



2021 Colorado Bar Foundation
ANNUAL REPORT





“The Colorado Bar Foundation advances justice by supporting legal services and law-related education.”

FUNDING INFORMATION

The Colorado Bar Foundation receives funding from the following sources:

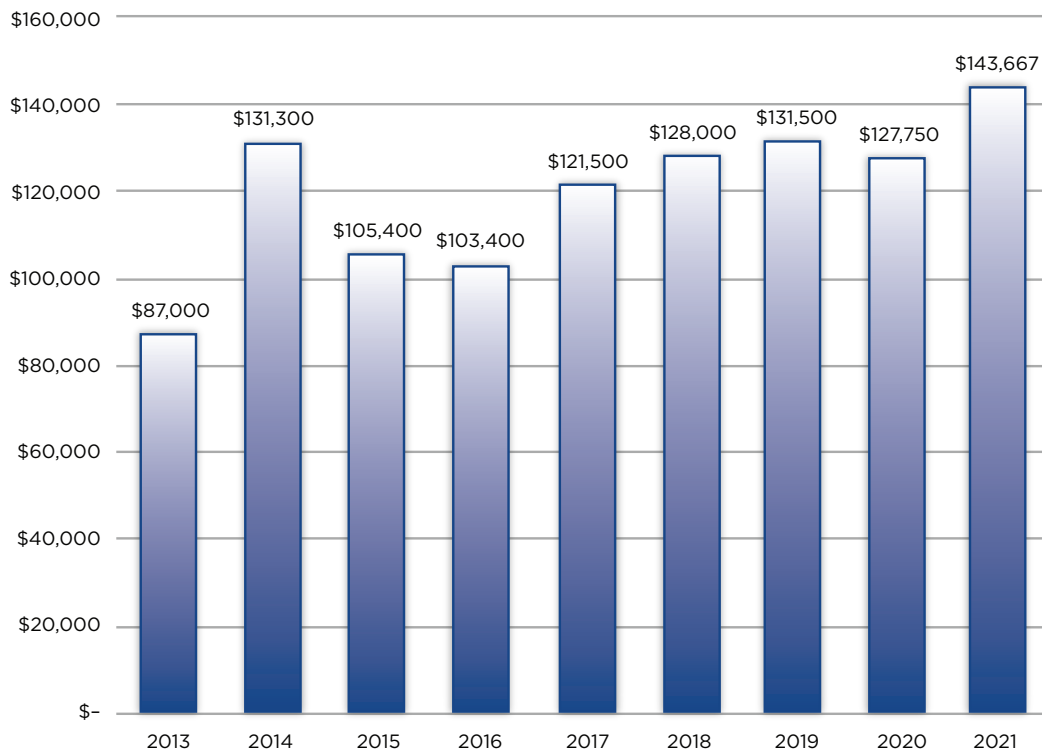
- interest income earned from our endowment, which is valued at \$4,105,583 as of August 13, 2021. This reflects an increase of \$846,343 over the previous fiscal year;
- donations made via the Bar Fellows program, which consists of individuals who have made a ten-year pledge to the foundation, and emeritus fellows who continue giving annually after completing their pledge; and
- one-time donations from individuals and corporations.

Thank You to Our Colorado Bar Fellows for Their Continued Support

2021 Grant Funds

- Total funds awarded: \$143,667
- Average grant size: \$3,883
- Total number of grants awarded: 37
- Percent of submitted applications that were awarded a grant: 66%

CBF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY YEAR



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

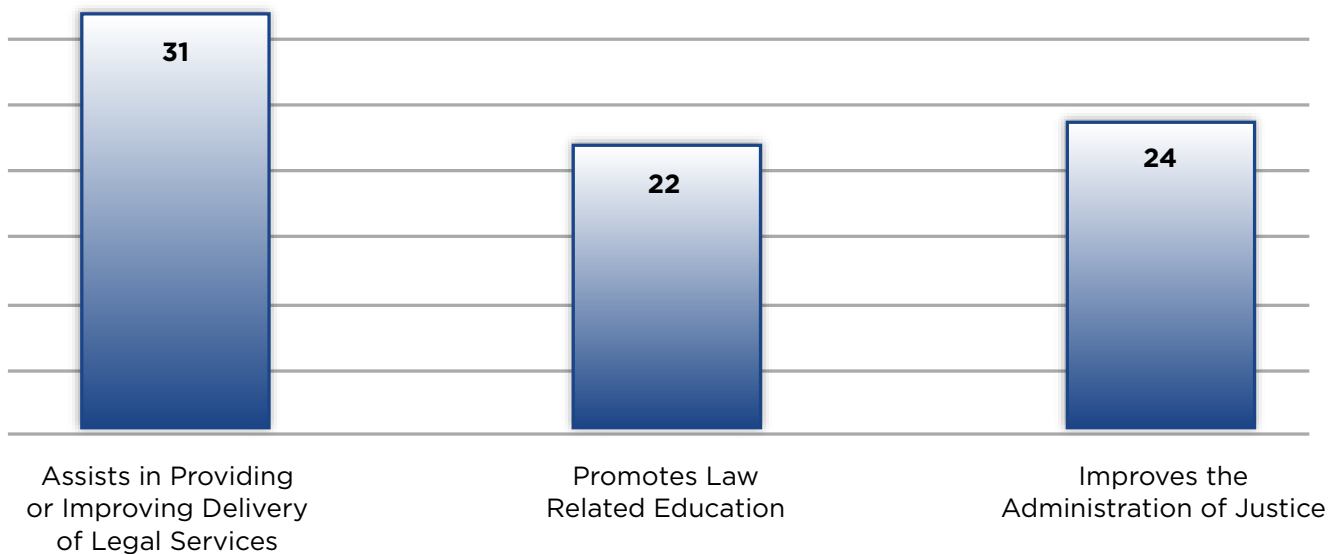
Grants by Program and Service Area

The Colorado Bar Foundation has three primary areas of focus:

1. assists with the provision or improved delivery of legal services by supporting the representation of individuals in court proceedings, furnishing advice to pro se litigants, and disseminating general information about various legal matters (including, but not limited to, domestic relation proceedings, probate and trust administration, estate planning, immigration, evictions and bankruptcy);
2. promotes law-related education to the public by supporting organizations that provide information and education about our American legal/justice system to community organizations and to school children of all ages; and
3. improves the administration of justice by supporting our courts and judicial officers, delivering accessible information about the Colorado court system for all Colorado residents, providing child-care for litigants and jurors, and assisting law enforcement and the judiciary in performing their functions.

The Foundation does not support for-profit Continuing Legal Education providers or law schools.

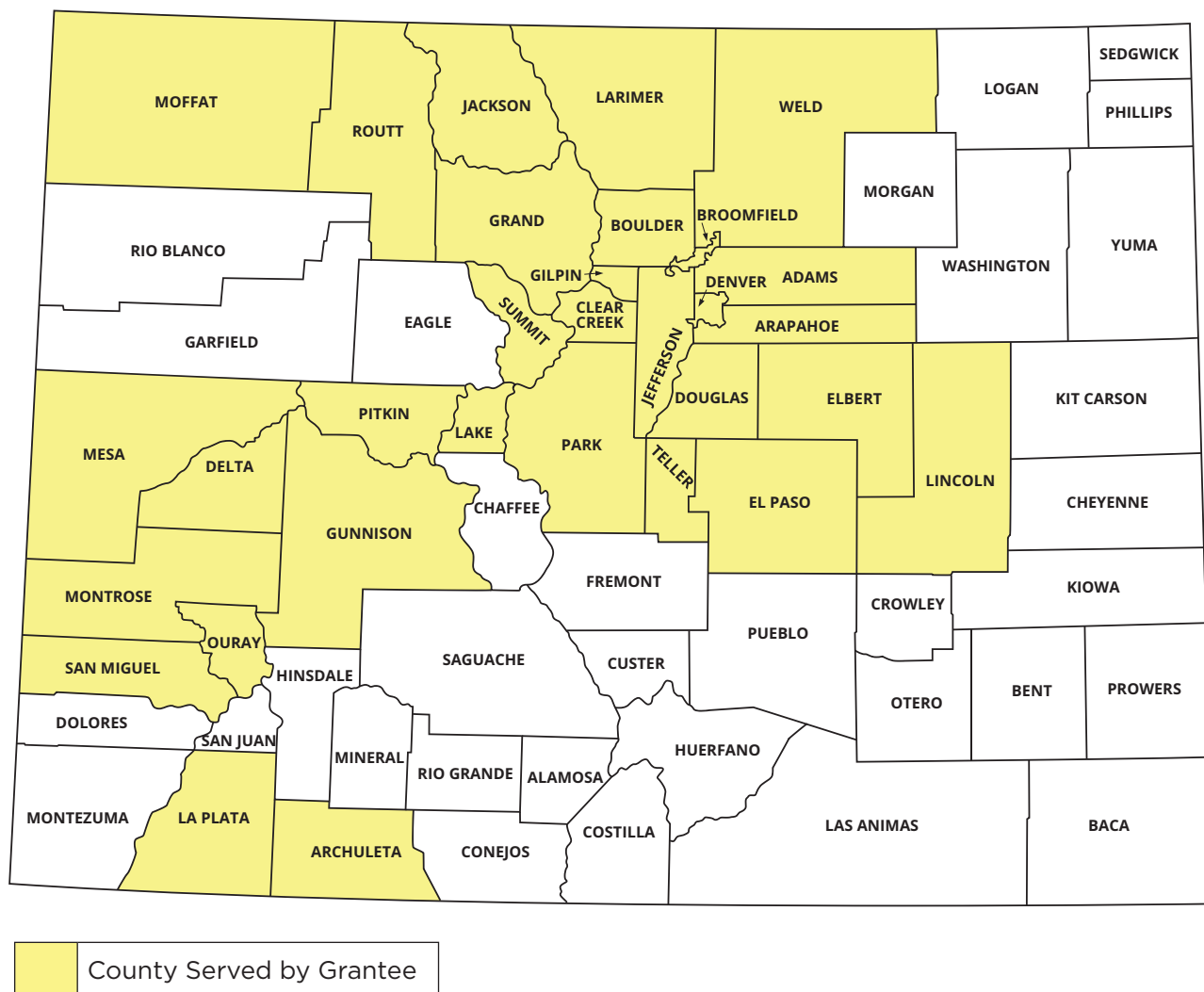
NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED BY FUNDING CATEGORY



** The above funding areas are based on reports by grantees; overlaps occur as some grantees qualify for multiple categories.*

Geographic Impact

Our grantees serve the following counties across Colorado:



In addition, the Colorado Bar Foundation funded 18 organizations that serve the entire state.

COLTAF Block Grant Program

The Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation (COLTAF) program supports pro bono legal services by funding local legal aid and similar organizations that provide civil representation to economically disadvantaged residents across the State of Colorado. COLTAF is funded with the interest earned on trust accounts held for Colorado attorneys. Shortly after the 2008 financial crisis, interest payments plunged and severely hampered the ability of COLTAF to support these programs. Recognizing the statewide negative impact on the availability of legal services for such residents, the Foundation's Trustees determined that a unitary grant to COLTAF would be a more efficient and effective way of allocating Foundation funds for these programs. In 2014, the Trustees discontinued awards to individual COLTAF-supported programs in favor of a single large award to COLTAF, and that practice continues.

In 2021, COLTAF was awarded a block grant of \$35,207 by the Colorado Bar Foundation.

For more information on COLTAF, [click here](#).

Colorado Bar Foundation 2021 Grantees

9to5, National Association of Working Women: 9to5 Colorado is an economic justice organization that works to create system change through issue-based advocacy, grassroots organizing, and community education by directly engaging impacted womxn.

A Kid's Place, Inc.: Our mission is to provide advocacy and Support for abused and neglected children by advancing coordinated investigations, prosecution and victim services.

A Woman's Place, Inc.: Our mission is to shelter and help empower victims/survivors of domestic abuse to become safe, secure, and self-sufficient; and through education and collaboration to mobilize our community to help prevent domestic violence.

Advocates for Victims of Assault, Inc.: Our mission is to provide survivor-defined, trauma-informed services which enhance safety and justice for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trauma, while promoting peace in our community.

Casa Of Jefferson And Gilpin Counties: The mission of CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties is to provide trained volunteers to advocate in court on behalf of abused and neglected children.

CASA of the Pikes Peak Region, Inc.: CASA of the Pikes Peak Region provides a volunteer's voice in court for children who are victims of abuse, neglect or domestic conflict and promotes community awareness of these issues to ensure safe and permanent homes.

Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence: CLI is dedicated to advancing diversity in the legal profession by actively educating and supporting private and public sector legal organizations in their individual campaigns to create cultures of inclusion.

Central Visitation Program: Our mission is to enhance relationships of low-income families by providing supervised visitation, safe exchanges and parenting support.

Child Advocates — Denver CASA: Recruits and trains community volunteers from diverse backgrounds to advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect in the pursuit of safe and permanent homes.

CBA's High School Mock Trial Program: Since 1985, the Colorado Bar Association (CBA) has proudly sponsored the Colorado High School Mock Trial Program. This program is funded by the CBA Litigation Section and the Colorado Bar Foundation. This educational program is one of more than forty-five educational programs in Colorado and is one of the leading and most respected programs in the country. More than 100 high school teams participate in Colorado's mock trial program. Approximately 1,500 students perform as attorneys and/or witnesses in a court case. Hundreds of attorneys, judges, teachers, and other community leaders volunteer their time to instruct students about the judicial system and the trial process through this educational program.

Colorado Judicial Institute: The mission of the non-profit 501(c)3 Colorado Judicial Institute is to preserve and enhance the independence and excellence of Colorado courts, to further public understanding of the Colorado Judicial system, and to ensure that the courts meet the needs of the people.

Colorado Juvenile Defender Center: CJDC is dedicated to ensuring justice for all youth in Colorado. CJDC strives to advocate for justice for youth by: Protecting the rights of youth in the juvenile justice and education systems with direct representation and assistance to clients' families; Elevating the practice of juvenile defense through presenting legal and education seminars, and effectuating change through policy and legislative reform; And supporting juvenile defenders and partners by offering ongoing litigation support and assistance.

Colorado Legal Services, Inc.: The mission of Colorado Legal Services is to provide meaningful access to high quality, civil legal services in the pursuit of justice for as many low-income persons and members of vulnerable populations throughout Colorado as possible.

Forge Evolution: Forge Evolution empowers youth and fosters resilient communities by inspiring accountability, empathy, and personal growth.

Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region, Inc.: To provide quality childcare in a safe, family-friendly environment for children of individuals who have court-related business.

Court Support Jeffco: Court Support Jeffco promotes public safety, mental health and addiction recovery through the provision of incentives and other needed support to the problem-solving courts of Jefferson County

Crossroads Safehouse, Inc.: Crossroads Safehouse shelters, supports, advocates for, and empowers all people so we can live free of domestic violence and interpersonal abuse.

Delta Eta Boule Foundation: The Delta Eta Boulé Foundation helps young Black men successfully transition from high school, to college, to professional careers and civic and community leadership. Our mission is to recruit and develop African American students from Colorado to become leaders in their communities and chosen professions by providing scholarships, one-on-one mentoring, internships and professional development.

Educating Children of Color: Our mission is to dismantle the cradle-to-prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty through education.

Hispanic Affairs Project: The mission of the Hispanic Affairs Project is to promote the integration of immigrants in Western Colorado through leadership development, advocacy, and providing key services.

Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County: The Mission of the Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County (ILCBC) is to expand access to reliable legal services for the immigrant community, to educate the immigrant population about U.S. law, and to educate the general public about the legal difficulties encountered by immigrants to this country.

J-SUP: Our mission is to provide the highest quality of compassionate pro bono legal services and advocacy to the unhoused to ensure they are treated fairly and receive available services and benefits to assist them in overcoming homelessness.

Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center: JAMLAC seeks justice for people who struggle with poverty and oppression. We do this through compassionate civil legal representation in a way that affirms their dignity and strengthens their capacity to positively direct their own lives.

LAW SCHOOL...Yes We Can: LSYWC's Mission Statement is: Advancing Inclusiveness in the Legal Profession by Equipping Fellows for their Journey to Law School and Beyond.

Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation: COLTAF administers Colorado's Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program to assist in legal services to the disadvantaged; improve the delivery of legal services; promote knowledge and awareness of the law in the community; and improve the administration of justice.

Legal Entrepreneurs for Justice: Legal Entrepreneurs for Justice (LEJ) is a small business incubator for socially conscious lawyers building sustainable practices that provide affordable legal solutions to low and middle-income Coloradans. This target market makes too much money to qualify for free legal services but not enough to pay traditional market rates. LEJ provides the training, mentoring, resources, and support needed for lawyers launching or transitioning their practices

to establish, maintain, and grow firms addressing the needs of low and middle-income legal consumers. LEJ lawyers are committed to offering predictable and transparent pricing, flexible representation options, and leveraging technology and innovation from other industries to increase client engagement and efficiency.

Mi Casa Resource Center: Mi Casa Resource Center's mission is to create pathways to opportunity

National Association of Counsel for Children: Our mission is to advance the rights, well-being, and opportunities of children impacted by the child welfare system through access to high-quality legal representation.

Realness Project: We inspire human growth and connection by delivering wildly effective programming to justice-involved people, including inmates, staff, parolees, and companies hiring the formerly incarcerated.

Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, Inc.: Rise Above Violence promotes the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence by providing support and advocacy services for victims and education for youth and our community.

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center: We advocate for children and youth, drive systemic reform, and boldly challenge the status quo so that every young person who has experienced trauma or instability has the opportunity to thrive.

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network: RMIAN is a nonprofit organization that serves low-income adults and children in immigration proceedings. RMIAN promotes knowledge of legal rights, provides effective representation to ensure due process, works to improve detention conditions, and promotes a more humane immigration system, including alternatives to detention.

Rocky Mountain Legal Center: RMLC's primary mission is providing free and low-cost civil legal representation for low-income families, single parents, seniors and people from every other walk of life

Rocky Mountain Veterans Advocacy Project, Inc.: The Rocky Mountain Veterans Advocacy Project is a non-profit, low-bono clinic providing legal advocacy to veterans and military servicemembers to obtain disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs and discharge upgrades before the Department of Defense.

Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center: Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center elevates victims' voices, champions victims' rights, and transforms the systems impacting them.

Tri-County Health Network: Our mission is to collaborate with our communities to improve health for everyone

Women's Resource Center: The Women's Resource Center advocates for the personal empowerment and economic self-sufficiency of women and girls in La Plata County.