

The Economic Impact of Oregon Legal Aid

Oregonians with low incomes need legal help*.

75%

Legal Problems are Widespread: 75% live in a household that experienced a legal problem in the previous 12 months.

5.4

Legal Problems Multiply: 5.4 legal problems were suffered by the typical low-income household in Oregon in the last 12 months.

84%

The Need for Legal Aid Outpaces Resources: 84% of people with a legal problem did not receive legal help of any kind.

Legal aid provides stability and helps end poverty.

Employers who will not pay for hours worked, landlords who refuse to fix unsafe apartments, and the fallout from abusive spouses keep people trapped in poverty unable to escape. Civil legal aid ends the cycle by providing direct legal advocacy to address economic and social problems.

With the essential community support services civil legal aid provides, low-income Oregonians are able to protect their livelihoods, their health, and their families. Lives become more stable and clients are able to reach their full potential.

Legal aid provides great social and financial benefits**.

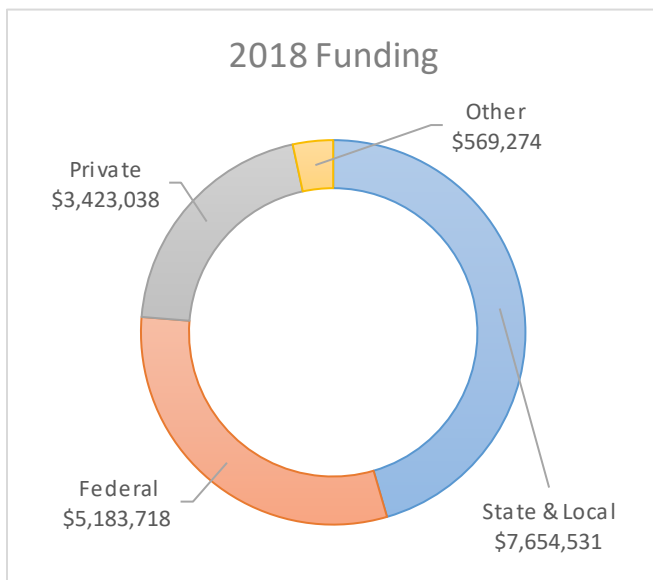
For every \$1.00 spent on legal aid, Oregon receives \$3.43 of financial benefit to individuals and to the community.



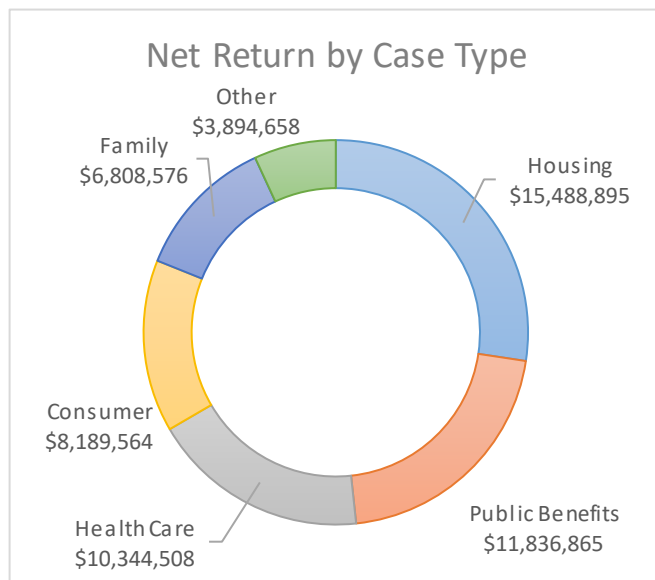
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\$3.43



\$16,830,516

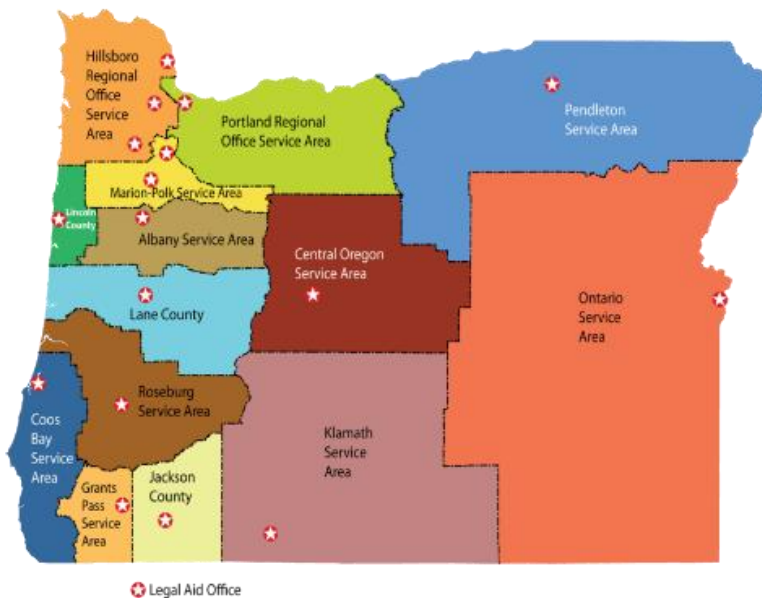


\$56,563,066

+ Govt & Court Savings of \$1,130,700

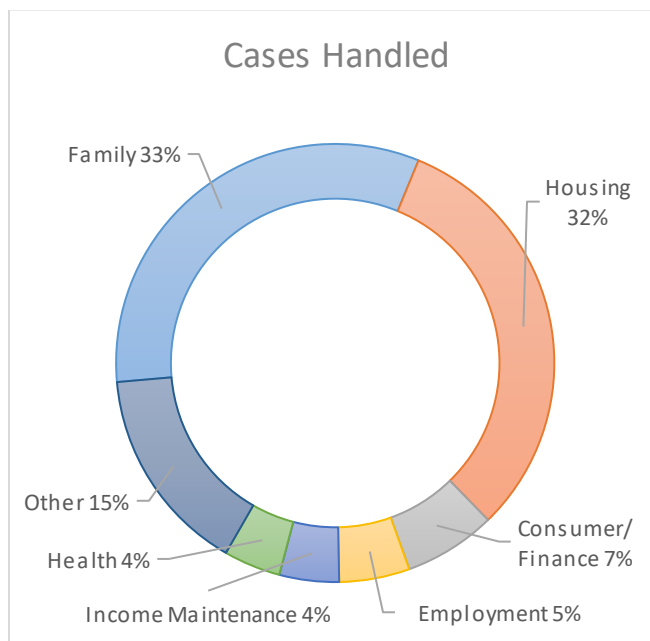
= \$57,693,766

Legal aid provides statewide benefit.



From Oregon's most rural areas to its most urban neighborhoods, legal aid is there to help. Oregon's legal aid providers operate offices in 17 communities providing service to all 36 Oregon counties.

Legal aid focuses on critical needs of low-income Oregonians.



2018 Oregon legal aid handled **11,433 Cases** (basis of ROI analysis) helping **26,730 Oregonians**.

Additionally, legal aid provides legal information, public education, and other non-case advocacy. The social and economic gain from legal aid's case work is just a piece of the benefits that legal aid provides to Oregon.