

A low-angle photograph of the Statue of Liberty against a blue sky with light clouds. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding the torch in her right hand and a tablet in her left. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

STANDING UP FOR JUSTICE

2024 IMPACT REPORT

Legal Services  **of Eastern Missouri**
Action.Justice.Hope.



“Strong people stand up for themselves, but stronger people stand up for others.”

**Suzy Kassem,
American Writer & Poet**

To our Community of Supporters,

Every day our clients navigate challenges and hurdles that make daily life harder than anyone should ever have to endure. Our clients are strong, resilient, and inspiring. Their individual strengths are front and center when they make the courageous call to seek support from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. This act, our clients standing up for themselves, is why Legal Services strives to stand up for our community. When we witness this resilience and determination to fight for justice, we are all called to rise. As we stand together, our ability to close the “justice gap” is amplified, strengthened, and becomes even more powerful. Our team at Legal Services understands the deep need to “stand up for justice,” and the efforts and results of our work show just how vital our services are to the community we serve.

When we stand together--our clients, our supporters and our team--we achieve great things. In 2024, we achieved justice by:

1. Securing affordable housing in Wellston
2. Ensuring access to SNAP/food stamps benefits
3. Empowering small businesses to thrive through legal assistance
4. Supporting survivors of domestic violence

These are just a few examples of how standing strong ensured we achieved justice in many ways. In 2024, we were able to serve 37,896 individuals, secure \$20.5 million in monetary benefits for our clients, and see a 97% success rate on full case work.

This is all possible because of our strong partnerships with a wide network of supporters and community partners who also believe just as deeply in our mission. We are grateful for your support of Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and the clients we serve. We hope that as you read our 2024 Impact Report you see our dedication to **Action. Justice. Hope.** through each client story, successful case, and the team who stands up together to serve our clients when they need us most.

Yours in gratitude,

Daniel K. Glazier
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Legal Services of Eastern Missouri advances justice through legal representation, education and supportive services. We partner with the community to improve lives, promote fairness and create opportunities for those in need.

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ACHIEVING JUSTICE

Justice Served for SNAP Applicants

In a decision that could spell relief for Missourians suffering food insecurity, a federal judge ruled in 2024 that the State of Missouri systematically deprived eligible applicants of food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The decision capped two years of litigation by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and its partners, who alleged that the state's broken call center left thousands of people without access to nutritional assistance amid soaring COVID-19 job losses.

The lawsuit was filed in February 2022 by Legal Services, the National Center for Law and Economic Justice, and Stinson LLP on behalf of individual plaintiffs and Empower Missouri.

A U.S. District Court confirmed that Missouri's failures violated constitutional due process provisions, the SNAP Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The judge specifically cited the high rate of benefit denials due to missed interviews - interviews that many applicants were unable to complete due to hours-long hold times or dropped calls. Plaintiffs with disabilities also struggled to navigate the application process due to the inability to request reasonable accommodations.

"We applaud the Court for this ruling, and we will continue to hold the Missouri Department of Social Services accountable for coming into compliance with SNAP law and the ADA," said Katherine Holley, Attorney/Program Director with Legal Services. An order was issued May 6, 2025 requiring Missouri to modify its SNAP program to comply with federal law, including ensuring 90% of applicants experience hold times of 20 minutes or less.

New Videos Educate About Eviction

MoTenantHelp.org, an online resource for Missouri tenants to learn about their legal rights as renters, added another key part to the site in 2024 - self-help videos. A series of short, plain language, animated self-help videos are now available on the website, covering topics such as tenants' rights, types of evictions, and how to navigate an eviction case in court.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri developed the website and videos with funding through a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and with help from Lemma Legal, the primary site developer, and Caroline Schumann, the video producer. All four of Missouri's legal aid organizations contributed as subject matter experts.

"We're thrilled to begin using 'explainer' videos that we hope will make complicated legal information more accessible and understandable to people," said Terry Lawson, Managing Attorney of Legal Services' Consumer Law Program.

View these videos at <https://motenanthelp.org/resources/>

A Tenant Toolkit for Clients

In 2024, Legal Services distributed the first copies of the Tenant Toolkit, a vital resource for clients and community members facing landlord-tenant issues. The new publication provides legal information on housing rights, templates for landlord communications, tips for securing rentals, and resources for long-term housing stability.

Developed over a year by Legal Services' housing law and social work staff, the toolkit was funded by a multi-year HUD grant. It is part of a statewide effort to help underserved and rural communities understand their rights and avoid eviction.

"Eviction prevention resources are crucial for housing stability and community well-being," said Jennifer Heggemann, Director of Social Work at Legal Services. "With the Tenant Toolkit, we hope to connect renters to tools that help them maintain housing and avoid eviction's far-reaching consequences."

The Tenant Toolkit is available online at: www.lsem.org/housing-law/



SECURING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WELLSTON

Celebrating Success

In January 2024, families moved into Wellston Family Homes, a \$44.5 million public-private housing development that stands as a victory for Wellston residents. Just a few years ago, these homes faced demolition when HUD proposed removing 201 units—housing for a quarter of the city’s population. Instead, residents fought back.

“When we were going to be forced out, we figured we had to fight,” said Flora Mix, President of the Wellston Tenants Association. With support from Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Hon. Richard B. Teitelman Chair Attorney, Lisa D’Souza, and local leaders, the

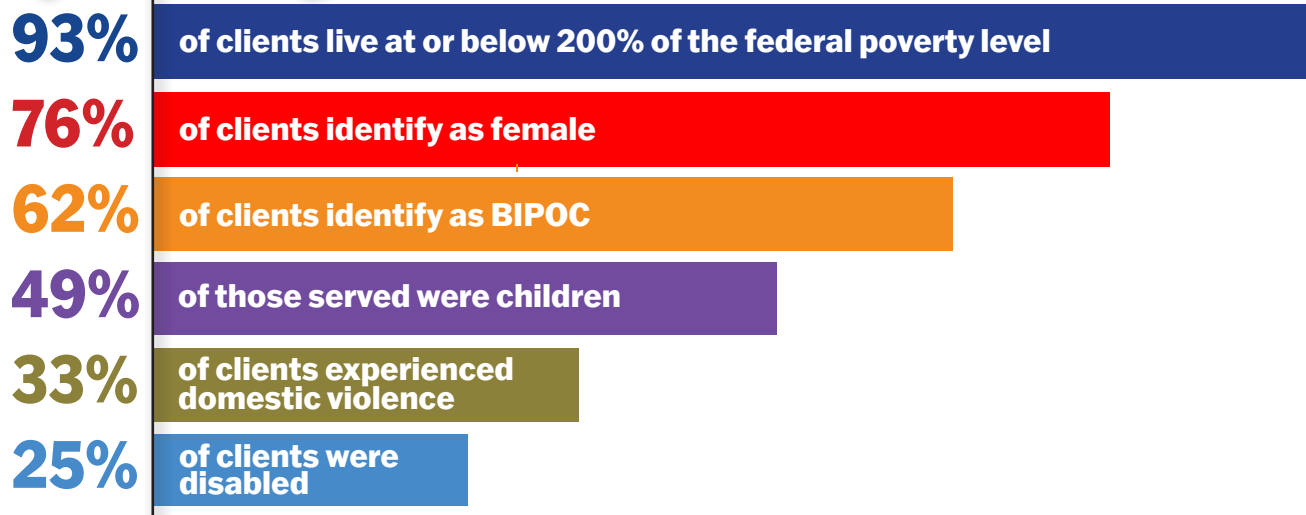
community built a coalition that not only rehabilitated housing but ensured high-quality redevelopment.

At a national conference in October, Wellston Mayor Nathaniel Griffin called the revitalized homes an anchor for future growth. “Lisa made sure tenants were protected and got the quality housing they deserved,” Griffin said.

This project highlights how legal advocates and community groups can collaborate to reverse a long-standing pattern of disinvestment in Black communities and secure affordable housing.

ABOVE, L TO R: Wellston Tenant Association Board Members Mammie Soloman and Anna Thorpe; Legal Services attorney Lisa D’Souza; Wellston Mayor Nathaniel Griffin; Shannon Koenig, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of St. Louis County; and Flora Mix, Wellston Tenant Association Board President.

Getting Results



37,896

people served in 2024

29,913

more people were assisted through community education, outreach, court helpdesk and referrals

18,358

requests for help received

7,983

people served through direct client work

97%

success rate on full case work

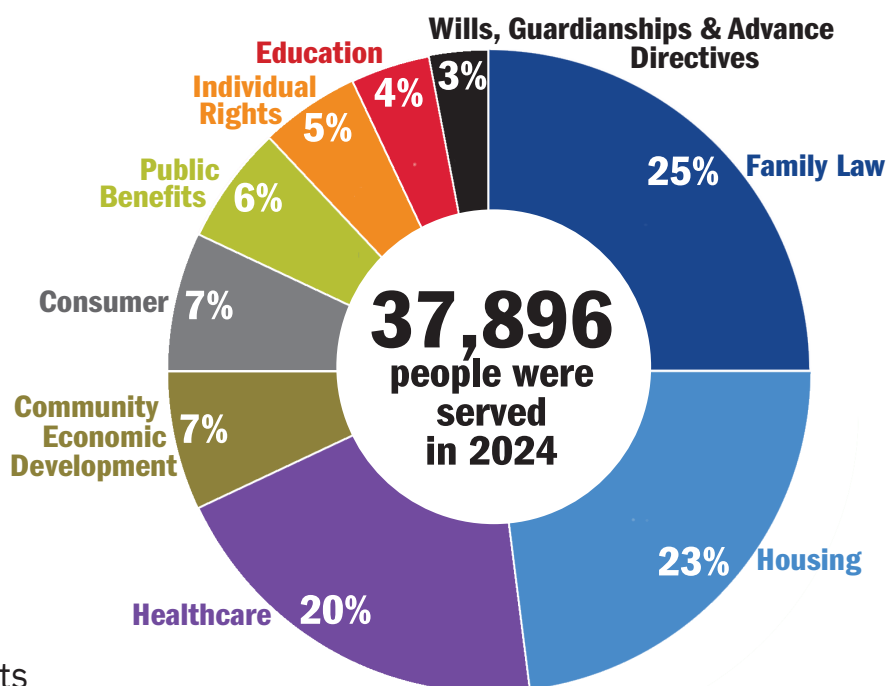
\$20.5 Million

in monetary benefits gains for clients

The Justice Gap

Nationwide, about 92% of low-income people do not get the legal aid they need.

TYPES OF ISSUES



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS



Helping Home Owners

Legal Services regularly collaborates with more than 150 partner agencies to maximize benefits for the clients we serve. Ms. Pearlie Bowen, of the City of Berkeley, is a recent beneficiary of these partnerships.

Ms. Bowen has lived in her home for over 50 years. She bought the house with her husband in 1972, and they raised their two sons there. In 2019, an accident left her wheelchair-bound. A few years later, Beyond Housing built a wheelchair ramp for Ms. Bowen. The ramp allowed her to continue living independently in her home, which is right next door to her son who helps care for her.

In 2024, Beyond Housing sent letters to over a thousand past home repair recipients, including Ms. Bowen, to inform them about free estate planning services from Legal Services' Neighborhood Advocacy program. Through a new partnership with the Home Repair Network, Neighborhood Advocacy helps connect home repair recipients across the region with legal resources. This initiative allows Home Repair Network member organizations like Beyond Housing to refer both past and current home repair clients for assistance with estate planning and property title issues.

Ms. Bowen was one of hundreds who reached out, and Neighborhood Advocacy attorneys determined a simple transfer on death deed would meet her needs. Now, her home will pass directly to her two sons without the need for probate court, sparing them legal complications and expenses. In 2024, estate planning services provided through the partnership with Home Repair Network helped preserve over \$6 million in home equity for 166 client families.

Ms. Bowen shared her gratitude with Legal Services' attorneys: "This program has provided a lot of peace of mind for me and my sons." When Legal Services partners with nonprofits like Beyond Housing and other home repair providers, we double the difference we make in people's lives and communities.

ABOVE: Pearlie Bowen with her sons Jeffrey & Stevie Bowen

SERVING *The Community*



At Legal Services standing up for justice can take many forms – from our daily legal work to our community outreach and our many valued relationships with community partners. Outreach and partnerships with other agencies help to educate members of the public about their legal rights and how to access a wide range of available resources. Building trusted relationships within the community is essential to expanding access to justice for individuals, families, and entire neighborhoods.

533
Community
Events
Attended



126
Community
Workshops and
Clinics Hosted



112
Community
Presentations
Conducted



33
Legal Training
Sessions Hosted for
Service Providers



18
Written Legal
Education Materials
Created



YOUNG FRIENDS OF LEGAL SERVICES

In 2024, the Young Friends of Legal Services updated their bylaws and expanded their Board to add two more positions. These changes allow a larger and more diverse group to represent Legal Services in the local legal community.

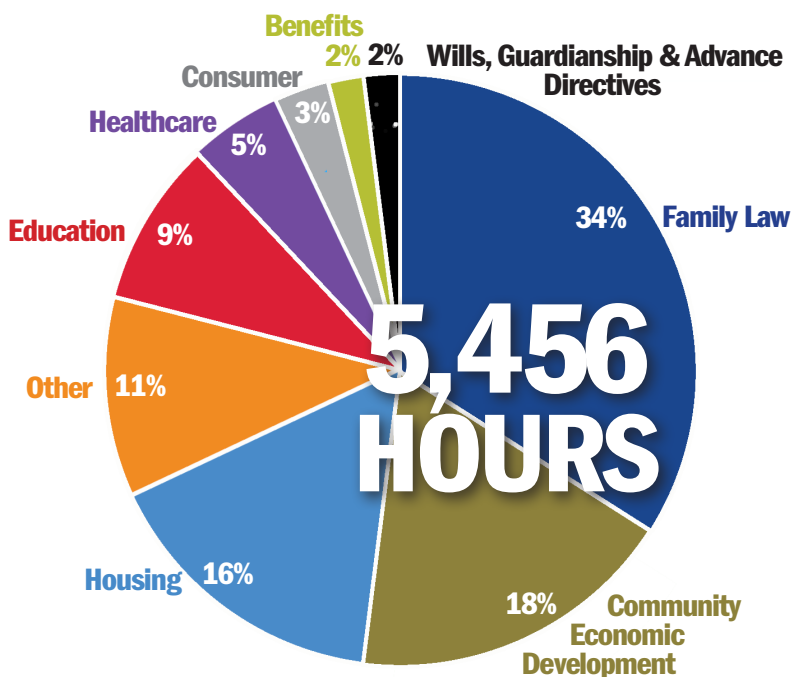
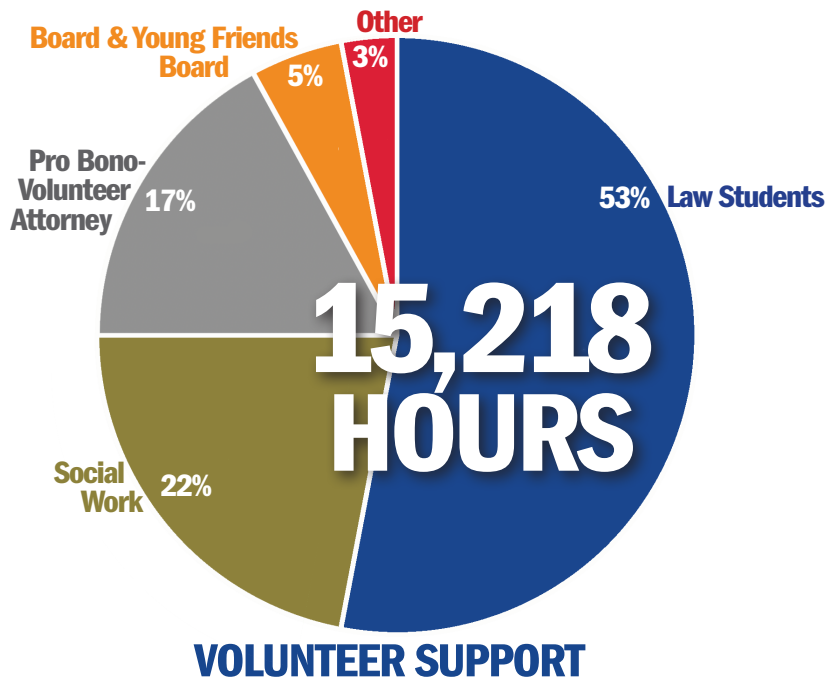
Activities for the year included hosting their annual Missouri CLE session, with a focus on Neighborhood Advocacy; a Happy Hour for Summer Associates; a Spring Cleaning Supplies Drive for Legal Services clients; and participation in the Holiday Gift Campaign to support clients.



Learn more about the Young Friends of Legal Services with this QR code.



2024 VOLUNTEER STATS



41

Number of new Volunteer Attorneys

350

Number of cases handled by volunteers in 2024

\$932,095

Value of Volunteer Service



SERVICE *in Action*

Venus A. Jackson, recipient of our 2024 F. Wm. McCalpin Pro Bono Award, has been an active volunteer with Legal Services' Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP) since 2021.

A native St. Louisan, Jackson achieved her lifelong ambition when she graduated law school and passed the Missouri Bar in 2007. She is committed to helping people in her community by providing volunteer services while operating her own successful law office that focuses on family law, probate issues and guardianships.

Over the past four years, Jackson has assisted with more than 12 adult and minor guardianship cases and has also consulted clients on alternatives for guardianships. She says, "What motivates me is my belief that everyone should be afforded legal representation and have an advocate voice in the system. The most fulfilling thing I do is help someone who can't afford a lawyer by providing them with the representation they deserve."

VLP Senior Paralegal Mary Dyson says, "Venus embodies those characteristics we seek in a volunteer: dedication, empathy, and a no-nonsense approach that gets the job done."

Empowering Small Businesses with Legal Resources

Community economic development efforts such as small business development are crucial for breaking the cycle of poverty and revitalizing low-income areas. Recognizing this need, Legal Services launched the Community Economic Development - Microenterprise Program in 2011 to provide legal education and services to aspiring entrepreneurs and grassroots nonprofits with limited capital.

Through a network of skilled staff, pro bono attorneys, and community partners, the program bridges gaps in legal knowledge that often hinder small business growth.

Entrepreneurs typically seek guidance on core issues, from business formation and operating agreements to trademark applications and personnel policies.

Since its inception, Microenterprise has worked on 1,636 case matters for 954 low-income clients, many of whom are women and immigrants. In addition to direct legal assistance, the program has reached 7,666 people through outreach events, which provide entrepreneurs with the legal knowledge they need to navigate business challenges.

SUPPORTING ECONOMIC



Mr. Fresh
www.befreshnow.com

Joshua Danrich became Legal Services' youngest ever Microenterprise client, when he and his mom, Shay, came to Legal Services looking for legal help with entity formation, contracts, intellectual property/trademarks, and other general business liability guidance.

From that first meeting, "Mr. Fresh" was born, and today the brand boasts an impressive range of natural oil-based air fresheners which are stocked at several local retail outlets. Known as "Mr. Fresh," Joshua is the "Kid Inventor" behind all the products and is also the face of the business. He has become a local role model for other kids to pursue their dreams, and along with Shay - "Mama Fresh" - he not only runs a successful business but also continues on his path towards a career in engineering.

Over the past five years, Legal Services' Microenterprise staff, led by Managing Attorney Marlene Elliott, have assisted Joshua and Shay and watched as this bright young entrepreneur has developed and expanded his business. Marlene says, "Mr. Fresh and Mama Fresh have always been a joy to work with. Their excitement and drive are inspiring, and it's wonderful to witness their incredible bond throughout this journey!"

Joshua and Shay say: "Legal Services and Marlene Elliott have been an incredible and critical asset, providing strategic legal counsel that has been pivotal in navigating our business through legal challenges." They add, "Marlene's dedication and advice have been crucial to Mr. Fresh's growth and our business success."

With this essential support, clients have built thriving small businesses while improving their lives and strengthening their communities.

“Our goal is to ensure that entrepreneurs know their rights and legal options so they can position themselves to succeed,” said Marlene Elliott, Microenterprise Managing Attorney.

In April, Legal Services showed the program’s impact by welcoming donors and volunteers for a spring Celebration of Giving at Windows on Kiener Plaza. This event showcased the businesses of six clients served by the Microenterprise Program, who shared their stories with guests.



MIC EMPowerMENT



Built & Blended
www.builtandblended.com

Kelsey Shannon founded “Built & Blended” in 2015 after earning a B.A.S. in Cosmetic and Chemical Innovations. By 2020, she had expanded her business into a full range of make-up products and services while also creating online videos to showcase her artistry and share techniques with other aspiring make-up artists.

Inspired to elevate her business, Kelsey enrolled in the Entrepreneurship program at Better Family Life, where she was referred to Legal Services’ Microenterprise program for business legal assistance.

Microenterprise staff, led by Managing Attorney Marlene Elliott, assisted Kelsey in strengthening her Built & Blended business by amending her formation document and drafting an operating agreement and contracts for her, which in turn allowed her to apply for loans to expand her business. As Kelsey’s business expanded, Microenterprise staff also assisted with Intellectual Property rights and trademarks to secure her business and branding.

Kelsey says, “Legal Services’ Microenterprise program has been a very big part of the success of my business. One of the most important things Marlene has taught me is how to become a much more competent and confident business owner, by providing the legal knowledge I need to know to protect and grow my business.”

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY



For The Common Good Awards

In August, more than 200 guests gathered to celebrate the achievements of ten outstanding volunteers and community partners. Dedicated individuals like these are a vital element in our mission to serve the community, and we thank each one for their continued dedication and support.

Awardees Left to Right: April Waugh & Emily Elam (representing Citi), Lucy McCalpin, Karen McCarthy, Al W. Johnson, Barbara & Stephen Miller of the Barbara & Stephen Miller Foundation, Courtney A. Green, Danny Wicentowski & Brian Heffernan (representing St. Louis Public Radio), G. Fatimah Muhammad, Gary Burger and Venus A. Jackson.

Breakfast Forum

In November, we introduced a new event to the Legal Services calendar, with a special Breakfast Forum panel discussion to mark the 50th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation.

Joining us for this panel discussion were Ron Flagg, President of the Legal Services Corporation, Hon. George W. Draper, III, and Karen Nelson Warren, Associate Director of Administration and Community Outreach for Legal Services. Rachel Lippmann of St. Louis Public Radio served as our moderator.

More than 200 guests joined us for this MCLE eligible session to look at the role of legal aid in access to justice for everyday Americans.



Above, L to R: Ron Flagg, Judge Draper, Dan Glazier, Rachel Lippmann & Karen Nelson Warren.

Below, Hon. Susan Block & Hon. George W. Draper, III



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WWW.LSEM.ORG/EVENTS-OVERVIEW/





SURVIVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THRIVING

Knowledge is Power!

In March 2024, we were honored to receive a donation from Big Truck Rental in Tampa, Florida. Even more heartwarming than this donation is the story behind it. The donation came from a former Legal Services' client, Amy Seals.

Amy came to St. Louis in 2014 as a student from Mexico. She met a local man and married him in 2017. Cracks soon appeared in the relationship, and Amy began to suffer domestic abuse. Amy says, "He would alternate between being nice and then abuse and using my visa status as a weapon to keep me there – he said I had no value without him." With no family in St. Louis, she was largely isolated by her partner.

She eventually called the Domestic Violence Hotline and was referred to Safe Connections for help, and to

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri for legal assistance. Legal Services' Lasting Solutions Family Law Program provided legal representation in her divorce case, and the Immigration Law Program helped her secure her US residency.

Throughout this process, she continued to be harassed and intimidated by her ex-partner and his family but remained steadfast and was granted a divorce and permanent residency. Shortly after, she moved to Tampa, Florida to begin a new life.

At Big Truck Rental, Amy serves on the "Give Bigger" committee, which is committed to philanthropy. "Knowing that I can support work that makes such a vital change in the lives of people who were in my situation is so important to me," she says. "Even though I'm in a good relationship now, I never have to feel like I'm nothing without a partner again."

We extend a huge thank you to Amy for her courage in sharing her story and to Big Truck Rental for their generosity.

Services

Individual Rights

Consumer Law

Represents clients with creditor/debtor problems, victims of deceptive business practices or predatory lending and student loan defaults.

Education Justice

Provides information about students' rights and advocates for students facing unfair discipline.

Public Benefits

Helps with applications and appeals for public benefit programs, including Medicaid, TANF and SNAP/Foodstamps.

Senior Law

Represents clients 60 years of age or older with a range of services.

Communities

Community Economic Development - Microenterprise

Provides legal assistance and education for low-income entrepreneurs and community nonprofits.

Neighborhood Advocacy

Community development services addressing blighted and vacant housing in St. Louis City neighborhoods.

Housing Law

Assists with landlord/tenant issues, eviction, utilities, and other housing problems.

Immigration Law

Assists immigrants with residency and citizenship and serves victims of human trafficking.

Special Projects

Providing legal assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS in the St. Louis metro area, with funding from the St. Louis City's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Act funding.

Volunteer Lawyers

Provides pro bono opportunities for attorneys and law firms to help clients.

Health

Access to Health Coverage

Connecting Kids to Coverage helps uninsured children and families enroll in health insurance plans.

Advocates for Family Health

Helps pregnant women and families with children with Medicaid managed care.

Legal Advocacy for Adults with Mental Illness

Assists adults with serious mental illness with a variety of legal matters.

Families

Children's Legal Alliance

Provides advocacy for children with special education needs and homeless children.

Parental Justice

Representing parents in dependency cases for the reunification of families in St. Louis County Family Court.
(Located in the St. Louis County Court Building)

Lasting Solutions Family Law

Helps survivors of domestic violence and their families achieve safety and stability.

Youth and Family Advocacy

Serves homeless and vulnerable youth and families in St. Louis County and City.

Regional Offices

Hannibal Office

Provides a full range of legal services to qualified low-income residents in thirteen Northeast Missouri counties
(Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby).

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Provides a full range of legal services to qualified low-income residents in five Missouri counties
(Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, Warren and Washington).

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is able to provide critical services to the community through the generous investment of law firms, individuals, corporations, foundations grant-makers and other donors. The following listings reflect cumulative gifts of \$250+ from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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Revenue

	2024	2023
Government Grants	\$ 7,750,997	\$ 8,372,716
Other	\$ 4,137,341	\$ 4,535,625*
Contributions	\$ 1,426,629	\$ 2,823,201
Foundation Grants	\$ 1,649,695	\$ 1,243,243
Donated Services	\$ 932,095	\$ 1,057,111
Special Events	\$ 116,810	\$ 121,395
TOTAL	\$16,013,567	\$ 18,153,291

*Includes \$1.1M recorded as Other Revenue for the gain on the sale of the Forest Park Avenue Building

Expenses

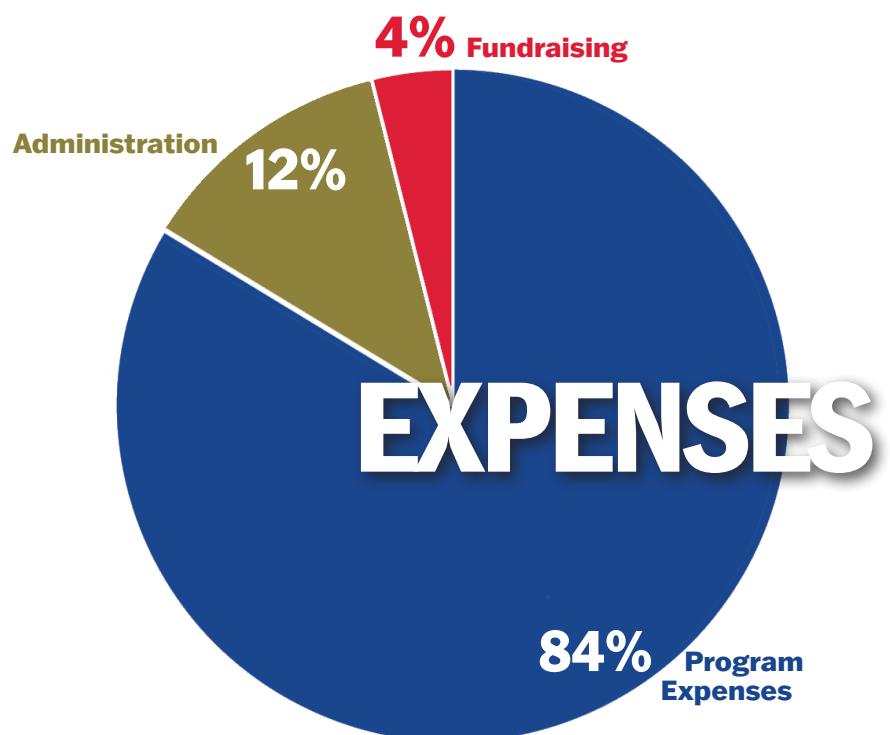
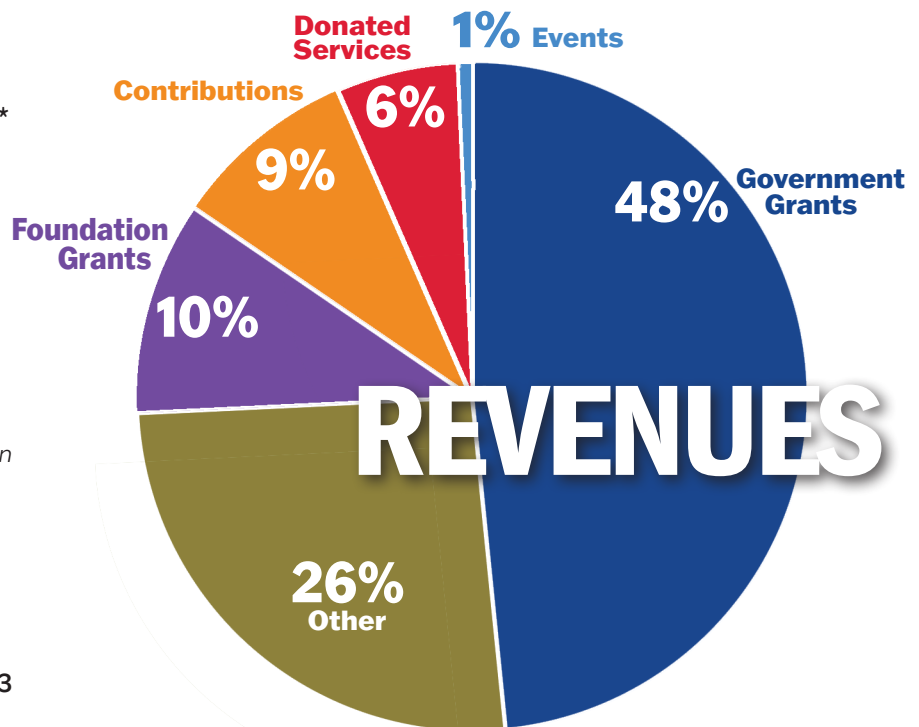
	2024	2023
Program Expenses	\$13,753,462	\$ 14,023,553
Administration	\$ 2,037,798	\$ 1,919,171
Fundraising	\$ 644,095	\$ 546,462
TOTAL	\$16,435,355	\$ 16,489,186

Balance Sheet Information

Total Net Assets as per year end

2023	2024
\$51,190,838	\$50,769,050

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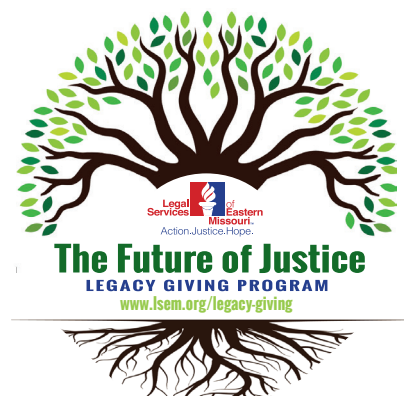


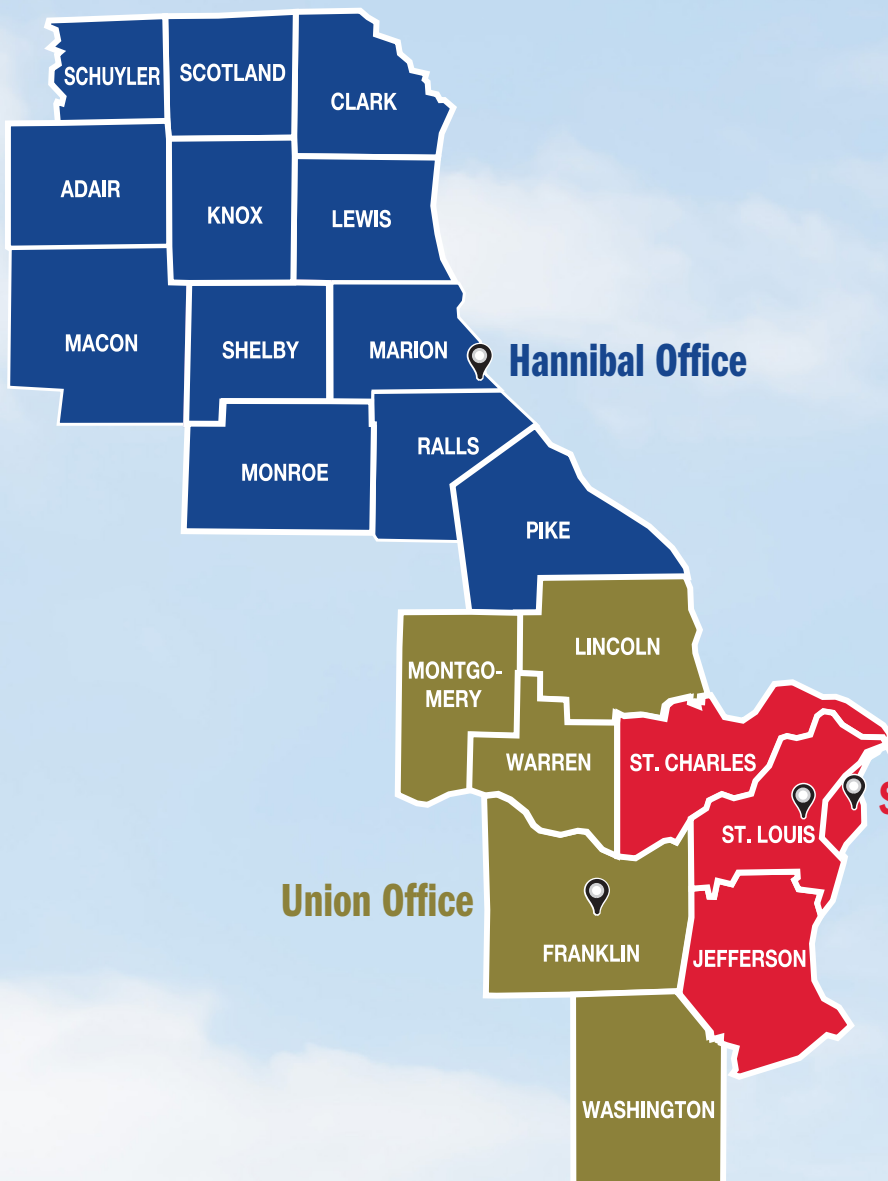
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