

2014 ACJF Grants

Total Grants: \$151,200

A Cut Above the Rest: \$22,200

Goal: To provide heavy equipment and commercial lawn equipment job skills training, life skills and workability classes and job placement to ex-offenders and high risk populations in order for them to learn a job skill that will assist them in becoming self-sufficient and facilitate their ability to become productive members of society.

Childcare Resources: \$25,000

Goal: To provide a web-based software program designed to handle the specific data management and reporting needs of Childcare Resources' Supplemental Child Care Program (SCCP) which assists low-to-moderate income working families with the cost of child care.

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (iHICA!): \$25,000

Goal: To launch a Community Learning Center at iHICA! This Center will offer a variety of classes and workshops to further promote the social, civic, and economic integration of Hispanics. Program activities will focus on work which results in increased economic security and deeper engagement by Hispanics in their new community. Program activities will focus on work which results in increased economic security and deeper engagement by Hispanics in their new community.

Legal Services Alabama: \$15,000

Goal: to greatly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of LSA client services by providing a new technology system for LSA's Call Center, an intricate part of LSA's intake system for people in all 67 counties in Alabama seeking help with legal problems. LSA is a nonprofit statewide law firm that provides the vast majority of civil legal services to vulnerable low income people in Alabama.

Volunteer Lawyers Programs: \$40,000

Goal: To increase the legal assistance available to low-income individuals in civil legal matters through the use of pro bono attorneys. VLPs balance the work of serving clients with the work of recruiting, supporting, recognizing, and retaining its body of volunteers who provide assistance in the critical areas of family, domestic violence, elder, immigration, and housing law. Their work is especially critical in a state where an average of only 16% of Alabamians who live in poverty and are in need of civil legal assistance are able to obtain legal services; and in a state that provides very limited funds for civil legal aid.

Birmingham VLP – \$10,000

Madison County VLP – \$10,000

Montgomery Bar Foundation VLP – \$10,000

South Alabama VLP (*Mobile, Baldwin, Clarke, Washington*) – \$10,000

Social Return on Investment Study: Civil Legal Aid and Family Resource Centers: \$24,000

Goal: To provide Legal Services Alabama, the Volunteer Lawyers Programs, and members of the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers with a Social Return on Investment (SROI) Analysis to measure both the current and future financial impact of the organizations.