



OHIO STATE BAR FOUNDATION

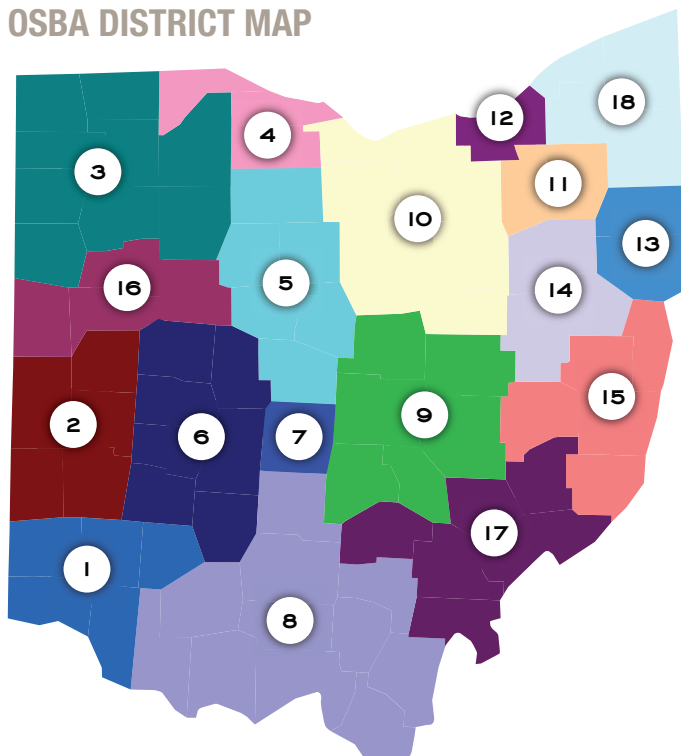
2020 Grants

\$1,024,850

In 2020, the Ohio State Bar Foundation granted \$1,024,850 to programs that are impacting communities across the state. These nonprofits go above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of Ohioans and to move the OSBF's mission forward.

To learn more about OSBF's grantmaking efforts, visit OSBF.org.

OSBA DISTRICT MAP



STRATEGIC GRANT

\$99,996 - All Districts

Issue Media Group
Civics Essential Ohio

SPRING GRANTS CYCLE - \$320,002

Ohio Center for Law-Related Education
\$118,000 | All Districts

Legal Aid Society of Columbus
Statewide Kinship Care Provider Education and Outreach Program
\$59,000 | All Districts

\$50,000 to the United Way of Greater Cleveland
Right to Counsel - Cleveland Community Education and Awareness Campaign
\$50,000 | District 12

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality
Medicaid Developmental Disability Waivers and You
\$34,000 | District 2, 3, 4, 5, 16

National Alliance for Mental Illness Ohio
Answering the Calls of Veterans in Crisis
\$20,000 | All Districts

Ohio Voice
Ohio Fair Courts Speakers Bureau
\$10,000 | District 1, 7, 9, 11, 12

Legal Aid Society of Columbus
Boss Up
\$10,000 | District 7

Council on American-Islamic Relations Ohio
Know Your Rights Legal Fellow
\$10,000 | District 1, 2, 4, 7, 12

Ohio State Legal Services Association in Columbus
Ohio Poverty Law Center's Advocacy Skills Training
\$9,000 | All Districts

Law and Leadership Institute
Diversity in Leadership Fellowship
\$110,900 | All Districts

Central Ohio Worker Center
Workplace Rights Initiative for Central Ohio Workers: Racial and Economic Justice Project
\$55,000 | District 7

Advocating Opportunity
Beyond Colorblindness: A Legal Framework for Anti-Racism Implementation of Racial and Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives within Core Programming
\$51,000 | All Districts

Equality Ohio (EO) Education Fund
Establishing the Equality Ohio Legal Clinic Digital Training Library and Attorney Referral Network Expansion
\$50,000 | All Districts

Law and Leadership Institute
Leaders for Justice Series
\$42,000 | All Districts

Ohio Alliance of YMCAs Foundation
Civic Engagement for all of Ohio Teens through the YMCA Youth & Government Program
\$35,000 | All Districts

Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio
Attorneys Strengthening Ohio Nonprofits through Legal Education Program
\$30,000 | All Districts

All Choices Matter
Improve Legal Outcomes Triggered by Youth Trauma
\$25,000 | All Districts

Council on American-Islamic Relations Ohio
Community Record Sealing Clinic
\$20,000 | District 7

Immigrant and Refugee Law Center
Immigration Law Manuals and Materials Translation Project
\$14,000 | District 1

Immigrant and Refugee Law Center
Immigrant Rights Curriculum for the Classroom
\$7,500 | District 1

Artemis Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence
Rights and Process for Civil Protection
\$4,452 | District 2

RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE GRANT

Total Amount Granted: \$50,000

University of Cincinnati College of Law's Ohio Innocence Project
Cincinnati Murder Conviction Audit
\$25,000 | District 1

Health Policy Institute of Ohio
Connections Between Criminal Justice and Health Brief
\$15,000 | All Districts

Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education
Case Study for Law Enforcement: Building Community Through the Lessons of the Holocaust.
\$10,000 | District 1

WILLIAM K. WEISENBERG FUND FOR CIVICS EDUCATION \$110,000

Ohio State Bar Association

STRATEGIC GRANT

\$99,996

\$99,996 to **Issue Media Group** (with Cincinnati Development Fund acting as the fiscal agent) for Phase 3 of OSBF's first strategic grant. In its third year, Civics Essential Ohio will continue to work to improve civics knowledge of adults in Ohio through feature stories published in *Soapbox Cincinnati*, *Fresh Water Cleveland*, and *The Hub Springfield* and more.

SPRING GRANTS CYCLE

Total Amount Granted: \$320,002

\$118,000 to the **Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE)** to further develop and expand its student programs, teacher professional development opportunities, and outreach efforts. Students have access to high-quality civics content and an opportunity to practice responsible citizenship through the study of the U.S. Constitution, judicial system, and community impact of social issues. Educators learn valuable teaching strategies, create lesson plans and student activities, and share substantive knowledge through OCLRE professional development opportunities.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$59,000 to the **Legal Aid Society of Columbus** for their Statewide Kinship Care Provider Education and Outreach Program. The program assists kinship care families, caregivers for children whose parents are unable or unavailable to care for them. This initiative helps kinship caregivers have better access and increased understanding of the legal system through collaborations with Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center in Columbus and with the Cincinnati Bar Foundation and Ohio Federation of Health Equity and Social Justice statewide.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$50,000 to the **United Way of Greater Cleveland** for their Right to Counsel - Cleveland Community Education and Awareness Campaign, which works to educate the Cleveland community on a recent court rule change entitling tenants to legal representation in city eviction proceedings.
District(s) Served: 12

\$34,000 to **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality** Medicaid Developmental Disability Waivers and You. The program will provide legal information to individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and disability-rights advocates on the three types of waivers available, their rights and eligibility, and the application and appeals process.
District(s) Served: 2, 3, 4, 5, 16

\$20,000 to the **National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio** for Answering the Calls of Veterans in Crisis. With this grant, NAMI Ohio will hold a one-day conference for judges, law enforcement officers, mental health professionals, and veteran outreach coordinators to encourage collaborative efforts for de-escalating veterans facing unique problems, such as traumatic brain injury, PTSD, substance abuse, depression, and other mental, physical, and emotional challenges.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$10,000 to **Ohio Voice** to expand the Ohio Fair Courts Speakers Bureau, which conducts "Courts 101" presentations that engage and train new speakers and organizations in Dayton, Cincinnati, Akron, and Cleveland.
District(s) Served: 1, 7, 9, 11, 12

\$10,000 to the **Legal Aid Society of Columbus** for Boss Up, which supports the development of legal education materials for aspiring entrepreneurs in historically underserved communities in Franklin County. The grant will help provide needed information on start-up services for small businesses.
District(s) Served: 7

\$10,000 to the **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Ohio** for Know Your Rights Legal Fellow. The grant will support the development of "Know Your Rights" legal materials that will help educate the Ohio Muslim community on legal issues specific to them and other general legal topics.
District(s) Served: 1, 2, 4, 7, 12

\$9,000 to **Ohio State Legal Services Association in Columbus** for the Ohio Poverty Law Center's Advocacy Skills Training. Legal aid attorneys will have the opportunity to participate in a two-day advocacy training where they'll engage in group presentations, discussions, and small group exercises to help them better understand the legislative process and increase their level of engagement in statewide policy.
District(s) Served: All Districts

FALL GRANTS CYCLE

Total Amount Granted: \$444,852

\$110,900 to the **Law and Leadership Institute (LLI)** for the Diversity in Leadership Fellowship. With this grant, LLI will continue its fellowship program designed for first-year law students, which aims to help them explore diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and expand understanding of the issues impacting the recruitment and retention of diverse attorneys. New fellows will attend various workshops, instruct high school students during LLI's summer programming, and receive support from experienced attorneys through an advisory council.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$55,000 to the **Central Ohio Worker Center (COWC)** for the Workplace Rights Initiative for Central Ohio Workers: Racial and Economic Justice Project. This project aims to deliver critical 'know-your-rights' and community organizing training. The goal is to help residents protect themselves at work, secure unemployment resources, implement strategies for improved pay, benefits, and working conditions, and share acquired information with coworkers and community members. Development and implementation of training modules will be disseminated to target communities.
District(s) Served: 7

\$51,000 to **Advocating Opportunity (AO)** for Beyond Colorblindness: A Legal Framework for Anti-Racism Implementation of Racial and Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives within Core Programming. This programming will develop and implement a series of regional training sessions to address the structural racism in Ohio's legal system by providing historical context and understanding, offer a critical examination of the legal system, and give participants tangible and actionable tools. AO will connect with local bar associations, law schools, and courts to publicize the trainings.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$50,000 to the **Equality Ohio (EO) Education Fund** for Establishing the Equality Ohio Legal Clinic Digital Training Library and Attorney Referral Network Expansion, which will create a curriculum for six CLE courses focused on LGBTQ-specific legal knowledge and/or cultural-humility. EO also will produce digital versions of the six courses with accompanying legal guides, apply for online CLE provider status with the Ohio Supreme Court, and market the six courses to the state's legal community, while continuing recruitment of attorneys to the Attorney Referral Network.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$42,000 to the **Law and Leadership Institute (LLI)** for their Leaders for Justice Series. This series aims to increase awareness of systemic barriers for attorneys of color, to demonstrate effective strategies to combat racism, and improve diversity, equity, and inclusion in both the corporate and educational context through quarterly statewide events.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$35,000 to the **Ohio Alliance of YMCAs Foundation** for their Civic Engagement for all of Ohio Teens through the YMCA Youth & Government Program. This grant will help expand their program into more school communities, providing leadership training and preparation to meet the needs of a democratic government and the electoral process, stimulate interest and participation in U.S. and state government functions, promote an understanding of the law, and create opportunities for civic engagement and education.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$30,000 to **Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio (PBPO)** for their Attorneys Strengthening Ohio Nonprofits through Legal Education Program, which will focus on reformatting live educational programming into webinars, draft legal brief publications specific to the needs of Ohio nonprofits, and provide these resources to the state's nearly 50,000 nonprofits.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$25,000 to **All Choices Matter** for their Improve Legal Outcomes Triggered by Youth Trauma video series. With this grant, they will produce ten short, educational videos to explain how an adverse childhood experience can trigger a personal choice/event that caused a negative interaction with the justice system and will highlight how the justice system, or an early intervention, can produce a more positive outcome. Target audiences for these videos include school-aged students, educators, schools, and health departments.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$20,000 to the **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Ohio** for their Community Record Sealing Clinic. With this grant, CAIR Ohio will host monthly expungement clinics targeted at Ohio Muslims to lessen the impact of systemic racism and criminalization in the Muslim community, increase access to employment and housing, and increase community awareness about record-sealing and the legal rights available to Muslims after contact with the legal system.
District(s) Served: 7

\$14,000 to the **Immigrant and Refugee Law Center (IRLC)** for their Immigration Law Manuals and Materials Translation Project. Through this project, IRLC will expand the existing legal system manuals for attorneys, translate all materials to include English, Spanish, French, and Arabic, train 60 volunteer attorneys or law students annually, and increase capacity to serve low-income immigrant and refugee clients.
District(s) Served: 1

\$7,500 to the **Immigrant and Refugee Law Center (IRLC)** for the Immigrant Rights Curriculum for the Classroom. With this grant, IRLC will expand its Know Your Rights program to create age-appropriate curriculum for students to help them better understand the immigration legal system, policies, and the rights and resources available to immigrants and refugees and their families.
District(s) Served: 1

\$4,452 to the **Artemis Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence** for their Rights and Process for Civil Protection Orders videos. With this grant, they will produce two three-minute videos on how to obtain a Civil Protection Order in Montgomery County Domestic Relations Court. One video will be produced in English with subtitles or ASL interpretation, and the other will be produced in Spanish. These videos will be continuously played in the court's waiting area, available on the court's website, and available to the pro se legal clinic. Bi-fold cards summarizing the video content also will be created for court clients.
District(s) Served: 2

RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE GRANT*

Total Amount Granted: \$50,000

\$25,000 to the **University of Cincinnati College of Law's** Ohio Innocence Project for their Cincinnati Murder Conviction Audit. This audit will use data from the City of Cincinnati on all homicides in the city since 2011 to thoroughly investigate various cases, then determine if wrongful convictions occurred. Nationally, convictions occur at a much higher rate in the black community, which also indicates a higher risk of potential wrongful convictions. This audit will explore Cincinnati's record of wrongful convictions, whether institutional racism was a factor, and provide a model for other innocence projects across the U.S. on how to get similar transparency disclosures from government entities.
District(s) Served: 1

\$15,000 to the **Health Policy Institute of Ohio** to create their Connections Between Criminal Justice and Health Brief. This new policy brief will provide research on the relationship between criminal justice and health, data and information on how racism and inequities in the criminal justice system impact the overall health and wellbeing of Ohioans of color, opportunities for improvement across the criminal justice and health systems, and evidence-informed policy approaches to eliminate racism, advance equity, reduce spending, and improve outcomes in the criminal justice and health systems.
District(s) Served: All Districts

\$10,000 to the **Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education** for their Case Study for Law Enforcement: Building Community Through the Lessons of the Holocaust. Using the history of the Holocaust and Nazification of law enforcement as a case study, they will develop a training for law enforcement professionals that explores the topic of group think, challenge participants to analyze the role of law enforcement in history and its importance in modern-day community building and policing practices, and examine one's conscious bias. Activities will focus on training implementation, ongoing support, follow ups, and development of a post-training guide. Set to launch in June 2021, the guide will provide ongoing activities/exercises, benchmarks, goals, and suggestions for supervisors to set for each officer.
District(s) Served: 1

WILLIAM K. WEISENBERG FUND FOR CIVICS EDUCATION

Total Amount Granted: \$110,000

\$110,000 awarded to the Ohio State Bar Association to develop a series of quick, free and engaging educational Ted-Talk-like or Prager U videos. These videos will provide tools to students, young adults and other members of the public to better understand and recognize opportunities for improvement to the justice system and learn how to get involved in civic engagement.

*The OSBF is awarding up to \$500K in grants that promote racial justice. Additional grants expected in 2021.