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MICHIGAN STATE BAR FOUNDATION AWARDS EIGHT GRANTS

At its September 26th annual meeting, the Michigan State Bar Foundation approved payment of over \$146,000 for projects which advance law-related education, peaceful conflict resolution and support the delivery of civil legal services to low-income families. The Foundation was established in 1947 by Michigan judges and lawyers to support law-related charitable programs since that time, the Foundation has awarded more than 700 grants totaling over \$93 million. Grants were awarded to these eight nonprofit organizations:

Elder Law of Michigan - toward costs of a study of civil legal needs of low-income and vulnerable seniors and hosting a statewide summit to use the study results to plan coordinated services with other agencies to meet the needs identified.

Hispanic Center of Western Michigan - to help fund a part-time attorney to oversee the legal assistance program and provide legal services and community educational outreach to low-income clients in Kent County.

Lansing Teen Court - to support and expand a law-related education and diversion program for non-violent teen offenders for whom volunteer student peer participants resolve the cases without a formal court process.

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan - to provide law-related training and materials to low-income persons and human service agency staff who help vulnerable homeowners faced with predatory lending practices and mortgage foreclosures.

Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals - to support attendance at the Michigan Drug Court Conference by public service attorneys, judges, and justice system personnel who could not otherwise afford to participate.

Michigan Center for Civic Education - toward costs of expert consulting services to help create and implement a fund development plan to enhance long-term organizational fiscal stability.

Michigan Poverty Law Program - toward costs of servers, equipment, Internet expenses and bulk software licensing to support a case management system used throughout Michigan by civil legal aid programs.

State Appellate Defender Office - to support printing costs for a series of legal practice books used by defense attorneys, judges and others to promote informed and effective representation for indigent offenders.

For more information on the Foundation, grant deadlines, criteria and applications, please visit the Foundation website at www.msbf.org.