

GRANTS PROGRAM

Using funds generated through the Fellows Program, the Board of Trustees established the Grants Program in 2000. The foundation seeks to fund organizations and/or projects that directly provide pro bono counsel to low-income residents in Allegheny County and/or promote the public understanding, interest, and support of legal-related issues. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded \$265,237 in grants in support of educational and pro bono initiatives in the community.

2011 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Funds awarded in 2010 and distributed in early 2011.

The ACBF awarded \$23,650 to the following agencies:



JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF PITTSBURGH

to support the cost of Legal Services for Immigrants & Internationals (LSII) that will provide training, professional supervision, oversight, and mentorship to attorneys helping immigrants to apply for green cards.



NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

to support the cost of creating a pro se portal on NLSA's website and organizing "Pennsylvania I-CAN" tax sessions in NLSA's Pittsburgh office.



KIDSVOICE

to support the cost of Fostering School Success which will help approximately 600 children in foster or group home care to remain in their home school districts or, if transferring schools is necessary, to be enrolled in an appropriate educational program.



PITTSBURGH AIDSTASK FORCE

to support the cost of the Pro Bono Legal Assistance Program which 1) ensures that clients receive necessary legal advice and assistance in a timely manner; 2) ensures that all clients, regardless of legal issue, have an attorney with expertise in that area to advise or represent them, and 3) to further the education of those in the legal profession about legal issues related to HIV/AIDS.



MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA LEGAL SERVICES

to ensure that people with mental illness receive legal assistance in a timely and understanding manner thereby ensuring them the best opportunity to achieve positive resolutions to their legal problems.



WOMEN'S CENTER & SHELTER OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

to support the Civil Legal Project in providing representation and advice to individuals on civil legal matters in divorce cases involving domestic violence.

TO APPLY TO THE ACBF GRANTS PROGRAM

Eligible organizations and/or programs must submit a Common Grant Application Format by Friday, August 19, 2011. Applications and guidelines are available at www.acbf.org. For more information, please contact Lorrie Albert at (412) 402-6640 or lalbert@acba.org.