



Fiscal Recovery Fund allocations for tenant legal services

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Jurisdiction	Amount	Just for legal aid?	Orgs involved	Description	Metrics of analysis
Albuquerque	\$240k	yes	New Mexico Legal Aid, New Mexico Immigrant Law Center	“This project will increase housing stability for Albuquerque’s vulnerable populations by expanding capacity to provide civil legal services to Albuquerque renters, ERAP application support at Metro Court, and eviction prevention pro bono clinic coordination. Civil Legal Services: Program funds will be used for legal support to Albuquerque renters to help support housing stability. Services will include referrals, provision of legal information, legal advice, and brief services, as well as extended legal representation ... Funding will be used to hire an attorney to increase capacity to provide services. NMLA will also provide mentoring and technical support to the NMILC ... Program funds will be used to hire a temporary staff. 50% of the staff time will provide ERAP application support to	not specified

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				tenants in eviction proceedings at Metro court. The other 50% of the staff time will coordinate eviction prevention pro bono legal clinics."	
California	\$80 million over 3 years	yes (but not just for eviction)	unclear	"This program provides funds to qualified legal services agencies and support centers to provide eviction defense, other tenant defense assistance in landlord-tenant rental disputes, and services to prevent foreclosures for homeowners. Services provided include pre-eviction and eviction legal services, counseling, advice and consultation, mediation, training, renter education and representation, and legal services. These services are designed to improve habitability, increase affordable housing, help Californians access existing programs that provide income or benefits to improve housing stability, prevent homelessness, and provide legal help for persons displaced because of domestic violence."	
Chattanooga	\$500k/year for 3 years	yes	Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Chattanooga Community Foundation, Habitat for Humanity	Joint project of the 3 orgs to provide legal assistance and outreach.	

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Chesterfield County VA	unclear	yes	unclear	"A portion of ERAP-2 funding will be used to provide legal assistance to families facing eviction and to reduce homelessness in Chesterfield County."	not specified
Cleveland County OK	unclear	unclear	unclear	"Every eviction docket in the Cleveland County courthouse is staffed by legal aid attorneys and Community Cares Partners staff to ensure any resident in need of rental and utility assistance is helped."	not specified
Colorado	\$1.5 million	unclear	unclear	Money going to Judicial Department for "use by the Eviction Legal Defense Fund Grant program for the Affordable Housing and Home Ownership Fund." Unclear whether money is being used for legal defense or transferred out of that fund for an affordable housing purpose.	not specified
Connecticut	\$20 million over 2 years	yes	unclear	"[S]upport legal representation costs as well as administrative termination hearings, assistance to tenants at notice-to-quit stage, increases in tenants appearing in cases, and education/outreach to tenants ... Of note, other jurisdictions have saved between \$2.40 and \$12.74 on other services for every dollar spent providing counsel."	not specified

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Cook County IL	\$3.5 million (of \$12 million mentioned overall)	yes	unclear	"[E]xtending economic development programs established under CRF like the Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt which provides legal aid and mediation services to those at risk of eviction or foreclosure as well as those facing other legal matters stemming from COVID-19 impacts..."	not specified
Dallas	\$500k	yes	unclear	Purpose is "to provide eviction assistance services to keep residents in their homes during the pandemic."	not specified
Denver	\$1.5 million	yes			
Detroit	\$1 million	yes	unclear	not specified	not specified
Harris County TX	\$1 million	yes	funds split among Eviction Defense Coalition (five entities)	not specified	not specified

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Kansas City	\$150k	yes	Legal Aid of Western Missouri	"This funding restores funding cut in the FY 22 budget."	# of tenants served, # of affordable housing units preserved, total \$ in settlements, total # of lawyers/volunteers, total # of hours of volunteer work, total # of cases taken to court
Knox County TN	unclear	unclear	unclear	"Additional housing stability programs have been funded and are provided in partnership with numerous nonprofit agencies. These programs focus on community engagement, ensuring stable housing, eviction prevention, and the provision of legal services."	# of clients served, reduction in evictions/foreclosures
Las Vegas City	\$1.1 million	Yes	Legal Aid of Southern Nevada	not specified	not specified
Las Vegas County	\$934k	Yes	Legal Aid of Southern Nevada	not specified	not specified

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Leon County FL	\$447k	yes	Legal Services of North Florida	"With this assistance, LSNF will hire a full-time attorney, paralegal, community outreach-partner relations specialist, and law clerk for two years to expand its capacity to address the current and continuing need for eviction defense in our community. Eviction defense services involve providing support to individuals in accessing rental assistance, foreclosure defense, stimulus checks, and unemployment compensation, among other resources. In addition, LSNF will hire case managers and intake specialists for two years to assist pro bono lawyers with the continued and growing need for eviction and foreclosure defense." Tallahassee funding is also going into this initiative.	not specified

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Los Angeles County	\$10.8 million	Yes	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles		

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Maricopa County AZ	\$2.6 million	yes	unclear	<p>"Maricopa County will provide monies for expert legal counsel to assist persons facing eviction due to nonpayment of rent and, if necessary, represent those persons in County Court. Legal counsel will educate tenants about their legal rights, provide advice regarding the tenant's case, negotiate with landlords concerning the tenant's case and provide legal representation in any of the 26 County Justice Courts. This legal assistance is expected to significantly reduce the number of tenants evicted due to nonpayment of rent. Further, this will provide opportunities to guide tenants to other County programs and provide further rental and utility assistance to prevent evictions long-term ... this project will target low and very low-income persons at risk of eviction for nonpayment of rent by providing necessary legal representation and assistance."</p>	not specified

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Maryland	\$5.4 million (plans says \$3 million but allocation has increased since then)	yes	Maryland Legal Services Corporation and grantees	"MLSC received \$3 million in funding on March 18, 2021 and will hold the funds for deployment beginning July 1, 2021, which will allow consideration of ongoing eviction moratoria and pending legislation. MLSC has notified twelve grantees of preliminary eviction prevention grant awards, totaling \$2.2 million. Those awards will be disbursed monthly throughout FY 2022. Remaining funds will be used to address gaps in service after reviewing grantee quarterly reports."	reduction in homelessness, mitigate/reduce evictions
Miami	\$6.95 million	Yes	Legal Services of Miami	"\$6.65 million to provide constituent services in conjunction with the Administrative Office of the Courts and or Legal Services to develop a program to assist low-income individuals navigate difficult issues arising from legal actions to include but not limited to eviction protection and diversion.	Not specified

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Miami-Dade County	\$200k	Yes	Legal Services of Miami	Money designated from one commissioner's ARPA pot.	
Milwaukee	\$30.4 million	no	unclear	Money is for "affordable and sustainable housing, including affordable housing projects, energy efficiency upgrades, and right to counsel to prevent evictions."	not specified

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Milwaukee County	\$2.7 million	yes	unclear	<p>"Right to Counsel Milwaukee (RTCM) provides free legal representation in evictions for eligible households through the lead partner organization – United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties (United Way) – and a designated organization – the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee (Legal Aid). The program is tentatively scheduled to launch on September 1, 2021. The program will begin in a six-month pilot phase focused on representing eligible families with minor children facing eviction. Any family unable to afford a lawyer will be represented by one of RTCM’s twelve attorneys specializing in housing law. Robust subcontracting of qualified counsel will ensure appropriate coverage for overflow and conflict issues. The program model is to provide full representation to ensure proper time to develop legal strategy and defenses, prepare discovery, investigate out-of-court resolutions, advocate at hearings, and address often overwhelming monetary damage judgments."</p>	<p>Demographics of clients served, number of cases, # of clients seeking to avoid eviction/involuntary move who were able to do so, # of clients seeking extra time to move or mitigate damages who got that relief, proportion of children who avoid trauma of disruptive displacement</p>

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New York City	\$62 million	yes	unclear	Money going into existing RTC program	Same as for RTC ordinance
Oakland County	\$2 million	unclear	Lakeshore Legal Aid, Legal Aid and Defender Association	"Project will support the County's partnership with Lakeshore Legal Aid and the Legal Aid and Defender Association to provide assistance to residents facing eviction and other civil matters related to financial hardship caused by the pandemic. Organizations will assist individuals in need with gaining access to financial assistance available through government and community agencies."	not specified

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Pima County AZ	\$2 million	yes	unclear	"Pima County's new Office of Emergency Eviction Legal Defense Services (EELS), a division created at the direction of the Pima County BOS, will provide legal services through competitive procurement of private lawyers or lawyers with one or more nonprofits to provide limited-scope or full representation to tenants, as appropriate. Funds may also be used to train lawyers who don't have experience in eviction cases. EELS will also provide navigation services and Eviction Prevention Clinics to provide information about eviction process to litigants and connect parties with resources."	"The evaluation will feature an undetermined quasi-experimental design, as this is a new division and is not appropriate for a randomized approach. Key research questions will be developed in conjunction with EELS managers and County leadership, and will align with the County's ARPA-SLFRF Learning Agenda. Study outcomes will be disaggregated." Will include # of served clients, # of affordable housing units preserved, # of settlement conferences convened, and # of qualifying tenants referred to counsel

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Portland OR	\$4.7 million	yes	Joint Office of Homeless Services, Multnomah County Youth and Family Services, legal service providers, and other culturally specific and community-based organizations	"This project provides legal assistance and associated financial assistance for low-income tenants facing eviction, which is responsive to both the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic." Timeline is "as soon as possible through 2022-2023 fiscal year."	# of clients, # of clients not receiving a court judgment, # of clients not evicted / retaining housing, # of clients receiving favorable negotiated settlement
Rhode Island	\$600k	yes	Rhode Island Center for Justice and Rhode Island Legal Services	Money going into eviction defense program formerly funded by CARES and ERAP.	
San Diego	\$10 million	yes	unclear	"\$10 million will be used over three years for tenant legal services. The County will amend an existing contract to enhance existing tenant legal services for one year and competitively procure and fund a new a new contract(s) for the following two years."	not specified

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San José	\$3.1 million	no	unclear	"Eviction Help Center: Provide legal services and education for tenant information and resources ... Provide outreach engagement, emergency rental assistance, legal assistance and tenants' rights to impacted tenants and landlords in the rental community while targeting low and extremely low income households."	not specified
Snohomish County WA	\$345k	yes	Snohomish County Legal Services	not specified	not specified
St. Louis	\$400k	yes	unclear	"Funding will be used to contract with experienced social service agencies that provide legal services free of charge to individuals and families facing evictions to prevent the eviction and homelessness.""	Reduction in homelessness, reduction in eviction rate, reduction in eviction filings, increase in representation rate

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Tallahassee	\$362k	yes	Legal Services of North Florida	"With this assistance, LSNF will hire a full-time attorney, paralegal, community outreach-partner relations specialist, and law clerk for two years to expand its capacity to address the current and continuing need for eviction defense in our community. Eviction defense services involve providing support to individuals in accessing rental assistance, foreclosure defense, stimulus checks, and unemployment compensation, among other resources. In addition, LSNF will hire case managers and intake specialists for two years to assist pro bono lawyers with the continued and growing need for eviction and foreclosure defense." Leon County funding is also going into this initiative.	not specified
Tennessee	\$5 million	yes	unclear	not specified	not specified
Virginia	\$2.5 million	yes	Legal Services Corporation of Virginia	not specified	not specified