Legal Services Corporation



Ensuring Equal Access to Justice Since 1974

The U.S. Constitution guarantees access to a lawyer when someone is accused of a crime. But, there is no constitutional right to an attorney when someone faces a civil action.

Congress created the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in 1974 to ensure that low-income individuals and families have equal access to justice and due process.

Financial Responsibility & Oversight

LSC's bipartisan board of directors, leaders and staff ensure the responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. LSC maintains rigorous compliance standards through:

- Regular review of financial audits
- Comprehensive program evaluations
- Detailed oversight of regulatory compliance
- Transparent public reporting

LSC's robust oversight ensures maximum impact for every dollar invested in civil legal aid.

At A Glance

94% of appropriated funding goes directly to grantee organizations to provide services in your communities.

100% of grantees undergo regular compliance reviews.

129 legal aid programs provide services in every zip code across the U.S., with over 900 offices.

6.4 million people assisted by grantees' services annually.

Family Protection

205,000
cases involving domestic violence handled, protecting families and ensuring child safety

Veterans Support

44,000
veterans and military families assisted with critical legal services

Housing Security

358,000
housing cases, helping families maintain stable, safe housing

Rural Access

7 million
rural residents are eligible for services

Meeting Critical Needs

LSC serves households at or below 125% of federal poverty guidelines ($40,188 for a family of four in 2025).

52 million Americans qualify for LSC services, representing **16%** of the U.S. population.

Every dollar invested in LSC programs helps strengthen families, communities, and the American justice system.

LSC is the single largest funder of civil legal aid in the country. LSC promotes equal access to justice by funding high-quality civil legal assistance for low-income Americans.

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