



Fiscal Recovery Fund allocations for tenant legal services

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Also, check out the [Brookings Institute ARPA Investment Tracker](#) (in the “Spending Group” menu, choose “Housing – Eviction Prevention”).

Jurisdiction	Amount	Just for legal aid?	Orgs involved	Description
Akron	\$250k	yes	Community Legal Aid	Pilot project created in 2024. Also has \$500k from the United Way.
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 tenants in eviction proceedings at Metro court. The other 50% of the staff time will coordinate eviction prevention pro bono legal clinics.”
Bakersfield CA	\$500k	yes	unclear	unclear

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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.
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."

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Cleveland	\$1 million	yes	Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2022/09/25/cleveland-city-council-okays-using--1-million-in-stimulus-funds-to-help-those-facing-eviction
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."
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.
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."

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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..."
Dallas	\$500k	yes	unclear	Purpose is "to provide eviction assistance services to keep residents in their homes during the pandemic."
Denver	\$1.5 million	yes	Unclear	Not specified
Detroit	\$12 million	yes	Lakeshore Legal Aid, UCHC, Michigan Legal Aid	not specified
Forsyth County	\$100k	Yes	Legal Aid of North Carolina	Not specified
Fresno	\$1 million/yr for 2 yrs	yes	Unclear	Part of FY23 budget, along with \$210k in general funds, to support the Eviction Protection Program started in FY22.

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Harris County TX	\$4 million (builds upon previous \$4 million allocation)	yes	Tbd (last year, it was Lone Star Legal Aide, South Texas College of Law and Houston Volunteer Lawyers)	“The Harris County Commissioners Court took steps Tuesday to shore up legal aid for evictions, awarding \$4 million in contracts to two different groups. The decision extended the availability of such services, but fell short of the long-term funding to provide representation at every docket advocated by many Houston organizations. Lone Star Legal Aid, the nonprofit who worked with Cummings, won a \$2.6 million contract, which it will use in conjunction with a group of legal aid organizations known as the Eviction Defense Coalition to provide free counsel. The Commissioners Court also approved a \$1.4 million contract with the Neighborhood Defender Service to provide legal services for those facing eviction. The nonprofit is currently staffing its Houston office.”
Hayward CA	\$500k	Yes	Centro Legal de la Raza and other providers	“\$500,000 of the Housing ARPA funds be reallocated to provide services to support vulnerable tenants at risk of eviction with the Alameda County eviction moratorium ends”
Hudson County	\$500k	yes	The Waterfront Project	“The Waterfront Project, which provides free legal services to tenants, will be hiring two new attorneys, an intake officer and a housing counselor with \$500,000 in new funding provided by Hudson County federal COVID-19 relief funding. The county is investing an additional \$500,000 in new outreach services to make residents aware of the free services.”
Kansas City	\$150k	yes	Legal Aid of Western Missouri	"This funding restores funding cut in the FY 22 budget."

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Kingston NY	\$500k	yes	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	“‘The Right to Counsel Program will provide residents with the information, resources, services, advice, and representation they need to exercise their housing rights,’ the office said in a statement. ‘Issues might include potential eviction proceedings, habitability claims for repairs, claims under the Emergency Tenant Protection Act, and discrimination proceedings.’” Eligibility is 120% of AMI, and “to ensure the program is serving those residents with the greatest need, at least 50% of all clients served by the program will have an annual income at or below 100% AMI.”
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."
Las Vegas City	\$1.1 million	Yes	Legal Aid of Southern Nevada	not specified
Las Vegas County	\$934k	Yes	Legal Aid of Southern Nevada	not specified

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<u>Leon County</u> <u>FL</u>	\$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.

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

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<u>Maricopa County AZ</u>	\$2.6 million	yes	unclear	"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."

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<u>Maryland</u>	\$5.4 million (plans says \$3 million but allocation has increased since then)	yes	<u>Maryland Legal Services Corporation and grantees</u>	"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."
<u>Miami</u>	\$2.9 million	Yes	Legal Services of Miami, subgranting to Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Legal Services, Community Justice Project, Miami Workers Center, Haitian Lawyers Association, and the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., Bar Association	"\$2.9 million for an Eviction Diversion Pilot Program designed to support free legal assistance for transformational eviction diversion services."

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Miami-Dade County	\$200k	Yes	Legal Services of Miami	Money designated from one commissioner's ARPA pot.

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<u>Milwaukee County</u>	\$2.7 million	yes	unclear	"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."

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New York City	\$62 million	yes	unclear	Money going into existing RTC program
<u>Oakland County</u>	\$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."

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<u>Pima County AZ</u>	\$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."

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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."
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."

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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."
Snohomish County WA	\$345k	yes	Snohomish County Legal Services	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.""

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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.
Tennessee	\$5 million	yes	unclear	not specified
Ulster County NY	\$200k	yes	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	"With the funding, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley will hire two employees to assist the organization in providing multilingual tenant education and outreach, eviction services — including preparing notices to terminations — and representation in mediation and administrative proceedings. Utchitelle said that with the grant funding Legal Services expects to provide legal representation to 75 clients."

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Virginia	\$2.5 million	yes	Legal Services Corporation of Virginia	not specified
Winston-Salem	\$100k	yes	Legal Aid of North Carolina	“Established in partnership with Legal Aid of North Carolina, the new right-to-counsel program provides tenants who meet certain income and residency requirements with lawyers who can give them one-on-one support. Allen-Abraha says it may also benefit landlords.”