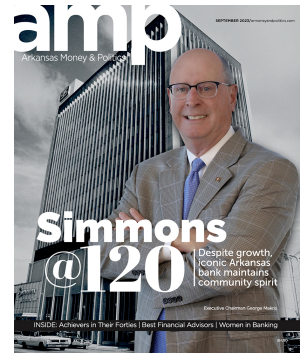


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# CENTER FOR ARKANSAS LEGAL SERVICES AWARDED \$394K PRO BONO GRANT

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The Legal Services Corporation (LSC), a national nonprofit organization founded by Congress, has announced that it is awarding a Pro Bono Innovation Fund grant of \$394,344 to the [Center for Arkansas Legal Services \(CALS\)](#).

CALS, a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal services to low-income Arkansans, is one of 17 legal aid organizations receiving a grant. LSC is awarding a total of \$5 million to support nationwide efforts to improve pro bono legal services.

These grants are meant to address what LCS has called the “justice gap,” in which low-income Americans do not receive sufficient legal help for 92% of their civil legal problems. Pro bono work is one of the approaches that LSC advances to address this disparity, as expanding it and other volunteer legal services give legal aid providers increased bandwidth to assist low-income Americans in civil issues like housing, family, employment and income maintenance, consumer debt and natural disaster recovery.

Through this grant, CALS will develop its Pro Bono Working Group by conducting a rigorous assessment of its pro bono services and hiring a new Pro Bono Subject Area Manager. The manager will spearhead the creation of a criminal record-sealing clinic and related community outreach efforts.

“LSC’s Pro Bono Innovation Fund supports grantees’ tireless efforts to expand access to legal services,” LSC President Ron Flagg said. “Pro bono volunteers are an invaluable resource for the millions of low-income Americans in need of legal aid.”



\$40 million. Each organization’s project involves creating replicable and scalable solutions to persistent challenges in pro bono delivery systems or exploring new ways to implement pro bono services to reach low-income Americans with legal needs.

Senator John Boozman congratulated CALS on receiving the grant, saying, “This grant will enhance legal services available to Arkansans regardless of their financial situation. I’m pleased to support this funding that will connect individuals and families with community resources to help foster a brighter future.”

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