

Application: Justice Speaks Legal Aid Innovative Legal Pathways to Family Preservation

Justice Speaks Legal Aid
Administration of Justice Grant Program

Summary

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Eligibility Criteria

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Criteria

For this source of funding, grant proposals that include the following are favored.

You must check all that apply to this funding request.

Responses Selected:

Demonstrate innovative approaches or new ideas

Benefit Michigan residents

Have potential for independent financial and programmatic continuity

Demonstrate community support, collaboration, partnerships, and links with other entities doing similar work

Avoid duplication of service

Have multiple funding sources

Have potential for applicability or replication in other parts of the state

Include a meaningful evaluation component

Leverage a significant volunteer commitment

Show a history of quality service and fiscal responsibility

For this source of funding, grants are not made for the following.

Please check any item(s) below which applies to this funding request (check all that apply).

No Responses Selected

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Organizational Overview

1. Describe how you learned of this grant opportunity:

After receiving the contingent award letter from the Oakland County Bar Foundation, Justice Speaks Legal Aid immediately developed a targeted funding strategy to secure the required matching funds and strengthen the project's sustainability. As part of this strategic search, we identified the current grant through GrantWatch, selecting it based on its alignment with our mission to expand access to justice and prevent unnecessary foster care placements. Pursuing this grant represents a key step in leveraging early funder investment to build a diversified funding base and ensure the success of the program.

2. If you are not an annual grantee of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, please briefly describe your organization's mission:

Justice Speaks Legal Aid's mission is to prevent unnecessary foster care placements by empowering low-income families with the legal tools and social supports needed to safely arrange temporary caregiving during times of crisis. We work to keep children with their families or trusted caregivers, protecting parental rights and promoting long-term family stability.

3. If you are not an annual grantee of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, please briefly describe your organization's history:

Justice Speaks Legal Aid was founded in 2025 by an award-winning attorney with deep roots in child welfare and nonprofit advocacy. The organization was created to fill a critical gap in accessible legal services for families facing poverty, incarceration, hospitalization, or temporary homelessness. From its inception, Justice Speaks has combined legal representation with social work supports to help parents and caregivers prevent unnecessary foster care placements and keep children safely within their natural support systems.

4. If you are not an annual grantee of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, please briefly describe your organization's major achievements:

Since its founding in 2025, Justice Speaks Legal Aid has built an integrated legal and social work model that helps families in crisis remain safely together. The organization has secured early philanthropic investment, including a \$12,500 award from the Oakland County Bar Foundation, established no-cost office and service partnerships, and developed programs that provide legal representation, case management, and caregiver education. These early achievements position Justice Speaks as a growing leader in family preservation and access to justice in Oakland County.

5. List the dates, purposes and outcomes of any prior applications for Michigan State Bar Foundation funds submitted within the last six years. (Date, Title of Project/Purpose, Approved/Denied/Pending)

Justice Speaks Legal Aid has not previously submitted any applications to the Michigan State Bar Foundation within the past six years. This is our first request for funding from the Foundation.

Project Overview

1. Title of project:

Bridging the Gap: Innovative Legal Pathways to Family Preservation

2. Amount Requested:

\$ 52,500

3. Anticipated beginning date (mm/dd/yyyy):

01/01/2026

4. Anticipated completion date (mm/dd/yyyy):

12/31/2026

5. In 125 words or less, describe a brief summary of the grant request covering the needs to be addressed, methods, target audience and anticipated outcomes.

Justice Speaks Legal Aid seeks funding to expand an innovative, family-centered legal access initiative that keeps children safely with those who love them most. Too often in Oakland County, families experiencing poverty, illness, incarceration, or temporary homelessness face the trauma of unnecessary foster care involvement simply because they lack legal and social supports. Our program pairs responsive legal advocacy with social work case management and caregiver education, giving families practical tools to remain together during crisis. We serve low-income parents, children, and kinship caregivers. Anticipated outcomes include delivering legal services to 50 families, connecting 100% to supportive resources, and building five community partnerships. This investment will strengthen family stability, reduce foster care placements, and advance access to justice for vulnerable families.

6. List names/titles and describe the qualifications of key staff members or volunteers responsible for the project.

	Name/Title of Key Staff or Volunteer	Function/Qualifications
1	Elizabeth A. Hohausler/Executive Director and Staff Attorney	Function: Provides organizational leadership, oversees program strategy, partnerships, and grant compliance. Delivers direct legal services, drafts and files temporary caregiving arrangements, represents families in court, and provides legal education. Qualification: J.D.; licensed to practice law in Michigan; extensive nonprofit leadership experience; award-winning attorney with expertise in child welfare and family preservation; recipient of Unsung Hero and Professionalism Awards
2	Licensed Social Worker	Function: Provides case management, resource linkage, crisis intervention, and leads caregiver education workshops. Qualification: M.S.W.; Michigan licensure; experience in child welfare, crisis intervention, and community-based supports; trained in trauma-informed care and family systems practice.
3	Pro Bono Attorneys	Function: Expand legal service capacity, assist with document preparation, and support community outreach. Qualification: Licensed attorneys with experience in family law, child advocacy, or public interest law; provide services on a volunteer basis.
4	Community Volunteers	Function: Support outreach, workshops, and administrative functions to enhance service delivery. Qualification: Community members with lived experience or

		relevant training; skilled in community engagement, client support, and outreach coordination.
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7. Describe how this project furthers the mission of your organization

This project directly advances Justice Speaks Legal Aid's mission to prevent unnecessary foster care placements by ensuring families in crisis have access to legal tools and supportive services that keep children safely within their natural support systems. By expanding legal representation, integrating social work interventions, and strengthening partnerships with community organizations, the project addresses the root causes of family instability—poverty, illness, incarceration, and temporary homelessness. It not only protects parental rights but also builds family resilience and promotes equitable access to justice. Through this initiative, Justice Speaks fulfills its core mission of preserving family unity, reducing court and system involvement, and empowering vulnerable families to navigate crises without losing their children.

8. Describe how this project advances the stated priorities of the Michigan State Bar Foundation

This project advances the Michigan State Bar Foundation's priorities by expanding access to justice for low-income and underserved families facing crises that place their children at risk of unnecessary foster care placement. By providing free legal representation and integrated social work supports, Justice Speaks removes legal and systemic barriers that often prevent families from securing safe, temporary caregiving arrangements. The project also promotes fairness and efficiency in the justice system by reducing preventable court involvement and supporting early, legally sound interventions. In addition, it strengthens the legal aid network in Michigan through collaboration with community partners and pro bono attorneys. This approach aligns directly with the Foundation's commitment to ensuring equitable legal access and improving outcomes for vulnerable communities.

9. What will happen to this project if the Michigan State Bar Foundation denies the grant request?

If the Michigan State Bar Foundation denies this grant request, Justice Speaks Legal Aid will continue to pursue alternative funding sources to meet the match requirement tied to the Oakland County Bar Foundation award. This includes applying for additional private and public grants, expanding donor outreach, and strengthening partnerships with law firms and community organizations to secure pro bono legal support and in-kind contributions. While the scope and timeline may be adjusted, the organization remains committed to advancing the project's core goals of preventing unnecessary foster care placements and expanding access to justice. The grant would accelerate implementation and impact, but the mission and work will continue through diversified funding strategies.

Needs to be Addressed

1. What are the needs to be addressed?

Families in Oakland County experiencing poverty, illness, incarceration, or temporary homelessness often face the devastating risk of unnecessary foster care placements—not because of abuse or neglect, but due to a lack of accessible legal tools and supportive services. When parents cannot quickly arrange safe, temporary caregiving, children are too often placed in foster care, disrupting their stability, education, and emotional well-being. Compounding this, low-income parents and kinship caregivers face systemic barriers to navigating the legal system, limited access to affordable representation, and fragmented support services. These gaps create preventable family separations and long-term harm. Addressing these needs requires timely legal advocacy, integrated social work supports, and coordinated community partnerships to keep children safely with their families and strengthen family stability.

2. What is the target audience?

The target audience for this project is low-income families in Oakland County who are at risk of unnecessary foster care involvement due to poverty, hospitalization, incarceration, or temporary homelessness. This includes:

Parents and legal guardians experiencing short-term crises who need legal tools to arrange safe, temporary caregiving.

Kinship caregivers such as grandparents, relatives, or close family friends who are willing to care for children but lack the legal authority to do so.

Children who are most vulnerable to the trauma and disruption of foster care placements when families cannot access timely support.

By focusing on these groups, the project strengthens family stability, protects parental rights, and ensures children remain safely within their natural support systems.

3. What outreach will be undertaken to inform the audience of this project?

Justice Speaks Legal Aid will implement a multi-layered outreach strategy to ensure that families most at risk are informed about and can access the program. Outreach will include:

Partnership-based referrals through schools, shelters, hospitals, legal aid providers, and community service agencies that already serve vulnerable families.

Direct community engagement through presentations at parent resource centers, faith-based organizations, and neighborhood events.

Targeted digital outreach using our website, social media, and community listservs to reach families and caregivers quickly during times of crisis.

Court and service system collaboration with judges, probation officers, and social service providers to identify and refer eligible families early.

This combination of trusted partnerships and accessible communication ensures families learn about the program before crises escalate, allowing timely intervention to keep children safely with their families.

4. List the counties in which services will be provided or indicate statewide.

Services will initially be provided in Oakland County, Michigan. Justice Speaks Legal Aid is launching this initiative locally to strengthen impact and build sustainable partnerships. As capacity and funding grow, services will expand by county and region, with the goal of scaling statewide to ensure families across Michigan have access to legal tools and supports that prevent unnecessary foster care placements.

Project Activities

1. How many people will be served?

50 families/150 people.

2. Described any services in this project that will be provided by pro bono attorneys.

Pro bono attorneys will play a critical role in expanding access to justice and increasing service capacity for this project. Their contributions will include:

Drafting and reviewing legal documents such as powers of attorney, guardianship petitions, and other temporary caregiving arrangements.

Providing legal consultations to parents and kinship caregivers facing crisis situations.

Assisting with court filings and representation in matters related to family preservation and caregiver authority.

Supporting legal education workshops for families, caregivers, and community partners.

By contributing their time and expertise at no cost, pro bono attorneys allow Justice Speaks Legal Aid to serve more families without increasing program costs, ensuring no one is turned away due to financial barriers. Their involvement also helps strengthen community legal networks and builds a sustainable foundation for program growth.

3. Describe any services to be done by other volunteers.

In addition to the contributions of pro bono attorneys and volunteer social workers, other volunteers will play an essential role in supporting the project's outreach and service delivery. Their responsibilities will include:

Assisting with community outreach and education, including distributing informational materials, helping at workshops, and supporting public awareness events.

Providing administrative and logistical support to ensure families are connected quickly to legal and social work services.

Coordinating referrals and follow-up communications with partnering agencies to help streamline access to resources.

Offering peer support and navigation assistance for families who may feel overwhelmed by legal or service systems.

These volunteers strengthen the program's capacity, efficiency, and community reach, ensuring that families receive timely, coordinated support without additional program cost.

4. Describe the timeline for major activities in this project.

Launch project and finalize implementation plan October–November 2025

Conduct outreach to community partners (schools, shelters, courts, agencies) November 2025 – January 2026

Begin accepting referrals and providing legal/social work services December 2025

Deliver quarterly parent/caregiver legal education workshops Starting December 2025; quarterly thereafter

Execute pro bono attorney and volunteer orientation and training November–December 2025

Draft and file legal caregiving arrangements for families December 2025 – September 2026

Provide ongoing case management and resource linkage December 2025 – September 2026

Formalize five community partnership agreements January – June 2026

Conduct mid-year program evaluation and adjust outreach strategies June 2026

Complete final evaluation and implement sustainability plan September 2026

5. Describe any technology used to undertake this project.

Technology will be used to increase efficiency, accessibility, and coordination throughout the project. Justice Speaks Legal Aid will utilize secure cloud-based case management software to track client intakes, legal documents, service plans, and referrals, ensuring timely follow-up and accurate reporting.

Video conferencing platforms will be used to conduct virtual consultations with families and pro bono attorneys, expanding access for those facing transportation or scheduling barriers. Secure document-sharing tools will allow for electronic preparation and review of legal caregiving documents, enabling rapid response during family crises. In addition, the organization will use email, text alerts, and social media for outreach, reminders, and community engagement. These tools together streamline service delivery, strengthen coordination with partners, and ensure families receive timely, responsive support.

6. Describe supervision for the project.

Supervision of this project will be led by the Executive Director/Staff Attorney, who provides overall program oversight, ensures alignment with organizational goals, and maintains accountability to grant requirements. The Executive Director will supervise all legal and operational activities, including case review, service delivery, and partner coordination.

The Licensed Social Worker will receive direct supervision to ensure quality and consistency in case management, referrals, and crisis intervention services. Pro bono attorneys and volunteers will receive structured orientation and ongoing supervision, including regular check-ins, case consultations, and quality assurance reviews to maintain professional and ethical standards.

Monthly supervision meetings will be held to review caseloads, identify emerging needs, and address barriers. This layered supervision structure ensures program integrity, service quality, and compliance with legal and ethical standards.

7. If applicable, list up to three materials that will result from this project.

This project will produce several key materials designed to strengthen access to legal tools and resources for vulnerable families. First, Justice Speaks Legal Aid will develop a Legal Caregiving Toolkit, which will include user-friendly, legally sound templates such as powers of attorney and guardianship forms, along with clear instructions to help parents and kinship caregivers arrange temporary caregiving during times of crisis.

Second, the project will create a Family Resource Guide available in both print and digital formats. This guide will connect families to critical supports including housing, healthcare, financial assistance, and parenting resources, and will be distributed through schools, shelters, community agencies, and outreach events.

Finally, the organization will produce Community Education Workshop Materials, including presentations, handouts, and outreach flyers, to help families better understand their legal rights and caregiving options. These materials will support direct service delivery, community education, and sustained impact beyond the grant period.

8. If applicable, how many people will be served? Complete chart below. (Enter numbers without punctuation: 1000 rather than 1,000.00)

Type of legal problem	Cases closed after limited service	Cases closed after extended service	Total projected cases closed
Consumer/finance			
Education			
Employment			
Family	25	25	50
Juvenile			
Health			
Housing			
Income maintenance			
Individual rights			
Other*			
Total Cases	25.0	25.0	50.0

Collaboration/Coordination

1. Describe the support this project has from other individuals or organizations in your community.

	Organization/Individual	Describe Support	Upload Letter of Support
1	Oakland County Bar Foundation	Conditional financial contribution	✓
2	Sarah Kuchon	In kind rent and a letter	✓
3	Suzanne Hollyer	Letter	✓
4	Erin Heeke	Letter	✓
5	local businesses and individuals	Financial donations	✗

2. If other organizations in your area perform services or meet needs in a way similar to those you have proposed, describe how your proposed project avoids duplication with other organizations.

Several organizations in Oakland County provide services that touch on aspects of the needs we have identified, though few offer a fully integrated legal and social work model focused specifically on preventing unnecessary foster care placements. Legal aid organizations, such as Lakeshore Legal Aid, provide important legal representation for low-income individuals but primarily focus on broader civil legal matters and may not have dedicated programs addressing temporary caregiving arrangements during crises.

Similarly, child welfare agencies and community-based nonprofits offer social services and family supports, but they generally lack the legal infrastructure to help parents and caregivers formalize temporary caregiving arrangements that can prevent foster care entry.

Justice Speaks Legal Aid complements and strengthens this existing landscape by bridging the gap between legal advocacy and social service supports. Through partnerships with community agencies, schools, shelters, and healthcare providers, we provide a coordinated response that empowers families with both the legal tools and the supportive services they need to remain together safely. Rather than duplicating existing work, our model fills a critical gap and enhances the overall network of family preservation resources in Oakland County. Justice Speaks Legal Aid's project is intentionally designed to complement—not duplicate—existing services in Oakland County. While several legal aid and social service organizations provide important support to families, most operate within a single service domain: either legal assistance or social service intervention. Few programs offer an integrated, preventive model focused specifically on legal caregiving arrangements that keep children safely with trusted caregivers and out of foster care.

To avoid duplication, Justice Speaks will collaborate closely with partner agencies, including legal aid providers, shelters, schools, and healthcare organizations, to accept targeted referrals and provide services not currently available through their programs. We will also share resource guides, coordinate workshops, and engage in joint case planning when appropriate.

By positioning our work at the intersection of legal advocacy and social support, this project fills a critical service gap, enhances coordination, and strengthens the overall network of family preservation efforts rather than competing with existing providers.

3. Describe how you will coordinate activities with other organizations.

Justice Speaks Legal Aid will actively coordinate activities with other organizations to ensure families receive seamless, comprehensive support. Our approach is grounded in collaboration rather than siloed service delivery. We will establish formal referral pathways with schools, shelters, hospitals, legal aid agencies, and community-based organizations so families can be connected quickly to legal and social work services when a crisis arises. Regular partner meetings and case coordination check-ins will be held to align services, reduce duplication, and address emerging needs. When appropriate, Justice Speaks will collaborate directly with partner agencies to develop joint service plans, ensuring families receive both the legal advocacy and supportive resources needed to remain stable.

Additionally, we will share outreach materials and resource guides, co-host educational workshops, and participate in community coalitions focused on child and family well-being. This coordinated strategy strengthens the overall service network and ensures families experience timely, efficient, and well-connected support.

4. Have you researched and utilized the information from other similar projects in developing this project? If so, describe.

In developing this project, Justice Speaks Legal Aid conducted research on effective family preservation and legal access models used both within Michigan and nationally. Studies and best practices show that when families receive timely legal support combined with social service interventions, unnecessary foster care placements can be prevented and children can remain safely within their natural support networks.

We examined models such as Family Defense Projects in New York City and similar integrated legal-social work approaches implemented in jurisdictions across the U.S. These programs have demonstrated measurable reductions in foster care entries, increased family stability, and improved outcomes for children.

Locally, we reviewed the capacity of existing legal aid and child welfare service networks and identified a clear service gap in legal caregiving arrangements during family crises. Our proposed model draws from these proven strategies while tailoring them to the needs of Oakland County families. By combining legal advocacy, social work supports, and community partnerships, we are implementing a research-informed, evidence-aligned approach that has been shown to keep families together, reduce system involvement, and build long-term resilience.

Evaluation of Project

1. List three anticipated outcomes of the project.

1	<p>This project is designed to produce clear, measurable outcomes that directly advance family preservation and access to justice in Oakland County. First, we anticipate increased family stability by providing legal and social work support to at least 50 families, ensuring that children remain safely with their parents or trusted caregivers during times of crisis. This will reduce unnecessary foster care placements and the trauma associated with family separation.</p>
2	<p>Second, the project will result in improved access to justice for low-income families who often face overwhelming barriers when navigating legal systems. By offering timely legal tools and advocacy, parents and caregivers will be empowered to make informed decisions and protect their family structure.</p>
3	<p>Finally, the initiative will lead to stronger community partnerships. At least five formal collaborations will be established with schools, shelters, legal aid providers, and healthcare organizations. This coordinated network will enhance service delivery, improve resource navigation, and build a stronger safety net for families in crisis.</p>

2. Describe how you will evaluate the effectiveness of the project and include how you will measure the number of people impacted.

Justice Speaks Legal Aid will use a comprehensive evaluation plan to measure both the reach and effectiveness of the project. Effectiveness will be assessed through quantitative and qualitative data that track service delivery, outcomes, and community impact.

Quantitatively, we will maintain secure case management records documenting the number of families and individuals served, types of legal documents completed, social work referrals provided, and workshops delivered. We anticipate directly serving at least 50 families (approximately 150 individuals) within the first year. Attendance logs, referral data, and service documentation will be used to verify these numbers.

Qualitatively, families will be invited to complete post-service surveys and provide feedback on accessibility, usefulness of legal tools, and impact on family stability. Partner agencies will also be engaged to assess the strength of collaboration and referral processes.

Evaluation findings will be reviewed quarterly by project leadership to identify successes, address gaps, and adjust strategies in real time. Annual reporting will summarize outcomes, family impact, and partnerships established, ensuring transparency and accountability to funders and the community. This approach allows us to measure not only how many people we serve, but also how effectively the project strengthens families and prevents unnecessary foster care placements.

3. Describe to whom dissemination of project information or results will be made and how such dissemination will occur.

Justice Speaks Legal Aid will disseminate project information and results to a range of stakeholders to ensure transparency, strengthen collaboration, and support system-wide learning. Primary recipients will include funders, partner agencies (such as schools, shelters, and legal aid providers), community coalitions, and local government entities engaged in child welfare, legal services, and family preservation. Dissemination will occur through quarterly progress updates to funders and partners, including data summaries on the number of families served, legal documents completed, and outreach activities. We will also provide an annual evaluation report highlighting measurable outcomes, lessons learned, and best practices.

Additionally, results will be shared through community presentations, partner meetings, and professional networks, as well as digital platforms such as our website, email newsletters, and social media. This approach ensures that findings are accessible, actionable, and positioned to inform broader efforts to strengthen family preservation and access to justice across Oakland County and statewide.

4. If this project can be replicated, describe the ways you will assist others in the process.

Justice Speaks Legal Aid's integrated legal and social work model is intentionally designed to be scalable and replicable in other communities. When the project proves successful, we will actively assist other organizations and jurisdictions in replicating the model by sharing tools, templates, and implementation strategies developed through this initiative.

This will include providing access to our Legal Caregiving Toolkit, outreach materials, and structured protocols for intake, legal document preparation, and social work coordination. We will also offer technical assistance and consultation to interested partners, including guidance on forming pro bono attorney networks, establishing referral partnerships, and creating efficient service workflows.

Additionally, we will disseminate evaluation findings and best practices through reports, presentations, and community forums, helping other organizations adapt the model to their local context. By making replication practical and accessible, Justice Speaks can help strengthen family preservation and access to justice far beyond Oakland County.

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1. Describe how the project will be funded after these grant funds are spent.

Justice Speaks Legal Aid is committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of this project beyond the grant period. Once these grant funds are spent, the project will be supported through a diversified funding strategy that includes a combination of philanthropic, public, and community-based resources.

We plan to pursue multi-year grants from local and national foundations that prioritize access to justice, child welfare prevention, and family stability. In addition, we will seek government contracts with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Oakland Community Health Network, which offer funding streams for community-based legal and supportive services.

To further strengthen sustainability, we will expand private donor support through recurring giving campaigns, launch a "Friends of Justice Speaks" donor circle, and secure law firm sponsorships and pro bono commitments that reduce operational costs. Over time, the organization may also implement a modest fee-for-service model for families above income thresholds while ensuring that services remain free to those in need.

This blended funding model will allow Justice Speaks Legal Aid to maintain and expand its family preservation work well beyond the initial grant period.

2. Describe any matching funds requirements from other sources for this project.

This project includes a matching funds requirement tied to a \$12,500 award from the Oakland County Bar Foundation, which stipulates that the organization must secure the remaining funds within six months of September 11, 2025. Justice Speaks Legal Aid is actively pursuing additional grant opportunities, private donations, and community partnerships to meet and exceed this match requirement.

Matching funds may include cash contributions, additional grant awards, and documented in-kind support, such as pro bono legal services, volunteer hours, and donated office space. These resources not only help meet the required match but also demonstrate strong community investment and sustainability, positioning the project for long-term success.

3. Complete the chart below to reflect the project’s estimated budget detailed by major line items. Include only what you are requesting for this project under the MSBF funds column. (Enter numbers without punctuation – for example, 1000 rather than \$1,000.00. In addition, you will need to manually total rows, but columns will total)

Category	MSBF Funds	Other Funds	In-kind Support	Total
Personnel - Existing	22500	6000	0	28000
Personnel - New	17000	3000	0	20000
Employee benefits	1500	600	0	2500
Consultant fees	1600	400	0	2000
Travel	700	100	0	800
Space	0	0	12000	12000
Equipment	2000	500	500	3000
Supplies	1000	0	500	1500
Telephone	0	0	2400	2400
Postage	300	200	0	500
Printing/copies	400	500	0	900
Audit	1000	600	0	1500
Other	4500	600	0	5000
Total	52500.0	12500.0	15400.0	80100.0

4. Please describe the personnel costs above, including positions, whether or not it is a new position and projected percentage of time that the staff will spend on this project.

\$48,000: Covers the existing 0.5 Staff Attorney (\$28,000) to provide legal representation, draft powers of attorney/guardianship documents, and conduct legal education; and a 0.5 Licensed Social Worker (\$20,000) to deliver case management, crisis intervention, and connect families to community resources.

5. If you requested funding for consultant fees, space, equipment or other expenses, please describe.

Consultant: External evaluator and data consultant to support outcome measurement and reporting.

Travel: Local mileage for staff to conduct outreach, attend community partner meetings, and visit families when needed.

Benefits: Prorated benefits for part-time staff.

Equipment: Laptops and software licenses to support case management, secure data storage, and virtual service delivery.

Supplies: Office and program supplies, including legal forms, client folders, and case management tools.

Printing and copies: Production of legal education packets, client handouts, and community outreach materials

Phone: Mobile phone service, internet-based faxing, and scanning used for legal filings and client communication

Postage: Mailing and courier services for legal documents and court filings.

Evaluation: Tools for tracking client outcomes, surveys, and data reporting to ensure accountability and program improvement.

6. Please list any funding sources that have changed in the last year, including source of funding and amount.

(No response)

7. List the other anticipated funding sources for this project by name and amount.

	Source	Amount Requested	Amount Committed
1	Conditional Grant from OCBF	65000	12500
2	Office Space: Provided in kind	12000	12000
3	Individual donors	5000	5000
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8. Comments

Please add any comments you wish to provide.

(No response)

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Organizational Documents

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If not already on file with the Michigan State Bar Foundation, upload the following documents:

- IRS Exemption Letter
- List of Current Officers and Directors
- Applicant's most current operation budget
- Applicant's most current Audit and Management Letter
- Organizational Chart
- Other - documents that pertain to funding of this project

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