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Texas Access to Justice Foundation Awards \$85,769 to Texas Advocacy Project For Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant

AUSTIN, TX Oct. 13, 2020 – Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) has awarded Texas Advocacy Project (“Project”) the Coronavirus Relief Funding for Essential Legal Services for \$85,769. For more than 35 years, Texas Access to Justice Foundation has supported nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal services to low-income Texans.

TAJF grants millions of dollars per year to approximately 40 organizations statewide that provide free civil legal assistance. With TAJF grants, legal aid organizations provide free legal assistance in civil matters, such as protection from domestic violence and assistance with housing issues, to more than 150,000 low-income Texans each year.

With this generous funding, Texas Advocacy Project will pay for technologies and additional support staff providing survivors immediate access to services- including our “tele-law” platforms. Texas Advocacy Project attorneys have always been first responders, ushering survivors from crisis to safety- during COVID-19 where dangers related to family violence and isolation have been highlighted, that job has never been more critical. This funding will allow the Project to provide life-saving civil legal remedies, such as protective orders, to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, so they can get and stay safe.

About Texas Access to Justice Foundation

The Texas Access to Justice Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, was created by the Supreme Court of Texas in 1984, and is the leading funder of legal aid in Texas. The organization is committed to the vision that all Texans will have equal access to justice, regardless of their income.

About Texas Advocacy Project

Established in 1982 as a 501c3 nonprofit organization, Texas Advocacy Project’s mission is to empower the public and survivors of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Texas through FREE legal services, access to the justice system, and education and prevention. In 2019, Texas Advocacy Project provided free legal services in 4,738 cases, helping 10,659 survivors and their children. An overwhelming number of Project clients are the poorest of the poor, in 2019, 2,444 (52%) reported no income at all and 3,866 (82%) were living at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. Details at www.TexasAdvocacyProject.org. If you need help, call 1-800-374-HOPE.

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