

## 2023 Opportunity Grant Recipients

### **Amara Legal Center** **\$25,000** **(MD, DC, VA)**

The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will help support the development of virtual training modules on how to identify sex trafficking survivors and the legal issues they face for medical professionals, law enforcement, and legal services organizations. These training models will be created with feedback and input provided by survivors as well as medical, legal, and law enforcement professionals. To learn more, visit [Amara Legal Center](#).

### **Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)** **\$25,000** **(National)**

The efforts of ASAP to expand from providing federal resources into providing state-level legal resources for asylum seekers will be assisted with a 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant. This project will provide access to vital information, expand new channels of communication, and help connect members with their local community supports. To learn more, visit [Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project](#).

### **Legal Aid of Nebraska** **\$40,000** **(NE)**

Legal Aid of Nebraska is working to assist low-income clients burdened by debt and in need of bankruptcy relief through their six in-person bankruptcy clinics. The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will be used to develop bankruptcy software which will expand capacity to virtually assist low-income clients statewide through assisted pro-se bankruptcy clinics. To learn more, visit [Legal Aid of Nebraska](#).

### **Lone Star Justice Alliance (LSJA)** **\$25,000** **(TX, OK, AR, KS, MO)**

LSJA will create online trainings, practice forms, and practice materials specifically focused on youth defense and integrating racial justice arguments. With the support of the 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant, increased training and resources will be prepared and made

available to the attorneys representing juvenile defendants. To learn more, visit [Lone Star Justice Alliance](#).

### **Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition** **\$20,000** **(MA)**

The final production of the Identity Document Assistance Network, a single program that encompasses all document and name change related services, will be supported in part by the 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant. The online platform will provide assistance with legal name, gender marker, and identity document changes for the transgender and nonbinary community. To learn more, visit [Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition](#).

### **Memphis Public Interest Law Center (MPILC)** **\$24,100** **(TN)**

With the assistance of the 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant, the MPILC will implement the Renter Timeline App, which will provide a method for renters to document, gather, and organize the relevant facts and evidence. By utilizing this tool, renters will be able to use their timeline in their self-advocacy efforts, and to provide organized, streamlined documentation to legal assistance. To learn more, visit [Memphis Public Interest Law Center](#).

### **Mobile Pathways** **\$25,000** **(National)**

Mobile Pathways' Hola Asistente is a new text-based tool that communicates with immigration clients about their specific cases as well as teaching the basics of immigration law. The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will allow Mobile Pathways to expand the reach of Hola Asistente both via digital means and through on-the-

ground tabling at locations such as immigration courts. To learn more, visit [Mobile Pathways](#).

**Montclair State University** **\$21,601**  
**(NJ, NY)**

This project is directed towards helping youth understand the process and consequences attached to entering plea bargains in criminal court. The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will be used to develop the Rapid Competency Screen, a tool that will enable attorneys to rapidly identify youth with legally relevant deficits, and an Attorney Guide on plea bargaining. This will help improve attorney-client communication, identify deficits in understanding, and provide attorneys with a tool to assist in the remediation of client understanding of the plea process. To learn more, visit [Montclair State University Decision Making Lab](#).

**New Friends New Life (NFNL)** **\$25,000**  
**(TX)**

As part of their Legal Barrier Removal program, NFNL has opened their new onsite Legal Advocacy Clinic, which provides access to legal advocacy for survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation. The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will help remove financial barriers associated with program start up costs, as well as building curriculum for legal representation and community education. To learn more, visit [New Friends New Life](#).

**Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering (RISE)**  
**\$20,000**  
**(TX)**

RISE will create an online, live community for youth ages 18-24 who are experiencing homelessness to have access to a community of lawyers knowledgeable in housing laws, consumer laws and tenants' rights. The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will primarily be used to develop and maintain the online platform that hosts the community, as well as to execute legal coaching, consumer law and tenant rights education, and landlord partnership training. To learn more, visit [Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering](#).

**University of Nevada Las Vegas Foundation** **\$19,500**  
**William S. Boyd School of Law**  
**(NV)**

In partnership with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and other legal service provider groups, the William S. Boyd School of Law will run two Community Law Days on the East side of Las Vegas, where they will run auditorium-style information sessions, one-on-one attorney meetings, and social services tabling fairs. The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will support the production of materials and resources in English and Spanish, provide professional translation services, and provide technical resources and support for the one-on-one meetings and continued access of recorded information sessions. To learn more, visit [University of Nevada Las Vegas Boyd School of Law](#).

**Women and Children's Horizons (WCH)** **\$25,000**  
**(IL, WI)**

Through their Empower You Legal Services Project, WCH will develop a web and app-based tool that will provide education to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, put them in contact with legal representation, and provide a resources space for virtual court and meetings, as well as space to store confidential paperwork. The 2023 ABE Opportunity Grant will be dedicated to app development, outreach material, and safe space supplies and storage. To learn more, visit [Women and Children's Horizons](#).