

ACCESSING JUSTICE IN D.C.

FY27

Promoting Economic Security

230%

increase in request for probate and estate planning help

12.5%

increase in request for consumer and debt help

\$12 million+

amount saved for clients in foreclosure, debt, and consumer law cases by one grantee

81

worker's right clinics provided by 1 grantee organization annually

Access to Justice Initiative funding supports crucial civil legal services that protect low- and moderate-income District residents' economic livelihood and security, including by:

MAINTAINING BENEFITS:

- Navigating vital public benefits matters (SSI, unemployment insurance, paid family leave, TANF, SNAP, rental subsidies, shelter services, and health coverage) - often avoiding litigation
- Protecting benefits for people with disabilities and domestic violence survivors from being mismanaged or stolen

PROTECTING INCOME AND REDUCING HEALTHCARE COSTS:

- Fighting predatory lending and abusive debt collection, helping fraud victims recover stolen funds, and managing medical debt
- Addressing health-harming problems through legal solutions to avoid future medical and Medicaid costs

PROTECTING WAGES AND JOBS:

- Ensuring District residents receive the wages and benefits they have earned
- Fighting employment-related discrimination and clearing barriers to employment
- Specialized services for vulnerable populations at higher risk of unemployment and economic exploitation

PRESERVING INTERGENERATIONAL WEALTH:

- Preserving **millions** in assets through heirs property and probate work, and allowing District families to keep homes and stay in the District
- Assisting District residents and seniors with financial and future planning

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