask-a-lawyer events
- 24,866 served at self-help centers
- 108 were placed with pro bono attorneys
- 627 were represented by pro bono attorneys
- 734 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.



FOUNDATION GRANTS



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

A unique feature of this program calls upon grant recipients to leverage available funds by obtaining matching funds through their community support partners. **The Nevada Bar Foundation authorized \$183,378 in direct grants and up to another \$77,500 in matching funds.**

Educational Programs Funded

- Clark County Bar Association: \$5,000 one-year grant funding a CLE series focused on diversity and inclusion.
- National Judicial College: \$5,000 one-year matching grant to provide scholarships to attorneys to attend the NJC Bootcamp.
- Neon Law Foundation: \$5,000 one-year matching grant to administer an externship program in privacy law.

Pipeline Programs Funded

- Clark County Law Foundation: \$14,500 one-time grant to purchase a database which tracks Trial by Peers participants and volunteers.
- Legal Aid of Southern Nevada: \$20,378 one-year grant to fund a Pipeline to Justice program.
- National Judicial College: \$15,000 one-year matching grant to fund the NJC Reading and Robes program.
- Nevada Center for Civic Engagement: \$7,500 matching grant to fund the Project Citizen program.

Pipeline Programs Funded (con't)

- Project REAL: \$10,000 one-year grant to publish copies of its “Government, Independence, and You” publication.

Pro Bono Programs Funded

- Immigrant Home Foundation: \$42,000 two-year grant for its U-VISA/Violence Against Women Act program.
- Northern Nevada Legal Aid: \$15,000 one-year matching grant to fund the organization’s Immigration Unit.
- Southern Nevada Senior Law Program: \$65,000 one-time grant to fund a half-time Senior Advocates Pro Bono Program Coordinator.
- Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans: \$23,500 one-year grant supporting its Lawyer in the Lobby program in rural Nevada counties.

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 12.31.22 (Unaudited)

CURRENT ASSETS	\$7,172,191
Cash & Cash Equivalents	
IOLTA	\$6,102,600
IOLTA Reserves	\$625,236
Non-IOLTA	\$444,355

Accounts Receivable	\$871,902
Prepaid Expenses	(\$18,808)

Total Current Assets **\$8,062,901**

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Flagpole & Podium	\$11,513
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$8,768)

Net Property & Equip. **\$2,745**

TOTAL ASSETS **\$8,065,646**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$21,119
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FUND BALANCE	\$8,065,646
Colleagues Funds	\$2,500
Restricted MCLE	\$328,798

**TOTAL LIABILITIES &
FUND BALANCES** **\$8,065,646**