



2016 Special Grant Awards

We are pleased to announce that the following organizations have been awarded special grants by the LFW board of trustees:

Community Redevelopment

- **Center for Justice:** \$300,000 to address the Spokane housing crisis using systemic advocacy and community outreach to reform ordinances, zoning laws and tax incentives
- **Colectiva Legal del Pueblo:** \$25,000 to advocate for pro-immigrant policy reform in partnership with individuals and families impacted by the Tacoma detention center
- **Columbia Legal Services:** \$1,250,000 to use systemic legal reform to address unfair barriers to employment and housing, discriminatory electoral systems, access to healthcare and legal financial obligations
- **Public Defender Association:** \$800,000 to use legal advocacy to secure housing for the “hardest to house,” including people with criminal histories, and to address barriers to housing
- **Unemployment Law Project:** \$100,000 to conduct outreach to the farmworker community to address employment security on behalf of low-wage workers
- **Wayfind:** \$400,000 to provide transactional legal support to nonprofit and micro-enterprise organizations in low-income communities in the South Puget Sound region

Foreclosure Prevention

- **Columbia Legal Services:** \$750,000 to overcome systemic barriers to home preservation, ensuring implementation of protective laws and addressing improper practices
- **Northwest Consumer Law Center:** \$250,000 for foreclosure defense representation, including bringing bankruptcy actions to prevent foreclosure
- **Northwest Justice Project:** \$750,000 to secure housing stability and protect homeowner equity through foreclosure defense litigation on behalf of low- and moderate-income homeowners; (this is a hybrid grant of Bank of America settlement funds and additional Home Justice funds)

Prison and Reentry

- **Center for Justice:** \$125,000 to remove systemic barriers to successful reentry transition and to address denial of medical treatment during incarceration
- **Columbia Legal Services:** \$250,000 to advocate to reduce mass incarceration and address inhumane conditions of confinement
- **Freedom Education Project Puget Sound & University Beyond Bars:** \$100,000 to provide college education to men and women incarcerated in Washington’s prisons

- ***Girl Scouts of Western Washington***: \$50,000 to expand successful programs for incarcerated parents and their children to encourage family connections
- ***Human Rights Defense Center***: \$125,000 to address unfair video visitation charges for people who are incarcerated in jails and prisons in Washington
- ***Northwest Immigrant Rights Project***: \$170,681 to provide legal assistance to people being held at the Tacoma detention center facing deportation hearings
- ***TeamChild***: \$170,680 to provide reentry and post-disposition assistance to young people who have been incarcerated in juvenile facilities
- ***Washington Defender Association***: \$250,000 to provide case assistance, training and policy advocacy on behalf of incarcerated parents in Washington