Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation

Impact Report

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This year brought welcome news for the Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation. Because interest rates remained stronger than anticipated, COLTAF generated more revenue than expected. Every favorable change represents an opportunity to expand access to justice. This year, we were fortunate to turn that opportunity into meaningful new investments in Colorado's civil legal aid network. We welcomed the Colorado Lawyers Committee as a new grantee, provided modest funding increases to several existing partners, and strengthened our investment in access to justice across Colorado.

For our grantees, those additional investments came at a critical time. Inflation has increased the cost of providing services. Other funding sources have been reduced or become less certain. Legal aid organizations across our state are being asked to do more with limited resources, even as the need for their services continues to grow.

That is why COLTAF's role is so important. Our goal is not simply to be a stable source of funding. We strive to be a growing partner, one that can respond to changing needs and help ensure that civil legal aid organizations have the resources they need to serve their communities.

None of this would be possible without the banks, lawyers, law firms, and Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals (LLPs) that participate in the COLTAF program. We are especially grateful to our Prime Partner banks, whose commitment allows COLTAF accounts to do even more good. By choosing to go above and beyond the minimum eligibility requirements, Prime Partners generate additional funding for civil legal aid at no cost to lawyers, law firms, LLPs, or their clients. Prime Partners can also receive Community Reinvestment Act credit and marketing support in recognition of their support for justice for all. This year, we were proud to welcome six new banks to that growing community of partners: Columbia Bank, First National Bank in Trinidad, High Country Bank, PNC Bank, Points West Community Bank, and Sunwest Bank.

Together, these partnerships help expand access to justice in every corner of Colorado.

Finally, one brief note about this report. As COLTAF transitions from a fiscal year to a calendar year reporting cycle, this edition covers July 2025 through June 2026. We'll publish another annual report early next year covering all of calendar year 2026.

Thank you for making this work possible. Every Prime Partner relationship, every COLTAF account, and every partnership represented in these pages strengthens Colorado's civil legal aid network. Together, we're helping ensure that organizations across our state can continue providing life-changing legal services to the people who need them most.

With gratitude,

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PRIME PARTNERS
A COLTAF Program

Where You Bank Matters: Prime Partners Make Interest Count

Every day, Colorado's legal community makes choices that affect access to justice, including where lawyers, law firms, and LLPs maintain their COLTAF accounts.

Choosing a Prime Partner Bank generates additional funding for civil legal aid at no cost to account holders or their clients. Those additional dollars strengthen a statewide network of organizations providing legal assistance to people facing eviction, domestic violence, consumer fraud, barriers to public benefits, and countless other civil legal challenges.

It's a simple choice with extraordinary impact. Together, Colorado's legal and banking communities are turning everyday banking decisions into lasting investments in access to justice for all Coloradans.

300x

Prime Partners pay up to 300 times more interest than non-Prime Partners, which supports legal aid and pro bono programs

Prime Partners

Prime Partners voluntarily pay a net yield of at least 75% of the Federal Funds Target Rate, or 0.50%, whichever is greater. By choosing to go above and beyond the minimum eligibility requirements, Prime Partners generate additional funding for civil legal aid at no cost to lawyers, law firms, LLPs, or their clients. Prime Partners are also exempt from COLTAF's interest rate compliance reviews.

5Star Bank
Academy Bank
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First National Bank in Trinidad
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High Country Bank
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Mountain Valley Bank
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PNC Bank
Points West Community Bank
RG Bank
Sunwest Bank
Timberline Bank
UMB Bank
United Fidelity Bank
Vectra Bank
Wells Fargo
Western Alliance
Wings Credit Union
Yampa Valley Bank

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Colorado Legal Services

Every day, people across Colorado face civil legal problems they cannot solve alone.

Colorado Legal Services staff connect with communities across the state through outreach events, sharing information and resources to help Coloradans understand their rights and access civil legal assistance.

A mother escaping domestic violence needs help obtaining a protection order and securing safe housing. A veteran risks losing benefits because of an administrative error. A young woman struggles to obtain a birth certificate, leaving her unable to fully participate in everyday life because she lacks one essential document.

These challenges may look different, but they share one thing in common: access to legal representation can change the outcome. For more than a century, Colorado Legal Services has helped ensure that low-income Coloradans have access to high-quality civil legal representation when they need it most. In 2025, the organization celebrated its 100th anniversary, marking a century of expanding access to justice while looking ahead to the work still to come. Today, Colorado Legal Services serves every Colorado county, helping people navigate issues involving housing, family safety, public benefits, consumer protection, and more.

Colorado Legal Services is one part of a broader civil legal aid network serving communities across Colorado. Through partnerships with Colorado Legal Services and dozens of other organizations across the state, COLTAF helps strengthen that network, so more Coloradans can access the legal help they need to build safer, more stable futures. Behind every COLTAF grant is a partnership among Colorado's legal and banking communities. Together with our Prime Partner banks, lawyers, LLPs, and other supporters, we're strengthening the network that makes access to justice possible for all Coloradans.

100 Years COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES

8,424
Cases Closed in 2025

1 in 5
Coloradans qualify for help from Colorado Legal Services

COLTAF funds programs that help Coloradans access the legal system and protect their rights.

In 2026, $8,443,563 was distributed to Colorado Legal Services as a General Support grant. Remaining grant funds are available through a competitive grant process as pro bono and discretionary grants.

GRANTEE LIST

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

$1,247,000 was distributed to legal aid organizations in Colorado providing programs which align with one or more of COLTAF's purposes: to assist in providing legal services to people with low incomes and people facing barriers; to improve knowledge and awareness of the law in the community; and to improve the administration of justice.

Alpine Legal Services	**$80,000**
Colorado Access to Justice Commission	**$150,000**
Colorado Center on Law and Policy	**$150,000**
Colorado Poverty Law Project	**$110,000**
Justice & Mercy Legal Aid Center	**$120,000**
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network	**$290,000**
Spero Justice Center	**$140,000**
TESSA	**$77,000**
Transformative Justice Project	**$55,000**
Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid	**$75,000**

PRO BONO GRANTS

$863,500 was distributed to pro bono programs around the state, to support their work in developing and mobilizing pro bono resources to help meet the civil legal needs of low-income Coloradans. This total includes funds from the Colorado Bar Foundation, which for the twelfth consecutive year made a grant to COLTAF to supplement the funds available for pro bono grants.

Alpine Legal Services	**$30,000**
Colorado Access to Justice Commission	**$200,000**
Colorado Lawyers Committee	**$40,000**
Colorado Legal Services	**$225,000**
The Justice Center	**$120,000**
Larimer County Bar Association	**$18,000**
Metro Volunteer Lawyers	**$114,000**
Pro Bono Project of Mesa County	**$30,000**
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network	**$45,000**
San Luis Valley Bar Association Pro Bono Project	**$9,500**
Weld County Legal Services	**$32,000**

Benchmark Banks

Benchmark Banks pay COLTAF's Benchmark Rate, equal to 60% of the Federal Funds Target Rate, or 0.35%, whichever is greater. By meeting the Benchmark Rate, these banks simplify compliance, reduce administrative burden, and are exempt from COLTAF's interest rate compliance reviews.

Adams Bank & Trust
Alpine Bank
ANB Bank
Bank of America
Bank of Colorado
Bank of the San Juans
BOK Financial
Central Bank
Citibank
Collegiate Peaks Bank
CoreFirst Bank & Trust
Customers Bank
Encore Bank
Esquire Bank
First American State Bank
First Fidelity Bank
Flatirons Bank
FNBO
High Plains Bank
JPMorgan Chase Bank
Key Bank
Northern Trust
OakStar Bank
Pinnacle Bank
Solera National Bank
SouthState Bank, N.A.
Transact Bank, N.A.
Verus Bank of Commerce

COLTAF staff and grantee partners at the Colorado Lawyers Committee 2026 Awards Luncheon (left) and the IAALS Rebuilding Justice Award Dinner (right).

$1.25M

in discretionary grants distributed to legal aid organizations in Colorado working to remove barriers through their programming

$863K

in pro-bono grants distributed to organizations mobilizing to meet civil-legal needs of Coloradans

12 years

of consecutive support from the Colorado Bar Foundation aiding COLTAF in providing pro-bono grants for statewide impact

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THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THIS WORK AND IN COLORADANS IN NEED!

In civil court, people who cannot afford an attorney have no right to one. That makes nonprofit legal aid providers like Colorado Legal Services essential to justice for survivors of domestic violence, those seeking to keep their housing, and many others. COLTAF's grants to Colorado Legal Services are a lifeline in times of uncertain federal funding.

COLTAF gives attorneys and law firms a practical—and free—way to grow our vital work by banking with Prime Partners. Those choices help sustain legal aid across Colorado, ensuring that more people can get help when they face urgent legal problems affecting their housing, safety, financial security, and family stability.

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Colorado Legal Services
COLTAF GRANTEE

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Open your COLTAF account today in 3 easy steps:

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2. Fill out the 1-page form.
3. Send the form to COLTAF.