

# ACCESSING JUSTICE IN D.C.

FY27

## Leveraging Resources

### EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING DISTRICT RESIDENTS:

**668**

COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
SESSIONS AND KNOW  
YOUR RIGHTS  
PRESENTATIONS HELD

**7,780**

ATTENDEES TO COMMUNITY  
EDUCATION EVENTS

**180+**

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT  
AGENCIES, NONPROFITS,  
AND COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
PARTNER DIRECTLY WITH  
INITIATIVE GRANTEES

Grantees magnify the impact of every public dollar received through the Access to Justice Initiative. Without restored funding, these important resources might go untapped, and thousands more clients denied access to legal help.

### PRO BONO SUPPORT:

- FY25 Initiative funding allowed grantees to **place or co-counsel 2,239 cases with pro bono attorneys** - *more than double from the previous year*
- Grantees report the equivalency of over **\$74 million** in donated legal services to their organizations (*directly or indirectly made possible by Initiative funding*)

**Pro bono support is not be possible without stable funding to allow legal services organizations to screen and place cases and provide training and mentorship**

### EMPOWERING DISTRICT RESIDENTS:

- DC residents learn about their rights regarding child support, custody, domestic violence, emergency family safety planning, housing, public benefits, bankruptcy, social security, debt collection, and more
- Outreach and education help DC residents advocate for themselves and link to legal help sooner, before problems escalate

### INCENTIVIZING PRIVATE GIVING

- Government leadership in funding the Initiative sends a signal about its vital importance to the District's private law firms. **This encourages private giving.**
- DC law firms provide financial support to District legal services organizations, especially those that they have strong pro bono relationships with, **but this funding simply cannot replace the Initiative or fill funding gaps**

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