



CATALYST FOR A STRONGER NONPROFIT JUSTICE SECTOR

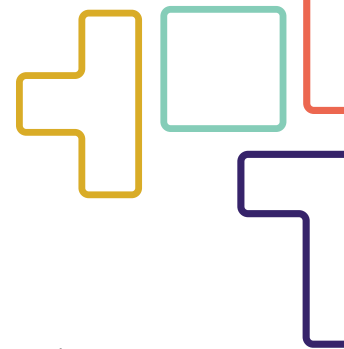
2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Board Chair



CATALYST LAUNCHES

After more than a year of research and preparation, 2018 was the year we launched a new and significant granting program.

The Catalyst program offers a three-year cycle of core funding to nonprofit organizations that demonstrate they are working to advance access to justice in Ontario. The goal of the Catalyst program is to strengthen the nonprofit justice sector by helping to give organizations the stability and opportunity to innovate, evolve, and respond to emerging needs.

Twenty organizations were successful in receiving grants under the new program. At just over \$5.8M per year, the inaugural Catalyst grants represents a planned investment of more than \$17M over the three-year granting cycle into Ontario's nonprofit justice sector.

As you can see, this milestone program is the focus of this annual report. Learn more about Catalyst, starting on page 5.

BUSY YEAR WITH SEVEN CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS

2018 was a very busy year of grantmaking, with a total of seven calls for applications made.

We managed our regular annual calls for applications for our Responsive and Community Leadership in Justice Fellowship granting programs. We had a popular Access to Justice Fund call in the area of family law, approving 26 grants worth over \$3M to address the pressing need in this area. Prompted by an evaluation of our Connecting Region program, we made the Connecting Rural Region call and funded \$400K for four projects that aim to coordinate and integrate legal information, services, and referrals in rural areas in Ontario. And finally, we made three calls through our Strategic granting program.

When revenue is available, our Strategic granting program funds one-time or short-term projects related to a specific strategic priority. In 2018, the calls focused on research and evaluation in three different areas: technology; impact data and metrics; and building the capacity of frontline service providers or 'trusted intermediaries'. The trusted intermediaries call was a direct result of the Trusted Help research we commissioned, which was featured in this report last year. (You can find the Trusted Help report on our website.)

Including the \$68.3M to Legal Aid Ontario, our funding from all granting programs amounted to over \$83.8M invested in advancing access to justice in 2018.



RESPONSIVE YET PRUDENT

The Foundation's primary source of revenue is the interest earned on lawyers' and paralegals' mixed trust accounts. Because the Foundation's revenue is dependent on interest rates, it remains volatile. As prudent financial managers, our granting approach is responsive to current needs but also plans for future challenges and opportunities.

TRUSTEE CHANGES

We welcomed Stephen Thiele as a Trustee in early 2019. Stephen is a partner and the Director of Legal Research at Gardiner Roberts LLP. He brings a deep knowledge of legal research and law libraries and has a wide range of experience serving local and international not-for-profits, in particular organizations serving children and youth. We also said goodbye and thank you to outgoing Trustee, Paul Le Vay. Merci beaucoup, Paul, pour tout votre bon travail !

The Law Foundation of Ontario is committed to making an impact on access to justice, and 2018 is an exceptional example of our strategies behind this commitment. We introduced core funding to make a stronger, more stable nonprofit justice sector. We dedicated new research dollars to dig deeper and wider into the complex issues that surround people's access, both individually and systemically, to timely, effective, and affordable legal help. We continue to be impressed and inspired by our grantees and it is a privilege to be able to support their important work.

Sincerely,



Linda Rothstein
Chair, The Law Foundation of Ontario

GRANTING HIGHLIGHTS: CATALYST FOR A STRONGER NONPROFIT JUSTICE SECTOR

In 2018 we introduced a new granting program that will help bring greater access to justice to more people.

Our new Catalyst program offers a three-year cycle of core funding to nonprofit organizations that demonstrate they are working to advance access to justice in Ontario. At a time when the demand for legal information and services is high and the availability of core funding is scarce, The Law Foundation of Ontario's new Catalyst program is playing an important role within the province's nonprofit justice sector.

Core funding refers to financial support to cover administrative infrastructure, programs, and essential staff. The importance of core funding cannot be overestimated. It brings security and stability, allowing nonprofit organizations to focus on their core work, not their survival.

Twenty organizations were successful in the first granting that was approved and announced in October 2018. At just over \$5.8M per year, the inaugural Catalyst granting represents a planned investment of more than \$17M over

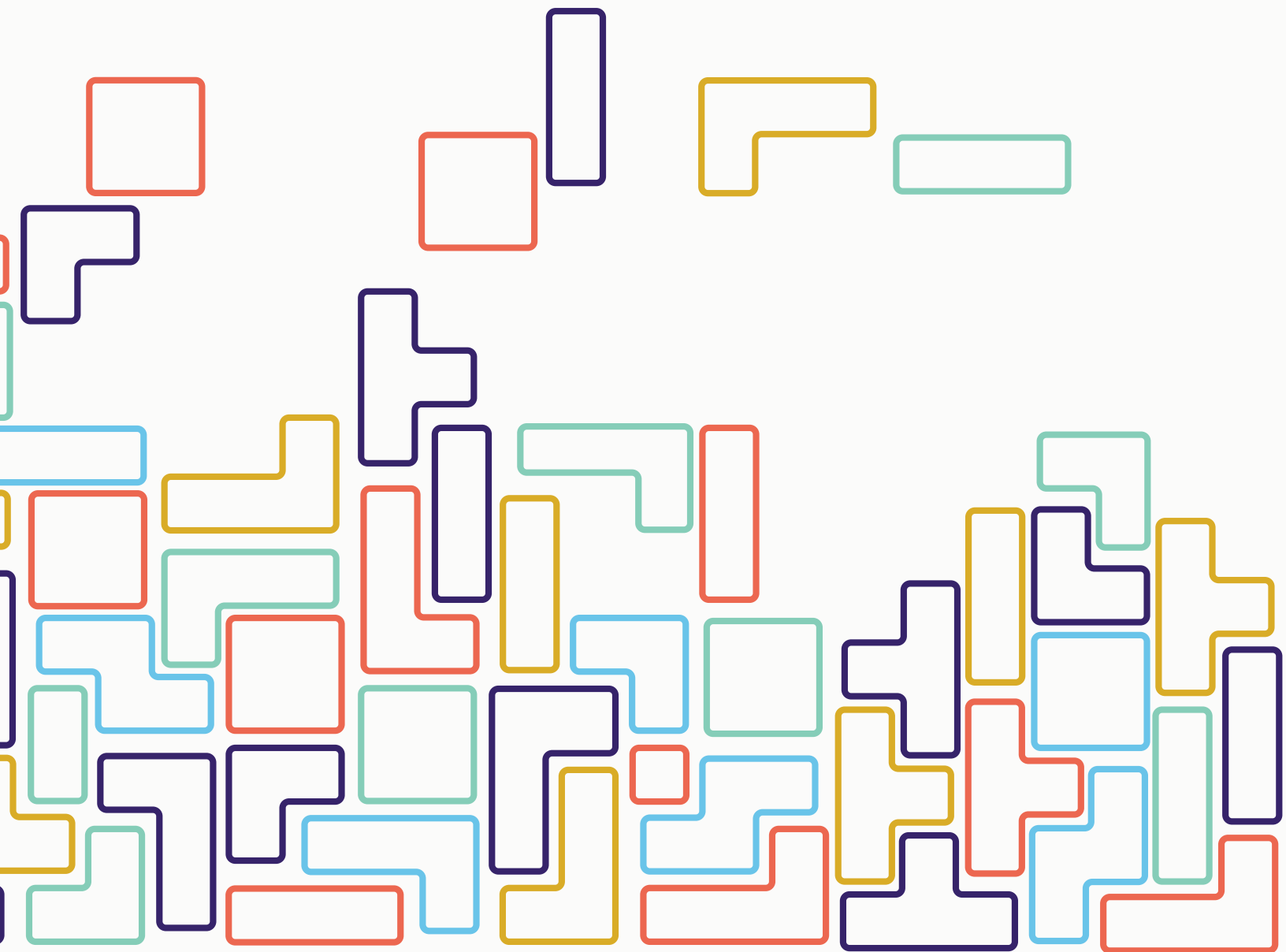
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The goal of the Catalyst program is to strengthen the nonprofit justice sector by helping to give organizations the stability and opportunity to innovate, evolve, and respond to emerging needs.

By virtue of this funding, Catalyst grantees have a greater ability to grow and improve programs and services. This may include developing new service and program models, collaborating with different partners, and carving out time to reflect on and learn from their work. Catalyst focuses on supporting grantees and their efforts, including capacity-building efforts, in order to strengthen and expand the access to justice sector as a whole.

Another goal of the Catalyst program was to formalize and open our core granting opportunities to new organizations. The Foundation has provided some core funding to grantees over the years, which grew organically. The Catalyst program allows us to have an ongoing and transparent granting stream dedicated to multi-year core funding.

With stable and significant funding to the leading access to justice organizations, we believe the Catalyst program will help make the nonprofit justice sector stronger and better equipped to respond to the legal needs of the people of Ontario.



MEET THE CATALYST GRANTEES

The 20 inaugural Catalyst grantees range in size, geographic scope, and populations served and their mandates, areas of law, and services vary. Depending on the grantee, the Foundation's granting may support all of the organization's activities or a particular program or segment.

Meet the Catalyst grantees, with their full missions, below. The Foundation's support focuses on its key mandate areas.



The granting from the Catalyst program supports public legal information, justice education, direct legal services, including pro bono legal help, and research.



ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICES INC.

Aboriginal Legal Services provides a variety of legal services, including a court worker and Gladue caseworker program, diversion program, victim services, and legal representation in a number of areas.

BARBRA SCHLIFER COMMEMORATIVE CLINIC

The Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic offers legal representation, professional counselling, and multilingual interpretation to women who have experienced violence.

CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES EDUCATION TRUST (CCLET)

CCLET provides workshops, seminars, and in-class sessions in schools, educational institutions, and faculties of education, to educate citizens about their rights and freedoms.

COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION ONTARIO (CLEO)

CLEO develops clear, accurate, and practical legal rights education and information to help people understand and exercise their legal rights, with a particular focus on support for trusted intermediaries.



FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE

FCJ Refugee Centre serves refugees and others at-risk due to their immigration status and welcomes anyone asking for advice, counsel, and support regarding these issues.

INNOCENCE CANADA

Innocence Canada is dedicated to identifying, advocating for, and exonerating individuals convicted of a crime they did not commit and works to prevent future injustices through legal education and reform.

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (JHSO)

The JHSO is a nonprofit justice organization that works to help reduce crime and its causes by providing effective, just, and humane services to people who have been in conflict with the law.

L'ASSOCIATION DES JURISTES D'EXPRESSION FRANÇAISE DE L'ONTARIO (AJEFO)

AJEFO develops programs and resources to create awareness and education about the justice system and the public's legal rights, including their rights to judicial services in the official language of their choice.

LAW COMMISSION OF ONTARIO (LCO)

The LCO provides independent, balanced, and authoritative advice on complex legal policy issues and its work promotes access to justice and contributes to public debate.

LAW IN ACTION WITHIN SCHOOLS (LAWS)

LAWS, with the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, and Toronto District School Board, delivers an education program that supports, guides, and motivates high school students.

LEVEL

LEVEL conducts youth outreach, research, advocacy, training, and mentorship in order to disrupt prejudice, build empathy, and advance human rights.

LUKE'S PLACE SUPPORT & RESOURCE CENTRE

Luke's Place is a centre for women and their children who have experienced abuse and it is devoted to improving the safety and experience of abused women as they proceed through the family law process.

METROPOLITAN ACTION COMMITTEE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN (METRAC)

METRAC works with individuals, communities, and institutions to change ideas, actions, and policies with the goal of ending violence against women and youth.

ONTARIO JUSTICE EDUCATION NETWORK (OJEN)

OJEN develops innovative educational tools that introduce young people to the justice system, help them understand the law, and build their legal capability.

PRO BONO ONTARIO

Pro Bono Ontario develops and manages high quality programs that connect volunteer lawyers with Ontarians who cannot afford a lawyer.

PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA (PBSC)

Each year, PBSC harnesses the talent and drive of over 1,500 law students across the country to provide legal services free of charge to low-income citizens and not-for-profit organizations.

SUDBURY WORKERS EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY CENTRE (SWEAC)

SWEAC is an organization of workers, students, and community volunteers committed to improving the lives and working conditions of people in low-wage and unstable employment.

THE 519 CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE

From refugee settlement to counselling, The 519 serves the people of Toronto by supporting happy, fulfilling LGBTQ2S lives. The Legal Clinic provides free, confidential, summary legal advice and referrals.

THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History publishes books on Canadian legal history and creates and preserves an oral history archive.

WORKERS' ACTION CENTRE (WAC)

WAC is a worker-based organization committed to improving the lives and working conditions of people in low-wage and unstable employment.



Toronto lawyer Min Jin provides pro bono legal advice to women in rural and remote communities who have experienced domestic violence through Luke's Place's Virtual Legal Clinic

ACCESSIBLE LEGAL HELP FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS IN RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Several times a month lawyer Min Jin provides confidential pro bono legal guidance and advice through video and teleconference. She's in Toronto but the women she helps are in small, rural, or remote communities in the province.

Min, a Barrister & Solicitor at Vayalilkollattu Law, is one of several lawyers who has partnered with Luke's Place Virtual Legal Clinic to provide free legal advice to women who have experienced domestic violence and are involved with the family law system. Located in Oshawa, Luke's Place is a support and resource centre for women and their children who have experienced abuse.

Family court is often not an easy or safe process for women who leave an abusive partner. Increasing numbers of such women find themselves in court with little or no legal representation, and their situation can become even more dire.

"This is an extremely vulnerable group of women. And, in a province that is as huge as Ontario, geography also creates vulnerability," says Pamela Cross, Legal Director at Luke's Place. "That's how the idea for the Virtual Legal Clinic came to be. Now, if a woman in say, Rainy River, needs to talk to a lawyer, she can do that through us."

"For women in rural or remote communities, their resources are limited. For so many women it's simply not possible to go online, find a family lawyer, and drop in for a consultation," says Min. "Even in communities where there are a few family lawyers, an abusive spouse may set up consultations with all of them to make sure the woman cannot then go see any of those lawyers because of the conflict of interest created. With the Virtual Clinic, I can walk women who live anywhere in the province through the process so they're prepared when they go to court."



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As part of this program, Luke’s Place provides extensive training to both the pro bono lawyers and staff at women-serving organizations. The frontline workers at the community organizations learn to provide help such as safety planning, legal information about family law issues, and support with evidence collection and documentation. And, it is these workers who connect clients to Luke’s Place and the Virtual Legal Clinic lawyers.

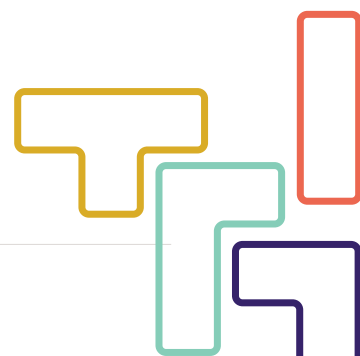
“The program makes legal advice much more accessible because we can bring the advice directly to the women we work with,” says Mellissa Hall, a Family Court Support Worker at Hoshizaki House in Dryden, a crisis shelter for women and their children fleeing abuse. Mellissa has taken part in about 20 sessions with different clients.

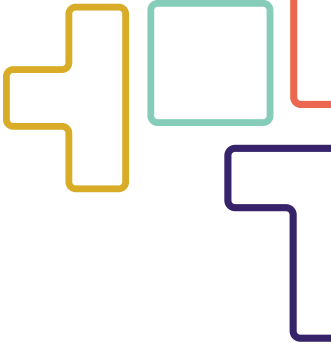
One such client who had experienced domestic violence was subject to a court order that both parents have joint decision-making and week-on-week-off parenting time. This resulted in a high conflict co-parenting relationship. When Mellissa’s client had difficulty getting her ex-partner to agree to services for their child, she decided she needed to take legal

action. Mellissa suggested she consult with a Virtual Legal Clinic lawyer. She was able to get guidance on how to proceed and how to effectively represent herself. She then went on to successfully argue her case.

The Law Foundation of Ontario has provided over \$1.5M in eight project grants to Luke’s Place since 2008, and in 2018 Luke’s Place was one of 20 organizations approved for the Foundation’s new, multi-year core funding Catalyst program. With the Catalyst funding, Luke’s Place will further expand its Virtual Legal Clinic into Southwestern Ontario in 2019 and to the rest of the province in 2020. Until now, it was available only to women in Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario.

“The willingness of the Law Foundation to think in creative ways has been critically important in the work we have been able to do in increasing justice for vulnerable populations,” says Pamela. “The Catalyst grant means we can continue to expand something that started as a pilot project. Our hope is that we can one day turn the Virtual Legal Clinic into one of the regular family court support programs we offer women who have been subject to abuse.”





UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE'S CIVIL LEGAL NEEDS AFTER INCARCERATION

For many people, being released from jail is not just the end of their incarceration, it's the beginning of a challenging journey to re-integrate into society. Many have no home to return to, no source of income, and are in poor mental or physical health.

“Someone who's been incarcerated may have been evicted from where they used to live because they didn't pay their rent while they were in jail. All of their belongings and ID may be gone too,” says Robbin Savage, Director of Risk Management Services, John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes & Haliburton. “If they have nowhere to live and no source of income, we start there.”

The John Howard Society of Ontario (JHSO) is a nonprofit justice organization with 19 local offices throughout Ontario. It works to help reduce crime and its causes by providing effective, just, and humane services to people who have been in conflict with the law. The local offices, like the one Robbin works out of, provide a range of services such as court support services, pre-release planning, transitional housing, counselling, anger management training, and education and employment supports.

“We're not arguing the incarceration; it's about getting them back into the community and on the right track, stabilizing mental health issues, finding them housing, and dealing with related legal issues,” says Robbin.

To do so, Robbin works closely with Lisa Loader, a staff lawyer at the Community Legal Clinic – Simcoe, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes. “These people are in crisis and they don't always understand what the law is, or how it can work for them,” says Lisa. “We need to connect with them right away and help in any way we can.”

Robbin and Lisa recently helped a young man who, upon release, had no place to live. When Robbin met him, she identified services to support him and contacted Lisa. Lisa helped him to request a



John Howard Society
of Ontario program
developer and researcher
Jonathan Robart is leading
a needs assessment to
scope, and ultimately
support, the unmet civil
legal needs of clients





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recalculation of his Basic Income payment and to apply to the Ontario Disability Support Program. With a steady income, Robbin was able to help find him stable housing close to his social supports.

We don’t often think about access to housing and government-assistance as legal needs, but they are. These types of “everyday” legal needs are called civil legal needs, which refer to legal issues that fall outside the sphere of criminal justice. Civil legal issues are often disruptive to people’s daily lives and can impact someone’s access to things such as employment, housing, and government assistance. When civil legal needs are not met, they compound people’s problems, and, in worse cases, can lead someone back to incarceration.

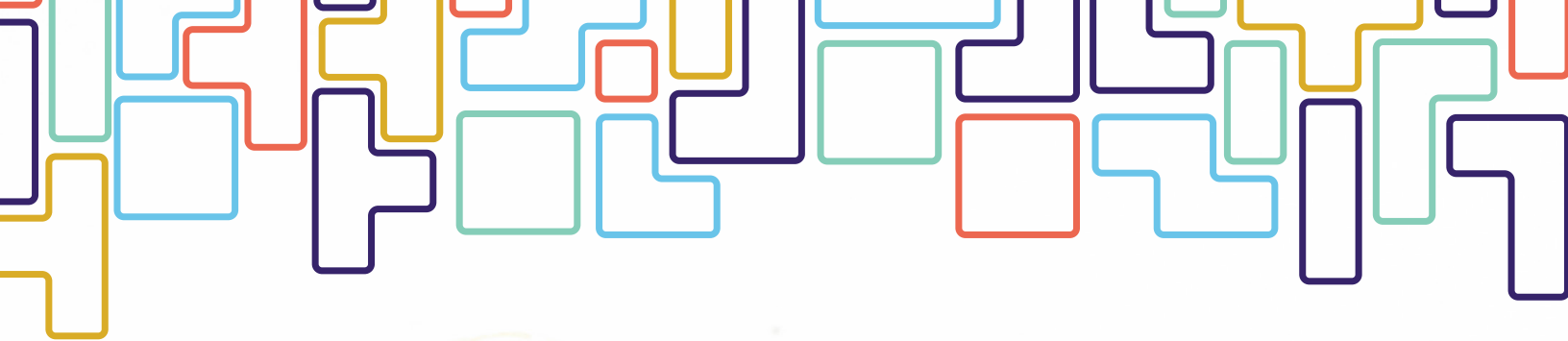
Given the importance of understanding civil legal needs, JHSO recently examined the differences in services being offered across its local offices. It believes its staff, clients, and access to justice overall, could be better served if JHSO had a provincially-coordinated program that could assess, evaluate, and coordinate its services. JHSO is doing a needs assessment to scope the unmet civil legal needs of incarcerated, recently released individuals, and other at-risk clients, to determine how they could be more effectively and consistently supported, and to develop best practices for its frontline staff or ‘trusted intermediaries’.

The Foundation has provided about \$127K in project grants to JHSO since 2012 and in 2018, JHSO was one of 20 organizations approved for the Foundation’s new, multi-year core funding Catalyst program. The Catalyst funding is making JHSO’s needs assessment initiative possible.

“At the ground level, we’ll be able to better understand and address the needs of our clients and the overlapping issues they face,” says Jonathan Robart, Legal Program Developer at JHSO’s Centre of Research, Policy & Program Development, who is leading the assessment. “This is about developing an understanding of how the civil legal needs of our clients intersect with other barriers to re-integration, in particular when it comes to access to justice. At the large-scale level, we want to create a program that can be replicated and adapted across all our offices.”

Ultimately, JHSO’s initiative is about giving people the information and services they need to successfully reintegrate into their communities. “It will build our capacity to identify our clients’ legal needs and to improve our work as trusted intermediaries,” says Robbin. “It will be of huge benefit to our clients.”





Lynn Hannigan,
director of a temporary
emergency shelter in
Fort Erie, relies on the
expertise of the FCJ
Refugee Centre to help
her clients with their
complex refugee claims



CHAMPIONING THE MOST COMPLEX REFUGEE APPLICATIONS

Nestled along a residential street in the small town of Fort Erie, Ontario, is Casa El Norte. It's a temporary emergency shelter that houses up to 16 people at any given time. The home is almost always at capacity and almost everyone is a refugee with nowhere else to go.

Residents look to staff to help them find a more permanent place to live as well as for help with the refugee claim process. Lynn Hannigan, Director of Casa El Norte, says that's when they rely on the expertise of FCJ Refugee Centre in Toronto (FCJ).

"We're a small town on the border so our connection with FCJ has been really valuable to us over the years," says Lynn. "We call FCJ because they have a vast amount of experience and knowledge in all areas of immigration and have dealt with so many of the challenges we see every day."

FCJ helps refugees, migrant workers, survivors of human trafficking, and others at-risk due to their immigration status and welcomes anyone asking for advice, counsel, and support regarding their refugee or immigration claim process. "Our door is always open to

everybody—everybody who doesn't have permanent resident status in Canada," says Francisco Rico-Martinez, FCJ's Co-Director.

Some people become temporary residents in one of FCJ's houses in Toronto, while many others need only assistance with understanding how to fill out legal paperwork, translation and interpretation, referrals to immigration lawyers, or help accessing local social services. In the over 30 years since FCJ opened its doors, the centre has gained a reputation for managing the more complicated cases and often receives such referrals from other refugee-serving organizations.

It's not uncommon for some cases to take years to wind through the system. A woman who first came to FCJ as a refugee claimant in 2013, says Francisco, was finally granted permanent residency in 2018. Only then could FCJ help her start the required application to sponsor her now adult daughter to join her in Canada. Throughout the entire process, FCJ not only helped with the immigration process but also provided support in ensuring her basic needs were met and that she had access to social services.

“FCJ fills a huge gap between what a person needs when they first come to Canada and what a lawyer can do,” says immigration lawyer Devin MacDonald, who volunteered at FCJ as a law student. When Devin set up his private practice, one of his first clients was a woman whose refugee claim had been rejected. It was FCJ who helped her complete various applications, including a work permit extension so she could continue working legally in Canada through the appeal process.

“I can’t easily find someone shelter, translate their documents, or sign them up for social assistance. In addition to providing critical guidance and information, the other services FCJ provides are indispensable to me and my clients. I simply wouldn’t be able to help them as well as I can without the involvement of FCJ.”

The Law Foundation of Ontario has provided about \$670K in project grants to FCJ since 2007 and in 2018 FCJ was one of 20 organizations approved for the Foundation’s new, multi-year core funding Catalyst program. The Catalyst funding will help FCJ to better

meet the demand for its services, in particular its immigration and refugee protection program. It will also support FCJ in enhancing its training workshops and legal education materials for frontline workers and means FCJ staff is able to set up migration and support clinics at partner organizations to complete intake, answer questions, and work on various applications.

“The people that are here and who have made refugee claims don’t necessarily have the resources to be running to Toronto. FCJ will now bring the clinic to us for a day and give the assistance that we don’t have the knowledge to provide,” says Lynn, adding that she and Casa El Norte staff have also attended several FCJ workshops to further their knowledge in helping clients.

“Because of the Catalyst grant, we are able to better meet the needs of refugees,” says Francisco. “Especially in complex cases, we are often the last resort. This funding allows us to have the staff and resources to champion all types of situations and continue to be here for refugees, and work alongside them.”



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EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION CONNECTS AND INSPIRES FRENCH- SPEAKING YOUTH AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

“J’ai gagné mon litige !” (“I won my case!”) she yells bursting through the door. It’s easy to picture a student announcing this as she arrives home after participating in a French-language mock trial tournament.

Offered in English and French, the tournament is part of the Courtrooms & Classrooms program run by the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN). A recent tournament held at the Toronto Courthouse brought together students from Norval-Morisseau High School (Conseil scolaire Viamonde), Saint-Charles-Garnier and Mgr de Charbonnel High Schools (Conseil scolaire MonAvenir), and Richview Collegiate Institute immersion school.

OJEN was founded in 2002 as a result of a task force convened by the three Chief Justices of Ontario. Their aim was to find ways to help the general public better understand the legal system. Today, OJEN delivers programs that help youth to identify and manage legal issues that appear in their own lives and give a practical and broad understanding of the legal system. OJEN also fosters connections between the justice sector and the wider community. About 34,000 students and 1,300 legal professionals participate in OJEN programs across Ontario every year.

In mock trials, students deal with real-life scenarios and assume a variety of roles, including those of Crown Counsel, Defence Counsel, and witnesses. With the help of lawyers and paralegals, participants study their roles in detail and develop their arguments. On the day of the trial, they plead their case or act as witnesses, similar to those of a real trial. By playing their roles, they gain practical experience of the interactions among judges, lawyers, witnesses, and jury members at a trial.

“These trials allow the young participants to interact with clerks, paralegals, lawyers, and judges, which helps them to be less intimidated by the complexity of the legal system, on the one hand, and to



Madame Justice Julie Thorburn volunteers with OJEN, helping young people better understand and relate to the justice system, and the people who work within it.

discover new professions and even consider a career in the justice field, on the other hand, “ says Her Honour, Madam Justice Julie Thorburn, who has volunteered with OJEN, presiding over mock trials for about 10 years. “Lawyers are often surprised to see the maturity and relevance of the arguments put forward by the participants.”

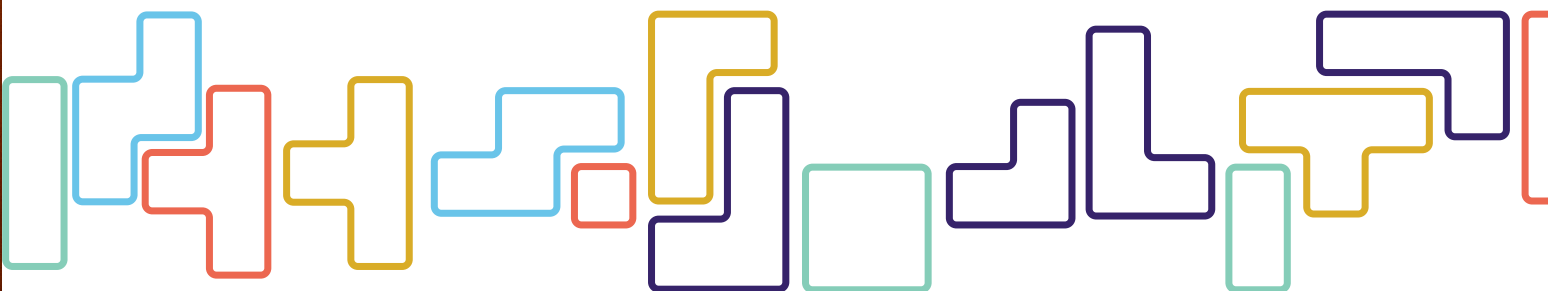
“OJEN has an approach to justice education that goes beyond explaining rights and responsibilities or the functioning of the justice system,” says Thomas Gallezot, head of OJEN’s Francophone programming. “The flagship programs, including court visits and classroom visits by lawyers, aim to raise awareness among young people and provide them with a positive and constructive first contact with the legal system, allowing them to meet in an informal and friendly way with the people who are at the heart of the legal system.”

The success of this initial contact is particularly important since young Francophones are often from other countries, where the legal system is completely different from ours.

Both Justice Thorburn and Mr. Gallezot emphasize the importance of French-speakers having the same level of education about and access to the justice sector as English-speakers, and these programs aim to help with this. Indeed, they could even allow young French-speaking students to discover career opportunities in the legal field, which could increase the number of legal professionals capable of expressing themselves in French.

Since 2012, The Law Foundation of Ontario has contributed nearly \$12 million to OJEN, and in 2018 OJEN was one of 20 organizations approved for the Foundation’s new, multi-year core funding program called Catalyst. With the Catalyst funding, OJEN will further expand its programs, including its French-language programs across Ontario.

“Interacting with young minds is particularly important because young people often have a less biased view of the justice system than adults, says Mr. Gallezot. “Lawyers and judges are often surprised by students’ original perspectives on legal issues, which may lead them to reconsider their preconceptions. The opportunity to see the legal system from the perspective of young participants, as well as the awareness of their needs, fears, and hopes, helps legal professionals show greater understanding and empathy in their work, which helps contribute to improving access to justice.”



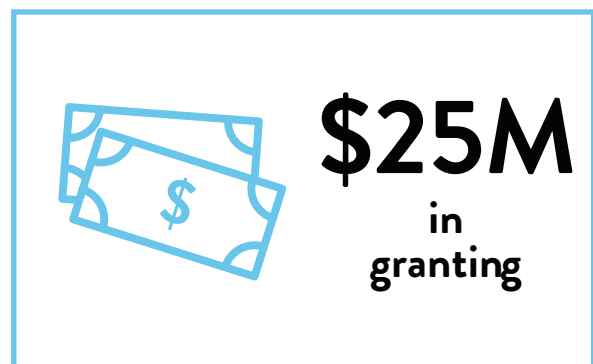
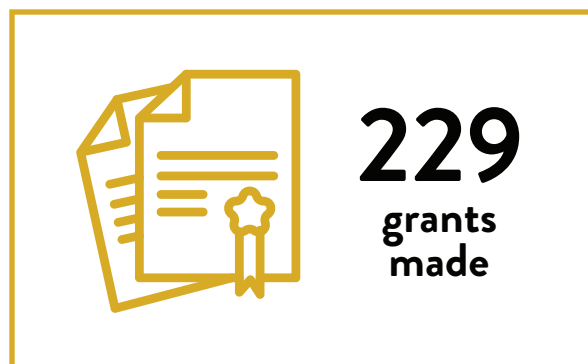
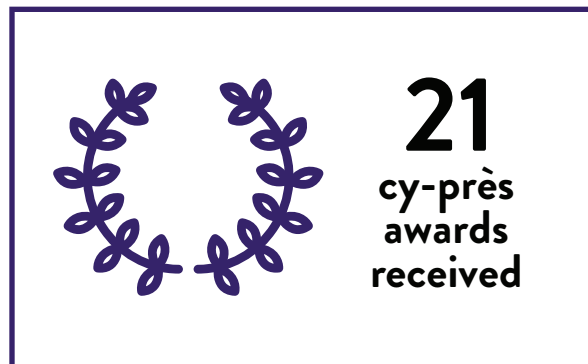
ACCESS TO JUSTICE FUND HIGHLIGHTS

The Law Foundation of Ontario created the unique and permanent national Access to Justice Fund (ATJF) after receiving its first cy-près award in 2009. The fund has been actively receiving cy-près awards and making grants from them ever since. The ATJF is national because the cy-près awards come from class actions that are often national in scope.

The ATJF has been particularly busy lately. Including an Investor Rights call made in early 2019, the fund has made four calls for applications in the last four years alone. With new cy-près awards coming in, the ATJF continues to be a progressive and sought after funding stream for the nonprofit justice sector and a leader in access to justice across Canada.

A SNAPSHOT

As of June 30, 2019, the ATJF has:



EXPLORING MANY LEGAL NEEDS

Some of the legal needs explored include:

- Novel and breakthrough innovations in family law
- Revitalizing Indigenous legal traditions
- Overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the child protection and criminal justice systems
- Understanding and supporting legal rights of children and youth
- Protection of investor rights, in particular legal rights of vulnerable investors
- Refugee and immigration law
- Legal needs and legal system experiences of racialized groups
- Accessible public legal education and information

FITTING AND ACCOUNTABLE STEWARD OF CY-PRÈS AWARDS

Many courts have approved The Law Foundation of Ontario as a fitting and accountable recipient of both fixed and residual cy-près awards given the Foundation's experience and expertise in grantmaking, broad access to justice mandate, and long history of prudent financial management. The Foundation distributes any cy-près award it receives in strict compliance with all attached terms and conditions.

Awards received as of June 30, 2019:

- *Cassano v Toronto Dominion Bank*, 2009 CanLII 35732 (ON SC)
- *Skopit v BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc* (8 November 2010), Essex County CV-10-15239 (ON SC)
- *Smith Estate v National Money Mart*, 2010 CanLII 1334 (ON SC)
- *Wein v Rogers Cable Communications Inc*, 2011 CanLII 7290 (ON SC)
- *Markson v MNBA*, 2012 CanLII 5891 (ON SC)
- *Carom v Bre-X Minerals Ltd*, 2014 CanLII 2507 (ON SC)
- *Krajewski v TNOW Entertainment Group* (February 2014)
- *Lee Valley Tools v Canada Post Corporation* (15 October 2014), Toronto 06-CV-320840 CP (ON SC)
- *Occhiuto v Agropur Cooperative and Natrel Ontario Inc* (15 August 2014), Toronto 05-CV-283533CP (ON SC)
- *Lawrence v Atlas Cold Storage Holdings Inc* (4 December 2014), Toronto 04-CV-263289CP (ON SC)
- *Mlinaric v North American Palladium Ltd* (16 September 2014), Windsor CV-11-16787 (ON SC)
- *Edwards v Swisher Hygiene Inc* (13 February 2015), Windsor CV-13-20282CP (ON SC)
- *Poole v PetroMagdalena Energy Corp* (26 October 2015), Windsor CV-11-16208 (ON SC)
- *Martin v Southwestern Resources Corp* (15 January 2015), Vancouver S075049 (BC SC)
- *Simmonds v Armtec Infrastructure Inc* (31 May 2016), Toronto CV-11-16465 (ON SC)
- *Carom v Bre-X Minerals Ltd* (20 April 2017), Toronto 97-GD-39574 (ON SC)
- *Arshi v Iovate Health Sciences Inc* (6 February 2018), Toronto CV-09-377907-00CP (ON SC)
- *Cass et al. v. WesternOne Inc. et al.* (27 July 2018), Toronto CV-16-554457-CP (ON SC)
- *Cannon v Funds for Canada Foundation* (28 April 2017), Toronto CV-08-362807-00 CP (ON SC)
- *Park v Nongshim Co., Ltd.*, 2019 ONSC 1997 (CanLII)
- *Davis v Metcalf* (17 May 2019), Toronto CV-11-00420886-00CP (ON SC)

Children's rights advocate Mary Birdsell receives 2018 Guthrie Award

The Law Foundation of Ontario was pleased to recognize Mary Birdsell with the 2018 Guthrie Award.

Ms Birdsell is the Executive Director of Justice for Children and Youth (JFCY), a legal aid clinic dedicated to protecting and advancing the legal rights and dignity of young people.

She has devoted her career to providing legal services, justice advocacy, community development, and research on behalf of the most vulnerable children and youth. She has also dedicated many hours to public legal education and training for children and youth and community and legal professionals.

Prior to her tenure as Executive Director, Ms Birdsell was a community development lawyer and staff lawyer at JFCY. During that time she created Street Youth Legal Services (SYLS), one of the only programs of its kind in the world. Addressing a service gap that Ms Birdsell identified, SYLS provides legal information, advice, referrals, and representation to homeless youth, meeting those young people



where they are, including in-person at various youth-serving organizations across the city.

Ms Birdsell has appeared at all levels of courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, on questions related to justice issues for children and youth across a range of legal subjects, the rights of children in criminal justice, rights of child witnesses, rights of children in immigration detention, rights of transgender youth, and on behalf of homeless youth impacted by the Safe Streets Act. She has also appeared at inquests, including the Ashley Smith Inquest.

“Mary epitomizes the passionate and dynamic leader of a specialty legal clinic. She has taken the mandate of justice for children and youth and fashioned services that respond directly to needs identified by youth and delivers them in the ways and places that are most appropriate, whether that’s a direct phone line, at youth groups, or literally on the streets.”- Linda Rothstein, Chair, The Law Foundation of Ontario

Community Leadership in Justice Fellowships awarded to Jean-Noé Landry and Julie Mathews

Jean-Noé Landry and Julie Mathews were each awarded a Community Leadership in Justice Fellowship (CLJF) for the 2018-2019 academic term.

The CLJF gives senior-level employees in nonprofit organizations the opportunity to spend all or part of an academic year at an Ontario law school, university, or community college department dedicated to legal or justice studies. It gives nonprofit leaders the opportunity for professional development and career renewal and it strengthens the bond between academia and community-based nonprofit organizations, fostering partnerships that last beyond the term of the fellowship. The CLJF also broadens and enriches students' academic experiences through innovative approaches to teaching and learning.



“Jean-Noé and Julie are both extraordinary leaders and we’re excited to see what comes from their fellowships,” said Linda Rothstein, the Foundation’s Chair.

“The Foundation’s support of their work reflects its long-standing commitment to the role community-based organizations play in providing frontline access to justice services as well as its emerging interest in how technology is transforming the legal landscape.”



EXAMINING THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF SMART CITIES

Jean-Noé Landry is the Executive Director of OpenNorth, Canada’s leading nonprofit organization specializing in open data that researches and advocates for ‘open smart cities’. An Open Smart City is where residents, civil society, academics, and the private sector collaborate with public officials to use data and technologies in an ethical, accountable, and transparent way to govern the city as a fair, viable, and liveable community that balances economic development, social progress, and environmental responsibility.





Mr. Landry will be hosted by the University of Ottawa, Centre for Law, Technology, and Society. With support by Florian Martin-Bariteau, LL.D., the Centre's director and an assistant professor within the Faculty of Law (Common Law Section), Mr. Landry's fellowship will examine power relations in a smart city ecosystem, in particular the role and influence of citizens. It will investigate how citizens may be commodified, how political participation is framed, and what changes occur as a result of the introduction of various networked and urban 'smart' technologies – both positive and negative.

Mr. Landry's fellowship will include the development of OpenNorth's Open Smart Cities Guide v2.0, a series of in-depth case studies examining the different dimensions of shifting human agency in smart cities, and a workshop on smart and inclusive cities. Law students at the university will learn about these concepts and have the opportunity to get involved in the research through guest lectures and experiential learning activities.

EXPLORING HOW BEST TO SUPPORT THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY-BASED JUSTICE PARTNERS

Julie Mathews is the Executive Director of Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO), the province's leading public legal education organization that provides clear, accurate, and practical legal rights education and information. She has extensive experience leading numerous initiatives relating to improving access to justice through community-oriented legal education, information, and other supports.

Ms Mathews will be hosted by the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (Common Law Section) where she will work in close partnership with Professor David Wiseman, who has significant research and teaching expertise in the area of community-based legal assistance and access to justice.



Through her fellowship, Ms Mathews will undertake a collaborative research project that will explore the challenges faced by community service organizations in helping the people they serve who face legal problems, in particular those living on a low income or experiencing other social disadvantages. At the law school, students will have the opportunity to be involved in the research project and Ms Mathews will share her extensive experience in community legal education with law students and legal educators through a series of guest lectures. The project will deliver an action-oriented framework of policy and program options for supporting and enhancing the role of community service organizations as justice partner, making an integral contribution to improving access to justice in Ontario.

2018 granting

REGULAR GRANTING

CATALYST 2019

Aboriginal Legal Services	\$150,000
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic	\$150,000
Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust	\$221,100
Community Legal Education Ontario	\$385,000
FCJ Refugee Centre	\$150,000
Innocence Canada	\$253,000
John Howard Society of Ontario	\$150,000
L'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario	\$149,170
Law Commission of Ontario	\$550,000
Law in Action Within Schools	\$150,000
Level	\$71,250
Luke's Place Support and Resource Centre for Women and Children	\$150,000
Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children	\$293,575
Ontario Justice Education Network	\$890,000
Pro Bono Ontario	\$880,000
Pro Bono Students Canada	\$595,396
Sudbury Workers' Education and Advocacy Centre	\$126,635
The 519 Church Street Community Centre	\$150,000
The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History	\$195,700
Workers' Action Centre	\$149,707
Total Catalyst granting	\$5,810,533

Black Law Students' Association of Canada

Annual Conference 2019

\$25,000

Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association

The pilot clinic law initiative for Muslim communities project

\$15,000

Caregivers Action Centre

Worker's Rights Education for Caregivers

\$43,754

Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research

Parents/guardians experiences accessing rental housing accommodations for Ontarian children with sight impairments

\$15,000

Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter

A pathway to end violence against migrant sex workers: access safety, dignity, and justice

\$76,288

Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC)

Prisoner's and ex-prisoner's unmet civil legal needs

\$15,000

Community Law School (Sarnia-Lambton) Inc.

Supporting family and friends of those with mental health challenges: mental health laws and advocacy

\$14,350

Community Legal Education OntarioCLJF 2018-2019 Advancing community-based access to justice
Program activities 2018

\$65,000

\$46,667

Community Legal Services of Ottawa

Connecting Region - Connecting Ottawa

\$256,560

Connecting Communities**Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation**

Connecting Communities: Environmental sensitivities and related conditions (ES+) rental housing network

\$42,850

Community Law School (Sarnia-Lambton) Inc.

Compensation for victims of crime advocacy (CVoCA) project

\$44,282

Community Legal Education Ontario

Connecting Communities Secretariat 2018

\$85,500

Gilbert Centre for Social and Support Services

Trans Youth and the Law

\$18,100

YWCA St. Thomas Elgin Before you sign	\$45,546
Defence Counsel Association of Ottawa Ethics, civility, and advocacy - a program for junior criminal counsel	\$25,000
Elizabeth Fry Society of Kingston C.A.R.E.: court accompaniment, referrals, and education for women	\$98,739
Empowerment Squared Hamilton education law project	\$99,680
Justice for Migrant Workers (J4MW) Summary advice drop-in clinic for migrant farmworkers	\$86,080
Law Commission of Ontario Program activities 2018	\$366,667
Law in Action Within Schools LAWS summer job program 2019 - public interest positions	\$15,000
Law school comprehensive grants 2019-2020	
Lakehead University, Faculty of Law	\$168,300
Osgoode Hall Law School	\$336,600
Queen's University, Faculty of Law	\$279,400
University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (Common Law Section)	\$336,600
University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section	\$168,300
University of Toronto, Faculty of Law	\$279,400
University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Law	\$279,400
University of Windsor, Faculty of Law	\$279,400
Legal Clinic of Guelph and Wellington County WellCoMs (Wellington County Mobile Legal Service)	\$100,000
Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children Program activities 2018	\$220,182
Migrant Workers Alliance for Change Legal education for migrant agricultural workers in Durham and Niagara	\$36,780
Native Law Centre Support for the Native Law Centre's mandate	\$20,000
Nokiiwin Tribal Council Communication Engagement Officer	\$100,000

Northwest Community Legal Clinic

N RTP Indigenous legal needs assessment

\$223,044

Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)

Access as justice tribunal project - race and Indigenous data collection pilot

\$15,000

Ontario Justice Education Network

Program activities 2018

\$637,500

Indigenous youth: designing a better justice system

\$87,000

OpenNorth

CLJF 2018-2019 Agency in open smart cities

\$65,000

Peacebuilders International (Canada)

Restorative justice and the youth justice system

\$15,000

Pro Bono Students Canada

Program activities 2018

\$360,930

Public Interest Articling Fellowship 2018-2019

Amnesty International Canada

\$41,000

Public Interest Articling Fellowship 2019-2020

Amnesty International Canada

\$69,500

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic

\$69,500

Canada Without Poverty

\$69,500

Canadian Centre for International Justice

\$69,500

Canadian Civil Liberties Association

\$69,500

Innocence Canada

\$69,500

John Howard Society of Canada

\$69,500

Peacebuilders International (Canada)

\$69,500

Public Interest Advocacy Centre

\$69,500

Regent Park Focus Youth Media Arts Centre

Youth and the law: working the system

\$15,000

Second Chance Scholarship Foundation Inc.

Roy & Ria McMurtry Endowment 2018

\$5,000

Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

Tools for tenant rights

\$100,000

Turning Point Youth Services

Youth court screening pilot

\$99,986

University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law CLJF 2018-2019 Advancing community-based access to justice	\$15,000
University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (Common Law Section) CLJF 2018-2019 Agency in open smart cities	\$15,000
University of Toronto, Faculty of Law Accessing justice: national online guides to police oversight procedures	\$59,350
University of Windsor, Faculty of Law 2018 World Indigenous Law Conference	\$10,000
Applying for state-funded counsel: a guide for parents in child protection cases	\$15,000
Total regular granting	\$6,508,735

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FUND

Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters Strengthening the Action Committee's national coordination on A2J	\$50,000
Action ontarienne contre la violence faite aux femmes Working together in French: Provincial Symposium on Family Law and Spousal Violence	\$177,975
Aspire Legal Access Initiative Service scale up project	\$250,000
Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs First Nation laws to protect children and families	\$250,000
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic Enhanced safety: by increasing efficiency of risk assessments in courts	\$250,000
Canadian Council of Muslim Women Muslim women's family law legal rights	\$228,225
Carleton University, Department of Law and Legal Studies Access to justice for facilitating access: helping family law disputant resolve conflicts	\$45,000
Community Legal Education Ontario French family law content for Steps to Justice	\$40,000
Edmonton Community Legal Centre Alberta family law legal advice project	\$230,000

King's University College (UWO)

Increasing use of non-traditional legal services for Ontario family cases \$250,000

L'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario

Promoting access to family law justice for immigrants \$140,030

Law Society of Nunavut

Access to justice for family violence in Nunavut: a research project & awareness campaign \$256,475

Luke's Place Support and Resource Centre for Women and Children

Family court watch: intersecting legal issues in cases involving violence against women \$40,000

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education - Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education

African, Caribbean, Black (ACB) restorative justice - Family Group Conferencing (FGC) research and development project \$249,920

Pro Bono Quebec

Porte 33 Legal Outreach Clinic and legal information pilot project \$91,535

Pro Bono Students Canada

Expanding Family Justice through Law Student Pro Bono \$195,163

Rise Women's Legal Centre Society

Family law incubator pilot project \$207,194

Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

The family learning project \$130,475

University of Calgary, Faculty of Law

Accessing justice in domestic violence cases: creating a research portal \$32,388

University of Windsor, Faculty of Law

Family law at the library: mobilizing the potential of public libraries to serve self-represented litigants \$100,000

Total Access to Justice Fund \$3,214,380

TOTAL 2018 GRANTING \$15,533,648

Class Proceedings Fund

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2018 saw trends similar to those we have seen since the Class Proceedings Fund's inception. The number of applications continues to increase, the amount of funding sought and awarded continues to increase, and the quantum of costs awards in unsuccessful cases continues to increase.

In 2018, the Fund received levies in the amount of \$5,360,196 which is well in excess of costs paid, \$740,000. However, this difference is not material as there are often years when either costs or levies are considerably greater than the other. During the calendar year 2018, there were costs made in lower courts of over \$6 million. Those cases are under appeal and as the results of such appeals are not fully known, they do not appear in the 2018 financials. However, at the time of this report two of these cases have concluded such that there will be approximately \$4 million paid to defendants in 2019.

Despite this, overall the trend remains the same. Levies continue to rise at a rate higher than costs. The Committee is always mindful, however, that this could change and continues to review its processes and risk management to ensure that the highest scrutiny is made of all funding applications to ensure the continued financial sustainability of the Fund.

During its 2018 retreat, the Committee reviewed and addressed the backlog by deciding to hold more hearings each month. It also reviewed and amended the Disbursement Policy to ensure that the process for making disbursement claims was practical from the perspective of applicants as well as staff reviewing them. The Committee also determined that it would move to a paper-free filing system in line with other organizations addressing environmental issues.



Wendy J. Earle
Chair, Class Proceedings Committee

Class Proceedings Fund financial highlights

NEW APPLICATIONS HEARD AND APPROVED – 2009-2018

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Hearings held	13	9	22	12	13	20	17	22	27	21
New applications approved	12	7	15	7	7	11	12	17	18	14

2018 RESULTS

Statement of financial position

	For the period from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2018	For the period from 1994 to Dec. 31, 2018
Opening balance	\$16,650,003	\$500,000
Total funding awarded	(4,395,160)	(29,037,341)
Funding repaid/cancelled	1,711,625	9,348,928
Administration costs/expenses	(763,643)	(5,303,723)
Interest received	397,881	3,732,138
10% levies received	5,360,196	53,168,153
Cost awards in favour of defendants	(740,000)	(14,187,253)
Balance as at Dec. 31, 2018	\$18,220,902	\$18,220,902

AS REQUIRED BY O.REG.771/92, S.13, WE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

1. Number of new applications made, by stage in proceeding, at the time of application.

<u>Stage in the proceeding</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Pre-certification	17	25
Appeal re: certification		
Discovery	1	1
Determination of common issues	2	1
Appeal re: common issues		
Post common issue stage	1	
Total	21	27

2. New applications granted and refused or pending/withdrawn, by stage in the proceeding, at the time of application.

Stage in the proceeding	Granted	Refused	Deferred/Pending*/ Stayed, etc.	Total
2017				
Pre-certification	17	6	2	25
Discovery		1		1
Other (common issues)	1			1
Total	18	7	2	27
2018				
Pre-certification	13	2	2	17
Discovery		1		1
Other (common issues)	1	2		3
Total	14	5	2	21

*Carried forward to the next year.

3. In 2018, financial support was awarded for fourteen (14) new cases under section 59.3(1) of the Act¹ and further financial support was awarded for twenty-four (24) cases which had previously been approved, as a result of supplementary funding applications under section 59.3(5) of the Act. In 2017, financial support was awarded for eighteen (18) new cases under section 59.3(1) of the Act and further financial support was awarded for eleven (11) cases which had previously been approved, as a result of supplementary funding applications under section 59.3(5) of the Act.

4. Total awards, by disbursement type is \$4,395,160.

<u>Type of disbursement</u>	<u>Total amount awarded 2018</u>
Administrative expenses	\$ 383,351
Travel	159,720
Examiners' charges	215,230
Experts' fees	3,418,771
Notice to class	68,938
Other	149,150
Total	\$4,395,160

Under regulation 771/92, this section includes only amounts awarded during 2018. Total amounts paid out by the Class Proceedings Fund (CPF) during 2018 may vary as amounts awarded are reimbursed to applicants on an ongoing basis after funded disbursements have been duly incurred and paid by the applicant.

5. The total amount of money paid from the CPF to applicants under section 59.3 of the Act: 2018 \$4,473,708; 2017 \$2,862,888. At December 31, 2018, the balance of all awards outstanding which had not yet been paid to applicants was \$5,258,736.

6. In 2018, nine (9) funded proceedings were certified. In 2017, nine (9) funded proceedings were certified.

¹ References are to the Law Society Act

7. In 2018, four (4) applicant who had received financial support settled their proceedings such that the classes involved in these proceedings would receive or will receive a monetary payment. In 2017, one (1) applicant who had received financial support settled their proceedings such that the classes involved in these proceedings would receive or will receive a monetary payment.

8. In 2018, four (4) defendants made applications to the CPF for payment of costs awards made in their favour pursuant to section 59.4 of the Act; four (4) applications were received in 2017. This results from the indemnification of plaintiffs against cost awards.

9. In 2018, \$740,000 was paid from the CPF to defendants under section 59.4 of the Act. In 2017, \$3,506,975 was paid from the CPF to defendants under section 59.4 of the Act. This results from the indemnification of plaintiffs against cost awards.

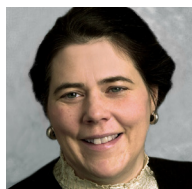
10. Proceedings for which plaintiff was awarded financial support under section 59.3 of the Act (these included both newly approved cases and previously approved cases for which supplementary funding was awarded during 2018).

	Admin- istrative expenses	Travel expenses	Examiners' charges	Experts' fees	Notice to class	Other	Total
2018	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Breach of trust				41,000			41,000
Competition	1,934	7,000	3,500	40,000			52,434
Consumer protection - breach of privacy	14,980	20,800	7,800	78,000		50,800	172,380
Consumer protection - interpretation of contracts	11,427	3,651		94,988			110,066
Crown liability - charter infringement/human rights	12,145	6,841	4,892	25,403		12,577	61,858
Crown liability - general breach of duty	6,919	2,151		19,041	13,306	10,155	51,572
Gay and lesbian rights	8,700	2,586	1,675			3,556	16,517
General negligence	18,700		5,650		5,650		30,000
General professional negligence	67,129	2,000	15,000	102,938		442	187,509
Immigration	5,000	5,000	5,000				15,000
Investments/securities	46,559	40,245	88,588	2,391,128	21,207	43,557	2,631,284
Pension funds	16,000	3,000	10,000	115,000			144,000
Product liability - consumer products	102,675	34,810	38,125	398,844		15,924	590,378
Product liability - medical products	44,183	1,636	10,000	12,429	28,775	2,139	99,162
Residential schools	27,000	30,000	25,000	100,000		10,000	192,000
Total	383,351	159,720	215,230	3,418,771	68,938	149,150	4,395,160

2017							
All cases	595,213	312,306	141,027	2,837,662	91,783	70,862	4,048,853

Class Proceedings Committee

The Class Proceedings Committee has five members, one appointed by each of The Law Foundation of Ontario and the Attorney General of Ontario, and three appointed jointly.



Wendy J. Earle

Chair

Advocate and Arbitrator



Sandra Barton

Partner, Gowling WLG



Paul J. Evraire, Q.C.

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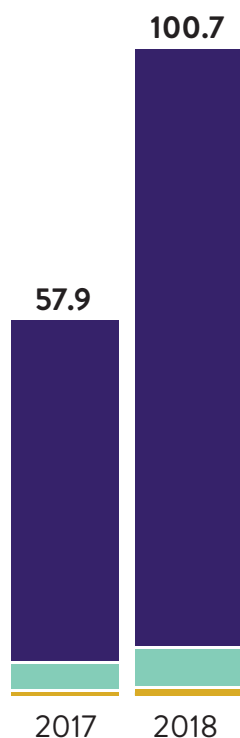
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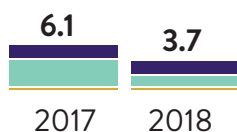
2018 financial highlights

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS (\$M)

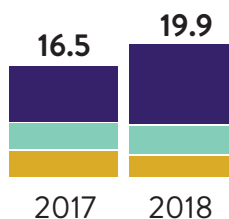
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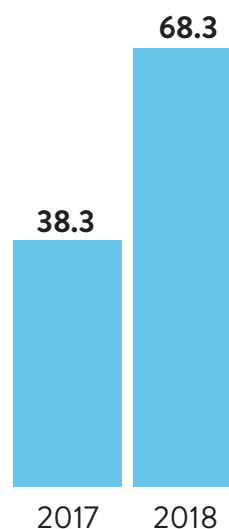
Expenses



Grants & awards authorized



Legal Aid Ontario



REVENUES

The Law Foundation of Ontario's main source of revenue is interest earned on Ontario lawyers' and paralegals' mixed trust accounts. These mixed trust accounts hold funds in trust for more than one client. By law, all such interest is paid to the Foundation. Revenues increased in 2018 mainly due to higher mixed trust account balances, higher interest rates, and back interest received on accounts identified through the lawyers' and paralegals' annual filing. The prime rate increased three times while the level of mixed trust account grew moderately.

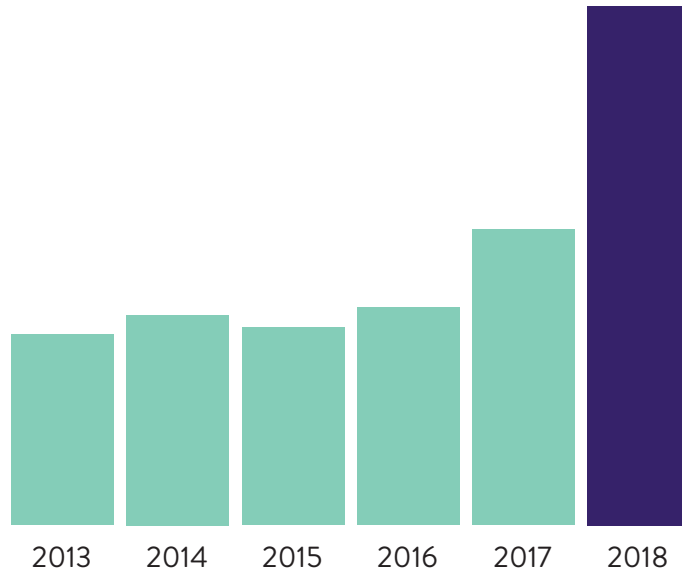
The Foundation periodically negotiates rates of return with all financial institutions that are authorized to hold mixed trust accounts for lawyers and paralegals. Some of these agreements are more favourable than others and the Foundation continues to seek improvements in all of them.

The 2018 audited financial statements are available online at: lawfoundation.on.ca/about-us/revenue-and-reporting/annual-reports/

Interest revenues and rates

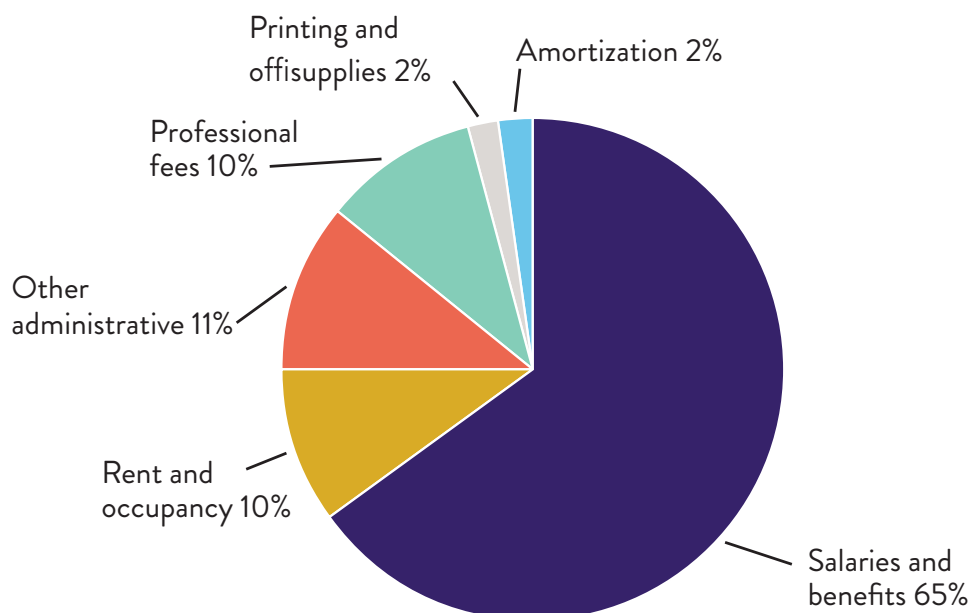
Mixed trust account interest (\$M) | Average prime interest rate (%)

\$34.2	\$37.7	\$35.4	\$39.0	\$53.0	\$93.1
3.00%	3.00%	2.78%	2.70%	2.90%	3.64%



EXPENDITURES

The Foundation continued to manage its expenses prudently while responding to changing needs and economic conditions. Operating expenses (excluding Class Proceedings Fund operating costs) were \$2.2M or 4.2% higher in 2018. This follows an increase of 7.9% in 2017 and a decrease of 1.0% in 2016. Increases relate to the development and implementation of new granting programs and increased levels of granting to nonprofit organizations and services to the public.



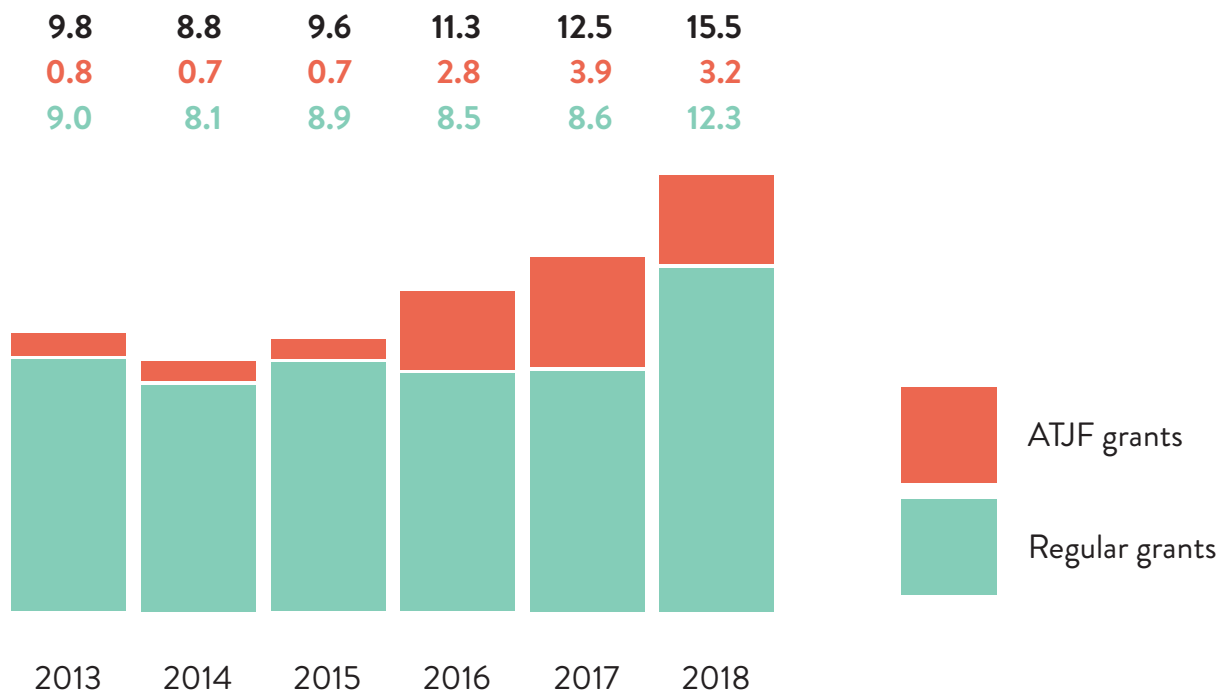
FUNDING TO LEGAL AID ONTARIO

Seventy-five per cent of mixed trust account revenue net of operating expenses is paid to Legal Aid Ontario. The Foundation's contribution increased in 2018 to \$68.3M compared to \$38.3M in 2017.

GRANTS AUTHORIZED

With its remaining funds, the Foundation awards grants that support improved access to justice. Total grants authorized in 2018 were higher because of the introduction of the Catalyst program and other granting initiatives.

Grants authorized (\$M)



Governance and staffing

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Law Foundation of Ontario is governed by a five-person voluntary Board of Trustees. Three Trustees are appointed by the Law Society of Ontario and two by the Attorney General of Ontario. The Foundation submits its annual report to the Attorney General for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.



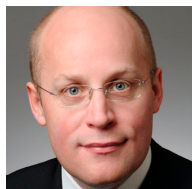
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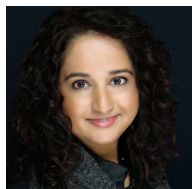
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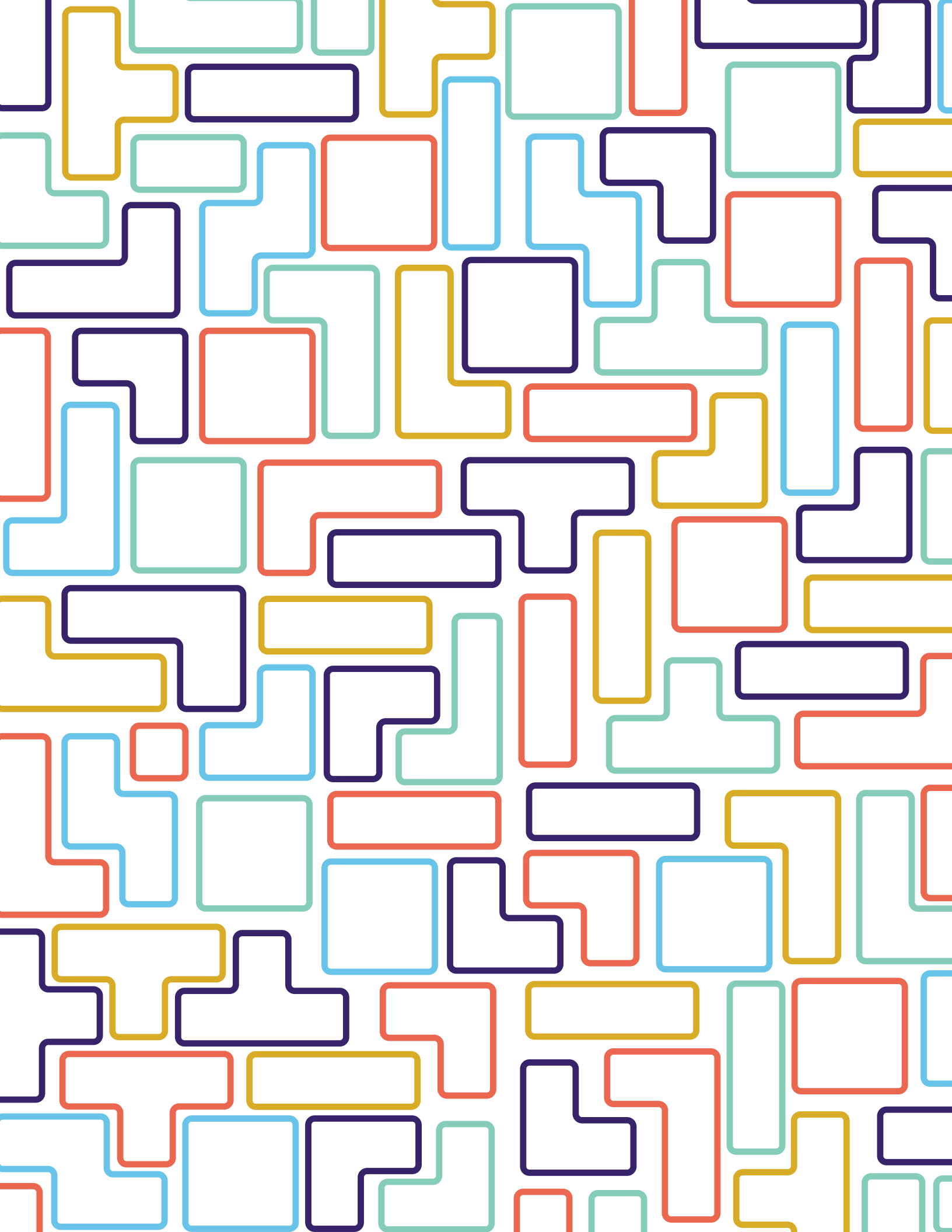
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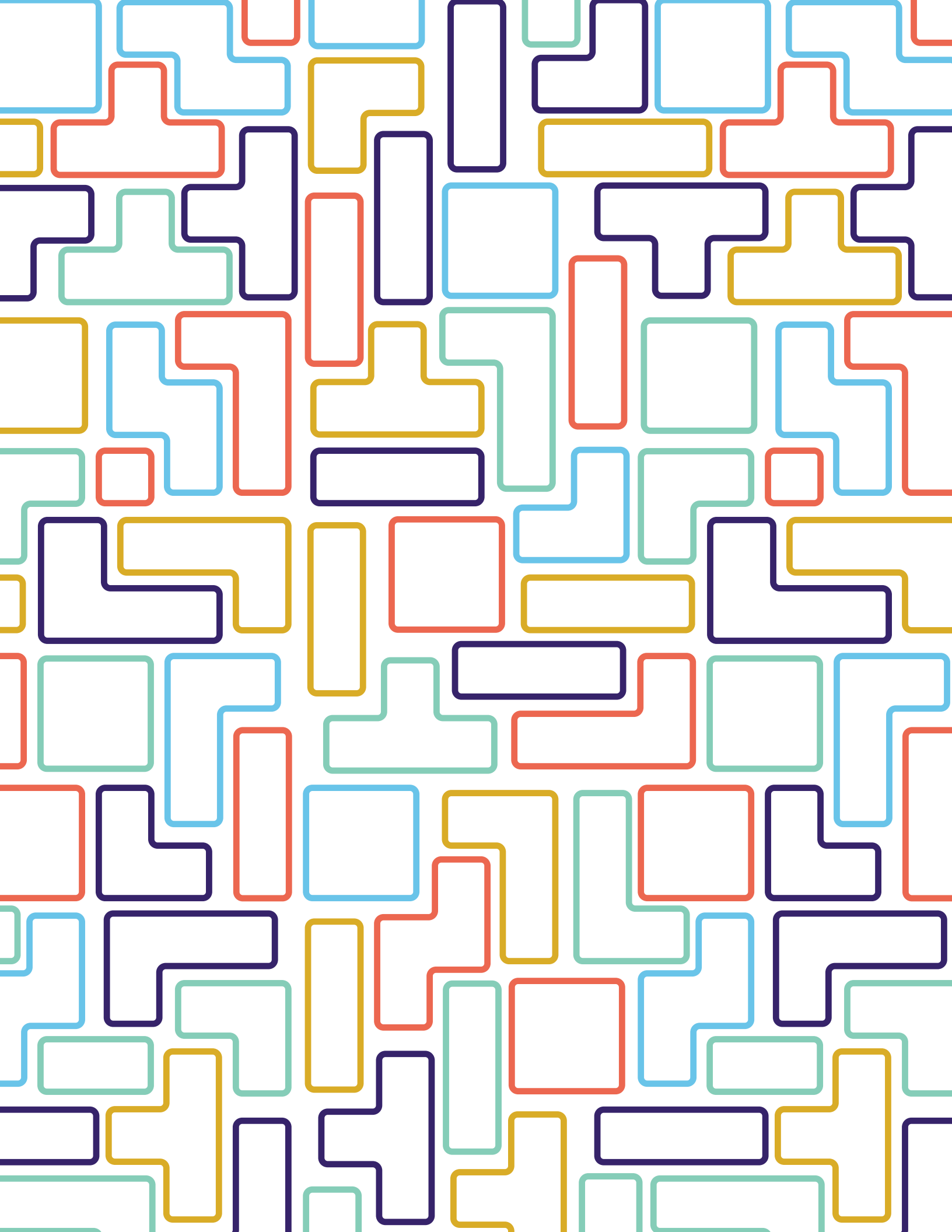
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