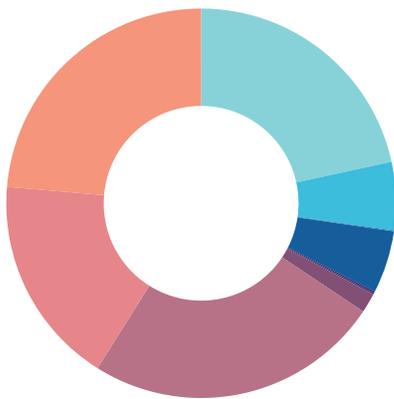


LSC CUTS: IMPACT ON MONTANA

Grants from the Legal Services Corporation make up **22% of Montana Legal Services Association's annual budget**, supporting core civil legal aid to help Montana's families, seniors, and veterans access justice and basic needs like safety, food, and housing. In 2025, **\$2,355,037 of LSC funding was invested in Montana's communities.**

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM: MLSA 2025 REVENUE



Federal Funds*	\$2,679,147	24%
Federal ARPA Funds	\$2,581,618	24%
Legal Services Corporation(LSC)	\$2,355,037	22%
Pass-Through Subgrants**	\$1,901,102	17%
MT Justice Foundation	\$616,150	6%
Contracts***	\$563,926	5%
Foundations	\$177,027	2%
Contributions	\$15,000	<1%
Interest	\$14,400	<1%
Attorney Fees and other income	\$10,000	<1%
Total	\$10,944,887.00	100%

*Federal Funds includes competitive grants such as Americorps, Office of Violence Against Women, Office for Victims of Crime

**Pass-through sub grants to Tribal serving organizations

***Contracts includes contracts with agencies and partners such as the State Office of Child and Family Ombudsman, St. Patrick's Hospital, and the Montana Court Administrator's Office

2024 AT A GLANCE:



315 cases assisted Veterans



861 Seniors over 60+ served



658 Native Americans served



1600 domestic violence survivors served

6,219 total adults helped

4,604 total children helped



115,552 people visited **MontanaLawHelp.org** and accessed free legal info, DIY resources and *pro se* documents

Reducing funding for civil legal aid in Montana will **negatively impact every Montana resident**, either through a **slower judicial system**, a **negatively impacted economy**, or a **reduction of services supporting access to justice**.



A 46% cut to LSC would mean over 450 Montanans would go without civil legal help, **putting over 1,080 Montanans and their household members (including over 460 children) at risk of eviction, loss of health care, and domestic violence.**



Even a 22% loss in LSC funding would equate to over 225 Montanans per year going without civil legal help, **impacting over 540 Montanans and their household members (including over 230 children).**

Cuts to LSC investment to access to justice in Montana will impact **the entire system of legal aid support to our courts:**

- MLSA would expect to **place up to 142 fewer Montanans with volunteer attorneys every year.**
- The bare bones system would be **unable to help hundreds of Montanan Families** navigate a justice system **built for lawyers.**
- Without critical funding to update and host our self-help materials and forms, up to **11,555 Montanans who visit MontanaLawHelp.org annually will have to do without justice.**

FUNDING CUTS WOULD MEAN:



More homeless families



More unsafe families



More seniors unable to purchase life saving medicines and food



More Veterans abandoned after their sacrifice for our country's safety

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

\$7,389,443

The total economic impact in Montana communities from MLSA civil legal services & funding in 2024

\$833,414

The total negative impact per year Montana would expect if there is a **22% reduced LSC investment in MLSA**

\$1,713,930

The total negative economic impact per year Montana would expect if there is a **46% reduced LSC investment in MLSA**

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