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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE GRANTS TOP \$2 MILLION MARK

The Michigan State Bar Foundation has awarded a number of non-profit organizations Administration of Justice grants totaling \$83,854. Since 1998, the Michigan State Bar Foundation has distributed over \$2,000,000 in Administration of Justice grants. These grants improve the administration of justice through law-related education, promote peaceful conflict resolution, or support the delivery of civil legal services to low income families in Michigan. The Michigan State Bar Foundation is a nonprofit corporation, established in 1947 by Michigan judges and lawyers to support law-related charitable programs.

Organizations receiving recent Administration of Justice grants include:

Henry Ford Museum- to provide student guides and teacher workshops associated with the “*With Liberty and Justice for All*” Exhibit to assist school children grades 4 -12 to explore law-related concepts at the museum and on the Internet.

Lakeshore Legal Aid (LLA)- to support the transfer and closing of client cases and other civil legal services following the closure of another local agency and assist LLA in setting up a new structure and personnel to serve family law clients in Oakland County.

Legal Aid and Defender of Detroit (LAD)- to provide one-time costs for technology and equipment to allow real time access to client documents and case information for LAD’s Children’s Legal Services Program at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services- to provide statewide training to professionals in the juvenile justice system about special education and mental health legal issues affecting parents and youth.

Program and Planning Fund- to allow the Michigan State Bar Foundation to support grantee needs such as training or organizational capacity building as well as state planning expenses.

University of Michigan Law School Pediatric Advocacy Initiative (PAI) - to expand services, including outreach and education to help medical personnel and social workers recognize legal issues and refer foster children with special education needs to PAI for legal assistance.

The Michigan State Bar Foundation accepts Administration of Justice grant applications several times a year. For more information on the Foundation, grant deadlines, criteria and applications, please visit the Foundation website at www.msbf.org .