

AGENCY NAME:	Douglas County Legal Aid Society, Inc.
PROJECT /ACTIVITY NAME:	Legal Aid Clinic
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AMOUNT REQUESTED:	\$40,000

When does the fiscal year for the program being funded begin? July 1st

Has your organization received funding from the City previously ? Yes

If so, what was the source and amount of funding received ? \$37,500

Description/Justification (Using 300 words or fewer, describe the program for which funding is being requested, the importance of the program and why City funding is needed.)

Douglas County legal Aid Society, Inc. (DCLAS) and the University of Kansas School of Law jointly operate the Legal Aid Clinic at the law school. Third-year law students participate in the clinic for two consecutive semesters. The Legal Aid Clinic provides free legal services for individuals who could not otherwise afford representation. Our practice is devoted to three primary areas of law: 1. A civil practice which includes family law (divorce; paternity; child support; child custody; protection from abuse; and, adoption); 2. Defense of juvenile offenders in the District Court of Douglas County, Kansas; and, 3. Defense of indigent defendants in the Municipal Court.

From 1999 through 2005, we have opened an average of 304.53 new files each year, and 35.08% of those files were for municipal court clients.

For municipal court files which were closed in 2005, we provided a total of 1,115.29 hours of legal services. Had we billed our clients for those services, the total cost would have been \$110,276.25. Clients were charged in 247 separate dockets, with a total of 395 separate charges.

The Legal Aid Clinic has annual operating costs in excess of \$260,000, 40% of which are paid by DCLAS.

This request should be supported (maximum of three pages) with the following information:

1. Description of funding support received from all other sources such as the United Way, Douglas County, USD 497, state/federal grants and private funding.
2. Total budget for the agency, number of personnel, and how the funding would be used (e.g., personnel, equipment, material, etc.).
3. Does the agency anticipate the need to request funding beyond 2007?

Additional information may be provided within the **three (3) page limit**.

Submit this form and any additional supporting material electronically by April 10, 2006 to Debbie Van Saun, Asst. City Manager, via email to: dvansaun@ci.lawrence.ks.us

Anticipated funding sources for FY 07

United Way	13,342
Douglas County	29,828
Kansas Legal Services, Inc.	50,000
Rice Foundation	5,000
City of Lawrence	38,750
Other: from reserves and interest income	31,000
TOTAL	167,920

DCLAS will be requesting additional funding in FY 08.

As noted above, DCLAS practices in three primary areas of law. For the past several years, we have seen an increase in the number of juvenile offender clients and municipal court clients. In 2001, juvenile offenders accounted for 17.15% our total caseload. By 2005, juvenile offenders accounted for 26.65% of our total caseload. In 2001, municipal court clients accounted for 31.40% of our total caseload. By 2005, municipal court clients accounted for 44.51% of our total caseload. To accommodate the increase in this part of our client base, we have had to limit the number of new civil clients. In 2003 the Law School cut funding for one of our staff attorneys. This caused another restriction on new civil clients. To correct this issue, in September 2005, DCLAS hired a third attorney to work in the Legal Aid Clinic. This attorney is a full-time employee of DCLAS, and she works only on civil matters. While this is directly benefiting the community, it has increased our expenses significantly. To offset the increased expenses, we are seeking additional funding from the City of Lawrence.