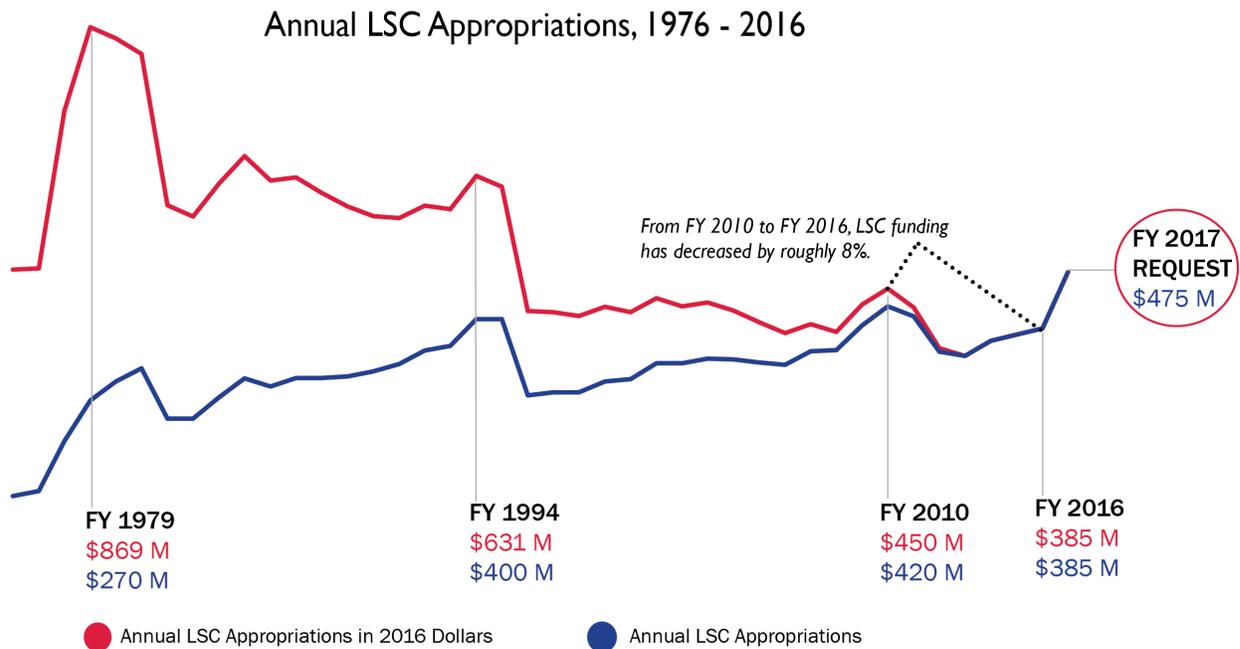


AFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE FOR ALL

INCREASE FUNDING FOR LSC BY SUPPORTING THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY17 REQUEST OF \$475 MILLION

THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION (LSC) IS THE SINGLE LARGEST FUNDER OF CIVIL LEGAL AID FOR THE POOR IN THE COUNTRY. LSC PROMOTES EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE BY FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS IN EVERY STATE TO DELIVER HIGH-QUALITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME AMERICANS. THE NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT IS THE LSC GRANTEE IN WASHINGTON.

CIVIL LEGAL AID INCREASES ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY BY PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ADVICE, ASSISTANCE, AND REPRESENTATION WITH ISSUES AFFECTING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. EVERY DAY LEGAL AID BRINGS IMMEDIATE AND LONG LASTING BENEFITS TO THE LIVES OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR COMMUNITIES. EVERYONE DESERVES JUSTICE, NOT JUST THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT.



Source: lsc.gov/congress/funding/funding-history

The population eligible for LSC-funded legal aid is immense. Nearly one in three Americans - 95.2 million - qualified for services at some point during 2014. In Washington, more people than ever are eligible: 1.25 million people live at or below 125% of the federal poverty level.

- **Civil legal issues are widespread.** Over 70% of low-income households in WA have at least one critical civil legal problem per year.
- **The majority face their problems alone.** Roughly 76% of those that have a problem do not get the help they need.
- **The average number of problems has tripled** from 3.3 per low-income household per year in 2003 to 9.3 in 2014.
- **Legal aid makes a difference.** Over 60% of those that receive legal aid are able to completely or partially resolve their problem.

Source: 2015 Washington State Civil Legal Needs Study Update

NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT

NJP IS THE CORE OF WASHINGTON'S NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CIVIL LEGAL AID SYSTEM, WHICH PROVIDES COORDINATED, EFFECTIVE, AND TECHNOLOGICALLY EFFICIENT LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE CLIENTS STATEWIDE. WITH HELP FROM NJP, FAMILIES IN CRISIS ARE ABLE TO PRESERVE THEIR HOMES, ESCAPE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AVOID FRAUDULENT AND PREDATORY PRACTICES, AND MAINTAIN FINANCIAL SECURITY. EVERYDAY NJP ASSISTS PEOPLE TRANSFORMING THEIR LIVES BY SECURING JUSTICE.

IN WASHINGTON STATE



Tarra Simmons knows first-hand the remarkable benefit of RISE services. While in prison, RISE helped Tarra resolve difficult family matters related to her children. Upon release, NJP provided assistance to overcome legal challenges related to employment and housing to get her life

back on track. With ongoing mentorship from NJP staff and volunteers, Tarra enrolled in law school and has become active in raising awareness on re-entry issues and helping marginalized people succeed in their goals. Ms. Simmons, a 2017 J.D. candidate from the Seattle University School of Law, was recently selected for the prestigious Goldmark Equal Justice Internship at NJP as a member of the RISE team.

NJP's C.L.E.A.R. hotline provides statewide screening, assessment, advice, assistance, and referrals

NJP's WashingtonLawHelp.org provides tools, forms and videos to help with a variety of legal problems

NJP's 17 regional offices & specialized units provide services in every county in Washington State

NJP supports and partners with volunteer lawyer programs and specialty legal aid organizations to deliver services to those in need

IN 2015, NJP CLOSED 14,858 CASES STATEWIDE, PROVIDING LEGAL AID TO 32,978 PEOPLE, WHICH INCLUDED 14,546 CHILDREN, 1,642 VETERANS, AND 2,605 SENIORS.

2015 CASES IN WASHINGTON STATE BY PROBLEM TYPE

