



The Nebraska Lawyers Foundation is the charitable fundraising arm of the Nebraska State Bar Association. It raises funding for programs dedicated to ensuring justice for all Nebraskans and strengthening the legal profession.



## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

### Volunteer Lawyers Project

For more than three decades, VLP and its network of volunteer lawyers have provided critical civil legal services to Nebraska residents. VLP promotes equal justice by facilitating pro bono projects that make it convenient, rewarding, and impactful for lawyers to help eligible low-income Nebraskans get the legal assistance they desperately need. In 2017, VLP, through 310 volunteers, helped 7,442 Nebraskans access a lawyer, the courts and legal services.

**7,442**  
NEBRASKANS HELPED

**310**  
VOLUNTEERS

### Rural Practice Initiative

The number of practicing attorneys in “Greater Nebraska” is shrinking dramatically. The goal of the Rural Practice Initiative (RPI) is to increase the number of attorneys practicing in underserved rural communities. In 2017, 22 law firms and 45 law students participated in two interview sessions in Kearney and Wayne. As a result five students were hired in rural Nebraska for associate positions and two were hired for summer clerkship positions.

**5**  
HIRES IN  
RURAL NEBRASKA



## SERVING THE PROFESSION

### Nebraska Lawyers Assistance Program

The Nebraska Lawyers Assistance Program offers help to lawyers, judges and law students troubled by substance abuse problems, stress, depression or any other issue which may impair their ability to perform in a competent and professional manner. The foundation of NLAP is a statewide network of judges and lawyers who understand. The NLAP Director and the network of NLAP volunteers stand ready to assist their colleagues in all areas of recovery. In 2017, NLAP provided assistance to 91 lawyers, judges, law students, and their families affected by addiction, mental illness, stress or other life-related problems.

**91**  
ASSISTED

### SOLACE

If you are aware of anyone within the Nebraska legal community (lawyers, law office personnel, judges, courthouse employees or law students) who suffers a sudden, catastrophic loss due to an unexpected event, illness or injury, the SOLACE Program can likely assist that person in some meaningful way. We have a statewide-and-beyond network of generous Nebraska attorneys willing to help.

**10**  
REQUESTS MADE

### LSAT Prep Scholarship Program

The LSAT Prep Scholarship Program provides scholarships for Kaplan LSAT Prep courses and covers the cost of LSAT exam fees for recipients who are historically underrepresented in Nebraska’s law schools, demonstrate economic need, and reside in Nebraska.

**12**  
LSAT PREP  
SCHOLARSHIPS

### Leadership Academy

The Leadership Academy helps lawyers develop the leadership skills they need to make greater contributions to the profession and their communities.

**26**  
GRADUATES



## 2017 NLF PROGRAM SUPPORT

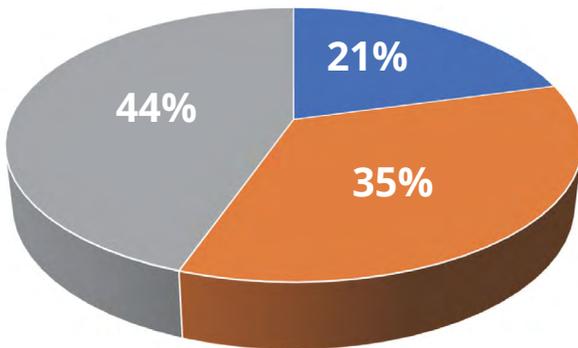
Volunteer Lawyers Project	<b>\$253,728</b>
Nebraska Lawyers Assistance Program	<b>\$35,000</b>
Rural Practice Initiative	<b>\$5,000</b>
Leadership Academy	<b>\$1,250</b>
LSAT Prep Scholarship Program	<b>\$8,925</b>
SOLACE	<b>\$600</b>
Stop Hunger Now Service Project	<b>\$693</b>

**\$305,196**  
IN PROGRAM GRANTS



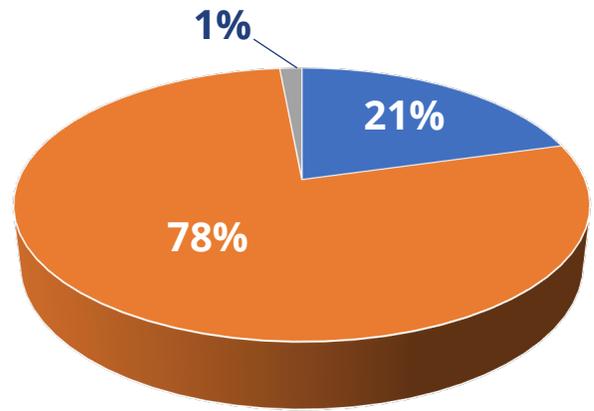
## 2017 NLF FINANCIAL REPORT

### REVENUES



Individual/Business Contributions	<b>\$106,752</b>
Special Events <i>(Barristers' Ball, Golf Tournament, Trivia Night)</i>	<b>\$178,088</b>
State Grants	<b>\$229,232</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$514,072</b>

### GRANTS/EXPENSES



Administrative and Compliance Expense	<b>\$5,825</b>
Event Expenses <i>(Barristers' Ball, Golf Tournament, Trivia Night)</i>	<b>\$81,073</b>
Grants to NLF Programs	<b>\$305,196</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$392,094</b>

With support from NSBA members, firms, partner organizations, and the legal community, NLF continues to serve the public and the legal community. We want to thank the **508** donors this past year that contributed to the Nebraska Lawyers Foundation. **THANK YOU!**