

Legal Services Alabama Receives Technology Grant from the Legal Services Corporation

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WASHINGTON – The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) announced today that Legal Services Alabama will receive a \$51,464 Technology Initiative Grant (TIG) to improve the organization's use of technology in assisting low-income individuals with civil legal needs.

Established in 2000, LSC's TIG program supports legal aid organizations in developing and replicating technologies that improve efficiency and provide greater access to high-quality legal assistance.

"LSC's Technology Initiative Grants support projects that improve the delivery of legal services and information to people who would otherwise have to navigate the legal system alone," said LSC President Ronald S. Flagg. "These projects use technology to leverage scarce human resources and increase access to justice for low-income individuals and families with critical legal needs."

Legal Services Alabama will use the grant to create a comprehensive document assembly program to automate family law forms. The project will first focus on uncontested divorces before expanding to custody, child support, modification of custody and child support, and contested divorces. Eventually, the program may also automate forms for consumer and housing cases, such as debt collection (small claims, district and circuit court) and evictions. TIG funding will also support outreach efforts to people who would benefit from the program.

Rep. Terri Sewell (AL-07) congratulated Legal Services Alabama on the grant.

"I am thrilled that Legal Services of Alabama was awarded the Technology Initiative Grant that will allow them to expand access to their legal services throughout Alabama," said Rep. Sewell.

"Technology is vital in providing high quality legal counseling in today's world. Legal Services of Alabama plays a crucial role in providing free civil legal aid for Alabamians in need. This grant will provide critical resources to increase their outreach in helping low-income people resolve their legal problems."

Legal Services Alabama is one of 24 recipients of 2020 TIG funding totaling nearly \$4 million.

Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is an independent nonprofit established by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans. The Corporation currently provides funding to 132 independent nonprofit legal aid programs in every state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories.