

Support Legal Services Corporation Funding

We need your help. [America First, A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again](#) details 2018 discretionary funding and proposes to eliminate all funding for Legal Services Corporation. LSC provides 60-70% of Utah Legal Services' budget. Please join the Bar in supporting continued funding for crucial legal services for struggling Utahns.

What you can do:

Let the ABA carry your message to Congress by completing this brief [electronic form](#) to show your support for LSC.



What the Bar has done:

The Bar has written to Utah's Senators and Representatives, to the members of the Appropriations Committees, and all relevant key staff members. [Letter to Senator Hatch.](#)

What Legal Services Corporation does:

Legal Services Corporation's appropriation is modest—just 1/10,000th of the federal budget—but studies show that LSC offers a strong return on investment. Its offices in every congressional district annually assist 1.9 million people, securing housing for veterans, protecting seniors from scams, representing people in rural areas, protecting victims of domestic violence, and helping disaster survivors.

What Utah Legal Services does:

[Utah Legal Services](#) was incorporated in 1976, with offices in Salt Lake City, Ogden, Provo, and St. George. ULS helps domestic violence victims, homeless people, senior citizens, people with low income, migrant farm workers, Native Americans, people with disabilities, veterans, and people who need public benefits. More than 360,000 Utahns are eligible for legal assistance from ULS. Staff attorneys and Utah State Bar volunteers help with landlord/tenant, housing, consumer, public benefit, family, domestic violence, and bankruptcy cases, as well as cases relevant to Native Americans and migrant farm workers. In 2016, 15,800 households contacted ULS. It resolved 8,161 cases; 74% of its clients were women; households assisted included 9,381 adults and 9,336 children.

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