

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
**01/14/2019**

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1516

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			\$(69,360)	\$69,360	\$(69,360)	\$69,360
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Appropriations</b>						

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium
<b>Counties</b>			
<b>Cities</b>			
<b>School Districts</b>			
<b>Townships</b>			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill increases the cap on civil filing fees going to the indigent civil legal services fund from \$650,000 to \$750,000 per biennium. Revenues collected after the cap is reached goes to the State General Fund.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Based on 2017-19 biennium average collections per month, approximately \$719,360 will be collected from the \$15 portion of the civil filing fee.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Revenues deposited in the indigent civil legal services fund will increase by approximately \$69,360 per biennium and State General Fund revenues will decrease by the same amount.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The moneys deposited in the indigent civil legal services fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to an advisory committee for the purpose of implementing and administering a program to provide civil legal assistance to indigent individuals (NDCC Section 54-06-20).

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**Agency:** ND Court System

**Telephone:** 328-3509

**Date Prepared:** 01/15/2019

**2019 HOUSE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1516**

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee  
Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1516  
1/29/2019  
31696

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: DeLores D. Shimek by Desarae Bergquist

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to fees in civil cases.

## Minutes:

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**Chairman Koppelman:** Opened the hearing on HB 1516.

**:45-1:35 Representative Longmuir:** Introduced the bill. **(Attachment #1)**

**Wade Enget, States Attorney for Mountrail County: (Attachment #2)** Read testimony, went over bill and fiscal note. **Stopped 6:20**

**Chairman Koppelman:** Questions?

**Representative McWilliams:** Do you know the history when the previous rate was set?

**Wade Enget:** In 1999 it was \$400,000, the original bill in 2009 was to remove the cap all together.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Where do these dollars come from?

**Wade Enget:** For filing a case where there is a claim it costs \$80; The first \$15 would go to the clerk of court in the legal services fund.

**Chairman K Koppelman:** What type of cases do you typically handle?

**Wade Enget:** I am going to differ that question to Mr. LeMay

**Richard LeMay; Executive Director of Legal Service of ND: (Attachment #3) (9:25-13:15)** We created a central intake system in ND; was the first one in the nation. It has helped us to be more efficient. In 2000 we created an on-line web application so people can apply from home.

**Representative Bob Paulson:** Has there been growth in services and who audits it?

**Richard LeMay:** We receive \$650,000 from the federal money. That has a lot of restrictions and regulations we have to follow. It's not only a financial audit but it's a performance audit, they check over to make sure we are doing it correctly.

**Representative McWilliams:** How many attorney's work in your department?

**Richard LeMay:** We have nine attorneys. We have a problem getting attorneys because we only start at \$40,000.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Do you have other sources that are beyond federal and state funding?

**Richard LeMay:** We are constantly looking for funds and writing grants. The problem with grants is it is difficult to sustain attorneys based on grants.

**Richard LeMay:** Our total budget is \$2.78 million so we are basing our salary plan on the \$1.4 million it is hard to get money to keep the job afloat. We represent seniors which is 20% of our population. We put an emphasis on community education.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** \$2.78 M annual budget; so if we cut your current cap in half 15% comes from this source.

**Richard LeMay:** Think of it as a filing fee.

**Representative Paur:** The state has the services for indigents; how does your program compare to theirs?

**Richard LeMay:** Indigent defense is criminal defense; we only do civil defense. Civil you are not entitled to an attorney. We do our best to try to help people even though we don't have the resources.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Do you provide both plaintive and defense?

**Richard LeMay:** Yes we do both, most are defense cases

**Representative Jones:** By changing this bill we are giving you an extra \$100,000.

**Richard LeMay:** Legal services has always stayed away from.

**Representative Jones:** Has the native American cliental been steady?

**Richard LeMay:** Native American has gone up a little bit. With the Bakken they think everyone is rich.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** How do people in parts of ND obtain your services?

**Richard LeMay:** We have a central intake system where people all over the state can call you.

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** How do people become aware of your services?

**Richard LeMay:** Word of mouth seems to be working.

**Janelle Moss, Domestic Violence Services:** One in four calls we receive every week is requesting legal services. Legal services have been our most instrumental tool. This funding hasn't been increased since 2009, all of it in nonprofit. This is a key service that they provide for low income.

Opposition: None

Neutral:

Hearing closed.

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Prairie Room, State Capitol

HB 1516  
1/29/2019  
31744

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: DeLores D. Shimek by Desarae Bergquist

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to fees in civil cases.

## Minutes:

**Chairman K. Koppelman:** Opened the hearing on HB 1516.

**Representative Vetter:** They wanted to raise it by 100,000 is there a reason why there is even a cap in the first place?

**Chairman K Koppelman:** There was an effort to remove the cap completely, the reason there is a cap is so there isn't a bottomless pit of money; so they can control it to a certain extent.

**Representative Hanson:** There situations where people made need legal assistance in a civil matter and people were well repaired to be an advocate for themselves but not everyone in our state in not a strong advocate for themselves. So I would definitely support this case.

**Representative Hanson:** I make a motion for do pass.

**Representative Santrom:** I second that motion.

**Chairman K Koppelman:** A motion for do pass on this bill. Further discussion?

**Representative McWilliams:** The fiscal note actually says 69,000; I think they'll raise the cap because it doesn't look like there's much money there to begin with.

**A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 13    Nay: 1    Absent: 0**

**Motion Carries. Representative McWilliams** will carry the bill.

**Representative K Koppelman:** We are going to rerefer to appropriations committee. With that we'll close this hearing.

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES

HB 1516

House Judiciary Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended  Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider  \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By <sup>Rep.</sup> HANSON Seconded By <sup>Rep.</sup> SATROM

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Koppelman	✓		Rep. Buffalo	✓	
Vice Chairman Karls	✓		Rep. Karla Rose Hanson	✓	
Rep. Becker	✓				
Rep. Terry Jones	✓				
Rep. Magrum	✓				
Rep. McWilliams	✓				
Rep. B. Paulson	✓				
Rep. Paur	✓				
Rep. Roers Jones	✓				
Rep. Satrom	✓				
Rep. Simons	✓	✓			
Rep. Vetter	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. McWilliams

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1516: Judiciary Committee (Rep. K. Koppelman, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (13 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1516 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.**

**2019 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1516**

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Appropriations Committee**  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1516  
2/7/2019  
32324

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Risa Bergquist

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

**A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 27-05.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees in civil cases.**

**Minutes:**

**Chairman Delzer:** Called meeting to order for HB 1516

**1:45 Representative K. Koppelman:** What the bill has to do with is the legal aid, they typically relate to civil matters not criminal. Apparently this cap hasn't been raised for some time of the amount of money that flows from filing fees to help support them. This constitutes about 30-40% of their budget. This is designed to be money coming from what generates the appropriate place, because it is generated by the court fees for court cases.

**Chairman Delzer:** How many offices do they have in the state?

**Representative K. Koppelman:** I did ask that, they do a lot of the work over the phone, they cover the entire state even though there are not offices all over the state.

**Representative Schmidt:** Is this some of the money that would have been used for the DAPL protesters?

**Representative K. Koppelman:** No that would have been the indigent defense commission.

**Chairman Delzer:** This is more of the issue of someone not being able to do a will or something along those lines. Further questions? We will close this hearing.

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Appropriations Committee**  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1516  
2/12/2019  
32607

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Risa Bergquist by Caitlin Fleck

## **Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:**

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 27-05.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees in civil cases.

## **Minutes:**

**Chairman Delzer:** This is a bill deals with things for attorney's fees. The general fund says that it will cost about 69 million. So that will take a while before the general fund will get any. This does services such as wills or guardianships or powers of attorney or living wills.

**Representative J. Nelson:** Did you mean 69 million?

**Chairman Delzer:** No, 69 thousand.

**Representative Monson:** I motion for a do pass

**Representative Schmidt** Second.

**A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 17 Nay: 4 Absent: 0**

**Motion carries.**

Floor assignment: **Representative McWilliams**

Hearing closed.

Date: 2/12/2019  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
 ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1516**

House Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation:  Adopt Amendment  
 Do Pass     Do Not Pass     Without Committee Recommendation  
 As Amended     Rerefer to Appropriations  
 Place on Consent Calendar  
 Other Actions:  Reconsider     \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Representative Monson Seconded By Representative Schmidt

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Delzer		X			
Representative Kempenich	X				
Representative Anderson	X		Representative Schobinger		X
Representative Beadle	X		Representative Vigesaa	X	
Representative Bellew		X			
Representative Brandenburg	X				
Representative Howe	X		Representative Boe	X	
Representative Kreidt	X		Representative Holman	X	
Representative Martinson	X		Representative Mock	X	
Representative Meier		X			
Representative Monson	X				
Representative Nathe	X				
Representative J. Nelson	X				
Representative Sanford	X				
Representative Schatz	X				
Representative Schmidt	X				

Total (Yes) 17 No 4

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Representative McWilliams

**Motion Carries**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1516: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (17 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1516 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2019 SENATE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1516**

# 2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1516  
3/18/2019  
#33829 (25:28)

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Meghan Pegel
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## **Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:**

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 27-05.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fees in civil cases.

## **Minutes:**

3 Attachments
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**Chair Larson** opens the hearing on HB 1516. Senator Osland was absent.

**Donald Longmuir, District 2 Representative, testifies in favor (see attachment #1)**

**(1:45) Wade G. Enget, ND attorney, testifies in favor (see attachment #2)**

**Chair Larson:** \$100,000 isn't impacted in this bill. The \$69,000 is just what legislative council estimated it would be over the next biennium based on what's been turned in already, correct?

**Enget:** Correct

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** How many offices are there across ND?

**Enget:** We have Minot, Bismarck, Grand Forks and Fargo. Then we satellite from those areas. There's also an office in Newtown. When I was part of the ND legal services when we merged with Legal Services of ND, we were selfish; we wanted to maintain a presence on a reservation, so there is an office there. We also have a paralegal that runs an office at the Belcourt on the reservation there as well. We do state-wide work.

**Vice Chairman Dwyer:** What's the connection to indigent legal services?

**Enget:** There is none. We don't do any criminal defense, although we do work in the juvenile section. We have a contract with South Central to provide assistance with those persons in the juvenile system, but we don't on the adult, criminal side.

**(10:10) Richard LeMay, Executive Director of Legal Services of ND, testifies in favor (see attachment #3)**

**(17) Senator Myrdal:** What is the benchmark when someone seeks your services for them to qualify? Please give us more specific percentages of what cases you deal with.

**LeMay:** For North Dakota 105,000 could be eligible for our services. Our biggest demand for services is in the family law area. Those are the types of cases in which you can't finish quick; there are cases that go on for years for all kinds of reasons. This bill covers a user fee. Legal services was funded on that to start with in '89 which was a great help to us. Increasing the cap in 2009 to \$650,000 was a great help, and this will make a good difference too. Doing casework for people that you know aren't going to get help another way is a reward, but I still have to find a way to pay my staff a reasonable salary. That's the one thing that the Bakken has done to us, and it's hurting on profits because a lot of people that were content with the work have all of a sudden found themselves faced with companies asking them to come and work for them for a lot more money. That's our biggest problem- the funding to try to maintain the program. We started a software program that does good statistical information in about 1997. We've used technology and have become efficient in ways that have lead the nation. We created a centralized intake system in 1997 which was the first one in the nation. We created an online web application in 2000 which was also the first in the nation. We've been able to allow more people access to us than ever before by using technology, but technology does have its limits.

**(21:35) Sally Holewa, State Court Administrator, testifies in favor**

**Holewa:** We see on a daily basis how important the legal services of ND are. At one point, we had calculated that about 1 in 40 residents of ND is eligible and could use legal services if they had to. They take on cases like public assistance appeals, custody, denied visitation, evictions and other cases that are vital to people getting services and getting them quickly. We wholeheartedly support the increase in funding for this.

**(23) Tony Weiler, Executive Director for the State Bar Association, testifies in favor**

**Weiler:** We have a close working relationship with legal services; the central intake system is something we're apart of through our volunteer lawyer program. We have also supported increased funding by encouraging our federal delegation to maintain funding for legal services corp., and we've done that the last several years. We appreciate the good work done by LSND, and we support this.

**Chair Larson** closes the hearing on HB 1516.

**Senator Luick: Motions for a Do Pass and Rerefer to Appropriations**  
**Senator Myrdal: Seconds.**

**Senator Myrdal:** It's a small amount to move out of the general fund directly to services for the people, so that's why I support this.

**A Roll Call Vote was Taken: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion carries.**

**Vice Chairman Dwyer will carry the bill.**



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1516: Judiciary Committee (Sen. D. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1516 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**.

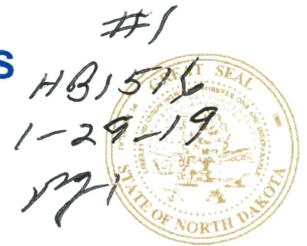
**2019 TESTIMONY**

**HB 1516**



# NORTH DAKOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Representative Donald W. Longmuir

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**COMMITTEES:**  
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January 29, 2019

HB1516.

Chairman Koppelman and members of the Judiciary Committee my name is Don Longmuir and I am the Representative from District 2, which includes Burke County, Divide County, part of Mountrail County and all of Williams County except most of the City of Williston. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today to introduce the speakers who have a concern with the funding which affects the Legal Services North Dakota. I would stand for questions, but I believe the speakers which will be following me will provide you the information you require to make a decision regarding HB1516.

Chairman Koppelman, thank you again for the opportunity to appear before your committee.

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Representatives:

My name is Wade G. Enget. I am a licensed attorney in the State of North Dakota, and the full-time State's Attorney for Mountrail County. I am also a member of the Board of Directors of Legal Services of North Dakota, and recently elected to be the Chairman of that Board. Previously, since 1986, I had been a member of the Board of Directors of North Dakota Legal Services, until that entity merged with Legal Aid of North Dakota in 2003. After the merger, I have continued to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

I rise in support of HB 1516. This Bill would amend and reenact subsection 1 of Section 27-05.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code by amending the amount deposited in the Civil Legal Services Fund from \$650,000.00 per biennium to \$750,000.00 per biennium. The fiscal note that is attached to this Bill notes that an additional \$69,360.00 could be deposited in the Civil Legal Services Fund in the 2019-2021 biennium. My support of this Bill is based upon the following:

- LSND provides top-notch legal services. LSND's reputation and standing in the community is excellent. LSND's dedicated staff and Board members are active in several different communities across the State.
- The demand for legal services is real and increasing. The problems with funding sources are real and appear to be decreasing.
- The monies in the Civil Legal Services Fund (§54-06-20 N.D.C.C.) can only be distributed to "qualified legal service programs". LSND has established itself as being a "qualified legal service program" and has received funds from the Fund since the merger of North Dakota Legal Services and Legal Aid of North Dakota in 2003.
- Since 2009, we have increased our coverage for clients in the northeast part of North Dakota by opening a satellite office in Grand Forks, with that being accomplished with the cooperative efforts of UND School of Law.
- LSND is a non-profit agency, and has continued to see its federal funding decrease. In 2010, the Basic Field Grant awarded by the Legal Services Corporation to LSND was \$601,896.00. In 2019, the Basic Field Grant awarded by the Legal Services Corporation to LSND is \$476,634.00, which is a decrease of over \$125,000.00.
- LSND has cooperated with Council of Abused Women, North Dakota State Health Department, the Internal Revenue Service, the North Dakota Judiciary, and the North Dakota Attorney General's Office to implement programs that provide for legal education and legal representation for those who qualify for our services.
- In 2009, LSND had 25 staff and 9 attorneys. At the present time in 2019, LSND has 14 staff and 9 attorneys.
- HB 1516 will allow for an increase in the amount deposited in the Civil Legal Services Fund from \$650,000.00 per biennium to \$750,000.00 per biennium will allow LSND to serve more of our citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please give HB 1516 a "do pass" recommendation.

**54-06-20. Indigent civil legal services fund - Distribution - Continuing appropriation - Records.**

1. An advisory committee consisting of the lieutenant governor, the director of the office of management and budget or the director's designee, and the state court administrator shall distribute moneys deposited in the indigent civil legal services fund. Qualified legal service programs may apply for moneys in the fund. The moneys in the fund must be distributed to legal service programs operating in the state which provide, with funds appropriated by the federal legal services corporation, legal services to persons unable to afford private counsel. Allocation of funds among the programs must be based on the population served by each program, the range of legal services offered, alternative sources of funding, and other factors deemed relevant by the advisory committee. The moneys deposited in the indigent civil legal services fund in the state treasury are hereby appropriated to the advisory committee on a continuing basis for the purpose of implementing and administering a program to provide civil legal assistance to indigent individuals.
2. Recipients of funds distributed by the advisory committee shall comply with the federal Legal Services Corporation Act [42 U.S.C. 2996 et seq.].
3. Subject to the limitations in this section, funds distributed under subsection 1 may be used to provide legal services to persons unable to afford private counsel in the following types of cases:
  - a. Public benefits, including temporary assistance to needy families, unemployment compensation, general assistance, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, supplemental security income, or social security disability income;
  - b. Medical assistance;
  - c. Family law matters;
  - d. Housing;
  - e. Consumer issues; and
  - f. Elder law.
4. The advisory committee and each recipient of funds from the indigent civil legal services fund shall maintain records in accord with the generally accepted accounting principles. The records must account for the receipt and expenditure of all funds distributed and received and must be maintained for a period of five years from the close of the fiscal year in which the funds are distributed or received or until audited, whichever is sooner.

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Testimony of Richard LeMay  
In Support of HB 1516  
Before the House Judiciary Committee  
January 29, 2019

Chairman Koppelman and Committee Members : My name is Richard LeMay. I serve as the Executive Director of Legal Services of North Dakota (LSND), a nonprofit organization that provides civil legal services to low-income and elderly North Dakotans statewide. The monies provided by the Civil Legal Services fund, established under N.D.C.C. 54-06-20, goes to Legal Services of North Dakota.

This funding, together with federal and various grant funds, allows LSND to provide immediate legal assistance through a central intake and senior legal help line. Those needing extended services are transferred to one of LSND's regional law offices where they are helped with legal problems ranging from advance directives, consumer rights, housing issues, public benefits, and family law to name just a few areas that North Dakotan's may receive help in.

I wish I could tell you about all of LSND's accomplishments in the last thirty years, like establishing the first central intake system in the nation, launching the first online intake application in the nation, and reestablishing an office in Grand Forks to serve Northeastern North Dakota. Unfortunately, our time today does not allow me to.

For the last ten years LSND's Legal Service Corporation (LSC) funding has been reduced almost 20%. LSND needs the additional funds just to maintain the present services. While federal and foundation funds continue to evaporate, the legal needs of the low income and elderly continue to increase. Thank you for your consideration.

LSND would ask your support for HB 1516 and I will try to answer any questions you have for me.

LSND's Grant Award History for LSC Grants

<u>Year</u>		<u>Basic Field</u>	<u>Native American</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2010		\$601,896	\$287,910	\$889,806
2011		\$647,904	\$310,361	\$958,265
2012		\$530,831	\$253,703	\$784,534
2013	Awarded	\$533,467	\$255,256	\$788,723
2013	Adjusted	\$487,139		\$742,395
2014		\$412,760	\$248,781	\$661,541
2015		\$447,577	\$270,032	\$717,609
2016		\$442,148	\$276,997	\$719,145
2017		\$442,219	\$276,997	\$719,216
2018	Awarded	\$439,287	\$275,116	\$714,403
2018	Adjusted	\$472,447	\$295,883	\$768,330
2019		\$476,634	\$295,883	\$772,517

# Board of Directors 2019

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## *Executive Board*

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President, Stanley

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Treasurer, Bismarck

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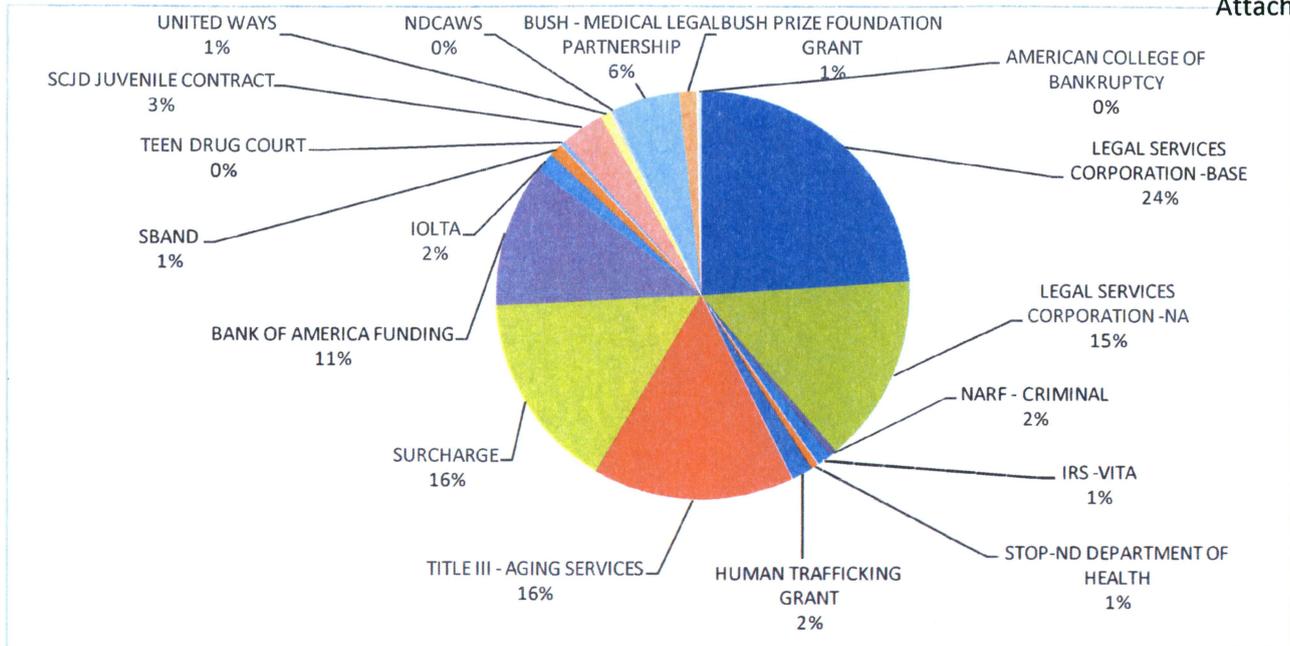
## **LSND Mission Statement**

Legal Services of North Dakota strives to provide high quality advice, education and representation to low-income North Dakotans, as well as disadvantaged elderly, in areas of civil law.

# 2018 Income by Source

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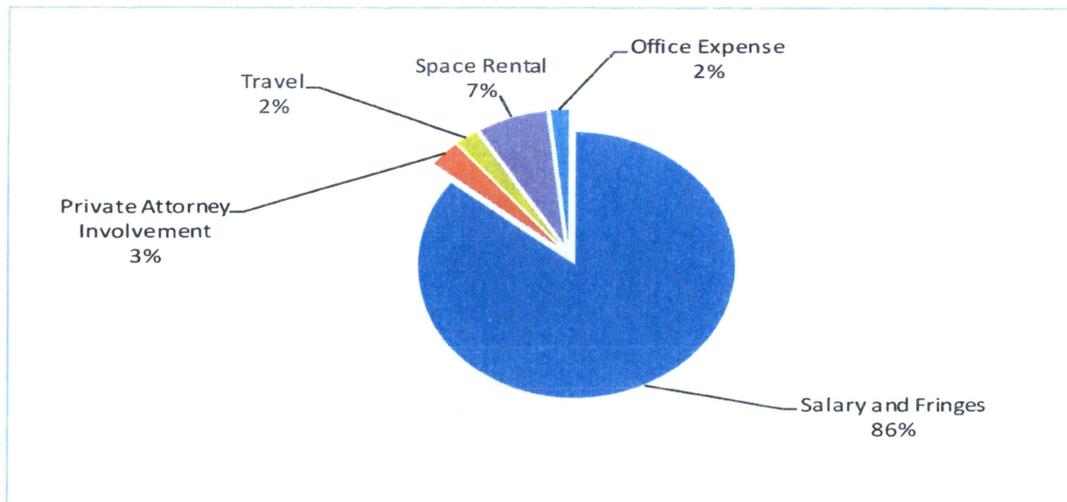
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LSC Base - Legal Services Corporation  
 LSC - NA - LSC - Native American  
 Title III - Funding from the Older Americans Act  
 Bush - MLP Med Legal Partnership

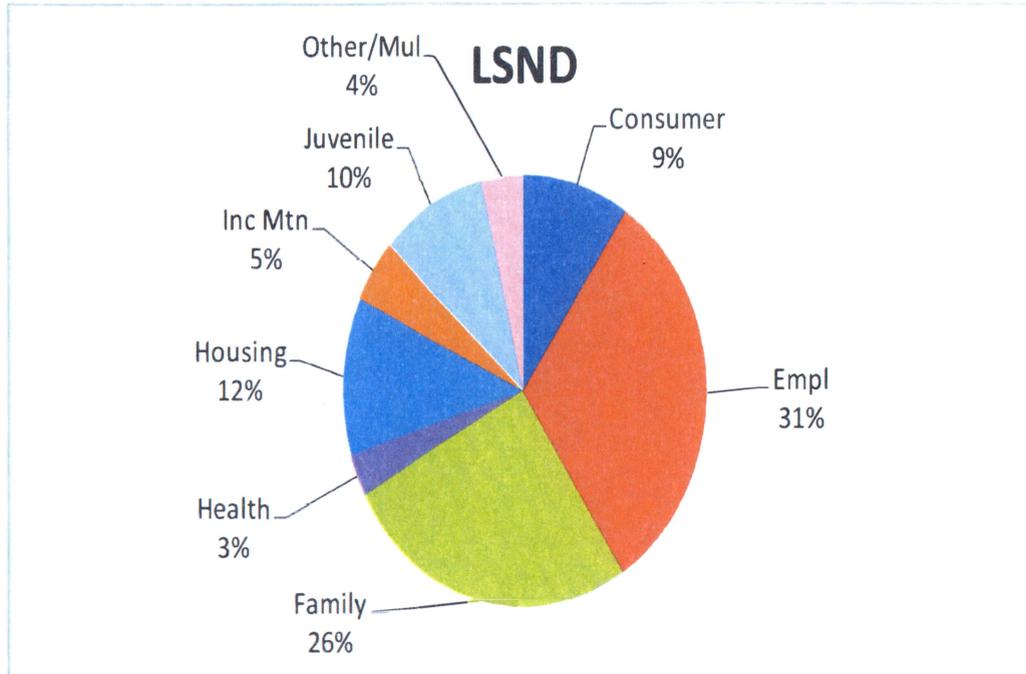
IOLTA - Interest on Lawyer Trust Account  
 IRS and NARF - Native American Rights Fund  
 Bremer - Otto Bremer Foundation  
 ND Surcharge - Filing Fees

# 2018 Expenses by Major Category



# Closed Cases by Subject Matter 2018

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## Closed Cases by Race and Age 2018

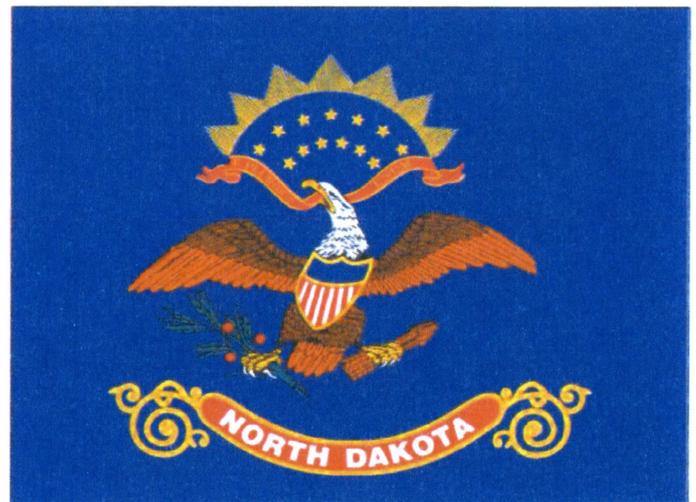
Race	Age			
	Total	Under 18	18-59	60 and Over
Asian-P.I.	38	0	31	7
Black	168	5	144	18
Hispanic	72	0	63	9
Native American	1693	97	1007	589
White	2161	28	1110	1023
Unidentified	73	4	58	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4205</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2413</b>	<b>1657</b>

# Closed Cases by County 2018

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County	Closed 2018
Adams	5
Barnes	48
Benson	175
Billings	0
Bottineau	26
Bowman	3
Burke	6
Burleigh	535
Cass	562
Cavalier	6
Dickey	7
Divide	7
Dunn	35
Eddy	8
Emmons	11
Foster	7
Golden Valley	3
Grand Forks	248
Grant	7
Griggs	4
Hettinger	3
Kidder	6
LaMoure	12
Logan	4
McHenry	14
McIntosh	3
McKenzie	79
McLean	70
Mercer	26
Morton	245
Mountrail	274
Nelson	10
Oliver	3
Pembina	12
Pierce	3
Ramsey	80
Ransom	7
Renville	4

Richland	54
Rolette	779
Sargent	6
Sheridan	2
Sioux	7
Slope	0
Stark	76
Steele	3
Stutsman	110
Towner	10
Traill	13
Walsh	24
Ward	329
Wells	14
Williams	89
Other	130
TOTALS	4205



**LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTH DAKOTA  
2018 BUDGET REPORT**

Budget revised June 13, 2018

	<b>2018 BUDGET</b>	<b>As of 12/31/2018</b>	
<b><u>REVENUES - ACTUAL:</u></b>			
LSC BASE	472,447	472,447	100.00%
LSC NATIVE AMERICAN	295,883	295,883	100.00%
AGING SERVICES - TITLE III	263,481	311,519	118.23%
SURCHARGE	311,500	313,013	100.49%
IOLTA	30,000	30,000	100.00%
STATE BAR OF ND DONATIONS	15,000	21,000	140.00%
TEEN DRUG COURT	7,500	7,500	100.00%
SCJD JUVENILE CONTRACT	68,400	67,996	99.41%
IRS - VITA	20,030	22,346	111.56%
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND	54,602	23,401	42.86%
CDBG - CITY OF FARGO	5,000	5,000	100.00%
CDBG - CITY OF BISMARCK	4,500	4,083	90.73%
STOP-ND DEPT OF HEALTH	11,536	12,051	104.46%
BAKKEN-NDCAWS GRANT	20,588	35,261	171.27%
BCI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT	46,226	32,724	70.79%
STATE BAR FOUNDATION - BOA	227,033	227,033	100.00%
BUSH - MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP	104,000	104,000	100.00%
BUSH- PRIZE AWARD CARRYOVER	137,148	27,219	19.85%
FREDRIKSON & BYRON FOUNDATION	7,500	10,000	133.33%
NDCAWS - TRAINING	2,080	3,881	186.59%
UNITED WAYS	17,400	16,991	97.65%
OTHER INCOME	33,883	7,688	22.69%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,155,737</b>	<b>\$2,051,036</b>	<b>95.14%</b>

**EXPENSES:**

LAWYER SALARIES	668,375	658,550	98.53%
PARALEGAL SALARIES	383,102	360,515	94.10%
OTHER NON-LAWYER SAL.	236,907	234,331	98.91%
FRINGE BENEFITS	394,116	353,012	89.57%
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$1,682,500</b>	<b>\$1,606,408</b>	<b>95.48%</b>

	2018 BUDGET	As of 12/31/2018	
SPACE RENT	135,000	134,210	99.41%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,054	84.46%
EQUIP RENT/MTNCE	14,200	12,093	85.16%
OFFICE EXPENSE	36,900	34,302	92.96%
TELEPHONE	38,750	37,209	96.02%
PROGRAM TRAVEL	41,065	42,400	103.25%
BOARD EXPENSE	5,000	2,466	49.32%
CONFERENCE TRAVEL	22,000	12,597	57.26%
TRAINING-IN-HOUSE	18,000	7,219	40.11%
LIBRARY MTNCE/LEGAL RESEARCH	15,000	13,759	91.73%
INSURANCE	10,000	13,246	132.46%
AUDIT	26,000	25,026	96.25%
LITIGATION	2,500	2,098	83.92%
EQUIPMENT PURCH. <\$1000	5,000	4,149	82.98%
EQUIPMENT PURCH. \$1000+	15,000	10,195	67.97%
SUBC. SERVICES - CLIENTS	15,000	11,012	73.41%
SUBC. SERVICES - PROGRAM	58,000	34,265	59.08%
BAR FEES/LICENSES	5,400	4,390	81.30%
ASSO./MEMBERSHIP FEES	10,000	9,330	93.30%
ADVERTISING	5,000	8,576	171.52%
<b>TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$482,615</b>	<b>\$422,596</b>	<b>87.56%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,165,115</b>	<b>\$2,029,004</b>	<b>93.71%</b>
<b>Net Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$9,378)</b>	<b>\$22,032</b>	

For reasons set forth in the preamble, the Legal Services Corporation amends 45 CFR part 1611 as follows:

**PART 1611—ELIGIBILITY**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1611 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).

■ 2. Revise appendix A to part 1611 to read as follows:

**Appendix A to Part 1611— Income Level for Individuals Eligible for Assistance**

**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 2018 INCOME GUIDELINES \***

Size of household	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,175	\$18,975	\$17,450
2	20,575	25,725	23,663
3	25,975	32,475	29,875
4	31,375	39,225	36,088
5	36,775	45,975	42,300
6	42,175	52,725	48,513
7	47,575	59,475	54,725
8	52,975	66,225	60,938
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add:	5,400	6,750	6,213

\* The figures in this table represent 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

**REFERENCE CHART—200% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES**

Size of household	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$24,280	\$30,360	\$27,920
2	32,920	41,160	37,860
3	41,560	51,960	47,800
4	50,200	62,760	57,740
5	58,840	73,560	67,680
6	67,480	84,360	77,620
7	76,120	95,160	87,560
8	84,760	105,960	97,500
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add:	8,640	10,800	9,940

Dated: January 18, 2018.  
**Stefanie K. Davis,**  
*Assistant General Counsel.*  
[FR Doc. 2018-01138 Filed 1-22-18; 8:45 am]  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**50 CFR Part 17**

[Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2015-0001; 50120-1113-000]

RIN 1018-AY05

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Eastern Puma (=Cougar) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), determine the eastern puma (=cougar) (*Puma*

(=*Felis concolor cougar*) to be extinct, based on the best available scientific and commercial information. This information shows no evidence of the existence of either an extant reproducing population or any individuals of the eastern puma subspecies; it also is highly unlikely that an eastern puma population could remain undetected since the last confirmed sighting in 1938. Therefore, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, we remove this subspecies from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

**DATES:** This rule is effective February 22, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** This final rule is available on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2015-0001. Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in rule preparation, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Service's Maine Fish and Wildlife Service

Complex, Ecological Services Maine Field Office, 306 Hatchery Road, East Orland, Maine 04431, and on the Eastern Cougar website at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ecougar>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Martin Miller, Northeast Regional Office, telephone 413-253-8615, or Mark McCollough, Maine Field Office, telephone 207-902-1570. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8337 for TTY assistance. General information regarding the eastern puma and the delisting process may also be accessed at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ecougar>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Executive Summary**

*Why we need to publish a rule—* Under the Act, a species warrants protection through listing if it is endangered or threatened. Conversely, a species may be removed from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (List) if the Act's protections are determined to be no

GRANTS - CONTRACTS	GRANT PERIOD	AMOUNT	NOTES ON GRANTS
<b>FEDERAL</b>			
Legal Services Corp - Base	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$472,447	Based on 2108 awarded amount
Legal Services Corp - Native American	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$295,883	Based on 2108 awarded amount
<b>Native American Rights Fund Grants</b>			
NARF Civil Grant	ended 9/30/2018	\$0	There will be no award for 2019/2020 per MLS.
NARF Criminal 2015 Supplement	1/1/2019-9/30/2019	\$31,600	Grant ends 9/30/2019. No 2020 award per MLS.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance(VITA)	08/01/18 to 07/31/19	\$10,000	One year grant award. 100% match required.
Bakken Domestic Violence Grant	ends 12/31/2018	\$0	Grant ends 12/31/2018. No renewal of grant.
STOP - ND Dept of Health	10/01/18 to 09/30/19	\$11,091	Likely to be renewed in 10/1/2019
Community Dev Block Grant-Bismarck	ends March 15, 2019	\$0	Should be spent out by 12/31/18. There will not be a 2019 award.
<b>STATE</b>			
Human Trafficking Grant (HT)	02/01/16 to 06/30/19	\$19,500	Grant ends 6/30/2019. No renewal of this grant. Original \$250,000; amended plus \$86,541; match of \$44,118.
Title III - Aging Services	07/01/18 to 06/30/19	\$336,541	Renewal expected on 7/1/2019 of \$250,000
Surcharge Filing Fees	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$313,000	Estimated from 2018 funding.
<b>LOCAL</b>			
IOLTA	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$30,000	Expecting to get another award before EOY.
Bank of America Funding	April 2017-April 2021	\$227,033	4 year contract of \$908,131. 2019 will be 2nd year.
SBAND	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$15,000	Dontations from SBAND - usually given at EOY
Teen Drug Court	07/01/17 to 06/30/19	\$7,500	Grant ends 6/30/2019. Renewal likely but is in question.
SCJD Juvenile Contract	07/01/17 to 06/30/19	\$68,400	Grant ends 6/30/2019. Renewal likely but is in question.
<b>United Ways</b>			
MSAUWay	ends 12/31/2018	\$0	Received notice 11/19/18 - no reward for 2019 due to cuts.
Barnes County UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$2,000	Likely to be renewed.
Williston UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$4,400	Likely to be renewed.
Jamestown UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$0	No current award. Can apply in April 2019.
Souris River UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$8,000	Received \$8,000 for year 2018. Likely be renewed.
<b>FOUNDATIONAL</b>			
Bush Prize Grant	December 2014 to 2017	\$125,000	Grant ended. Estimated carryover for 2019.
Bush - Medical Legal Partnership(MLP)	08/01/2017 to 08/31/20	\$125,000	Three year grant if \$208,000 - 2019 is second year.
American College of Bankruptcy	to be spent out by 12/31/19	\$8,000	New grant award.
<b>POSSIBLE GRANTS/DONTATIONS</b>			
Community Dev Block Grant-Fargo	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$8,000	Apply when grant application becomes available.
Fredrikson & Byron Dontation/Grant	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$10,000	Applied but have not heard back yet.

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- Legal information and links to other sites
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- Information about our offices and our staff
- Easily printable legal education brochures
- Self-help forms

## Would You Like Us to Speak to Your Group?

LSND also prepares, distributes and presents information about the legal rights of disadvantaged seniors and low-income people. Please contact LSND to request a presentation on topics of interest at 1-877-838-5263.

## Special Projects

LSND also has funding to operate special projects involving:

- Senior Law
- Native American Law
- Federal Income Tax Problems on and near the northern Indian Reservations

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## Who Do I Contact With Additional Questions?

**Seniors 60 and over**  
**Call: 1-866-621-9886**  
**Others Call: 1-800-634-5263**

### Legal Services of North Dakota

Bismarck Law Office  
418 E Broadway #7  
Bismarck, ND 58501

Fargo Law Office  
112 N University #220, PO Box 1327  
Fargo, ND 58107-1327

Minot Law Office  
20 1st St SW #201  
Minot, ND 58701

New Town Law Office  
345 Main St, PO Box 217  
New Town, ND 58763-0217

Belcourt Law Office  
BIA Road 7 Bldg 85, PO Box 1365  
Belcourt, ND 58316-1365

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# Free Legal Advice For Seniors And Low-Income North Dakotans



General Information - Flyer #997

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**Legal Services of North Dakota, (LSND)** is a non-profit organization which provides legal help to disadvantaged seniors and low-income North Dakotans.

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### What Does LSND Do?

Provides free legal advice by telephone or in person;

Provides representation to disadvantaged seniors and low-income individuals on a case-by-case basis;

Provides speakers and educational materials;

Acts as a resource to groups that help disadvantaged seniors and low-income individuals.

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*OUR LEGAL SERVICES ARE FREE:* If there are required filing fees or service fees, you may have to pay all or part of these costs. Many times there are no such charges. Donations to LSND are always welcome.

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*INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR LEGAL SERVICES* will not be subjected to discrimination.

### How to Contact LSND:

1. Call our general Toll-Free number at **1-800-634-5263** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you must wait, please be patient, you will be helped.

People 60 and over may call our Senior Legal Hotline Toll-Free number at **1-866-621-9886** Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Website applications may be made by going to [www.legalassist.org](http://www.legalassist.org)**

2. When you call on legal matters, an intake worker will ask you a few questions to find out if you are eligible for LSND's help. Everything you say is strictly confidential.



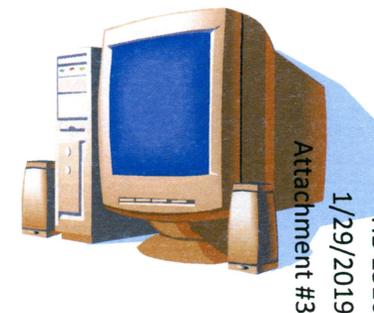
### Legal Representation and Preparing Documents

In addition to providing legal advice on our toll-free telephone lines, LSND provides legal representation in certain cases involving family law, public benefit appeals, housing rights, elder law, consumer law, health benefits and Native American law.

Some of the things we can help with include, but are not limited to:

- Advance Directives for Health Care
- Rule 69 Interrogatories
- Powers of Attorney
- Claims of Exemptions
- Affidavit Probates
- Paternity Affidavits
- Verified List of Dependents
- North Dakota Rent Refunds
- American Indian Probate Reform Act Wills

And much more



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Additional legal help for Fort Berthold, Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake Reservations:

Special emphasis on:

Health, Housing, Public Benefits

Elder Law - (low income only)

Indian Child Welfare Act - contested or with major problems with legal procedures.

Selected Tribal/Indian Law Issues

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THE SERVICES ARE FREE, however you may have to pay all or part of costs such as required filing fees and service fees. Many times there are no such charges. Donations to LSND are always welcome.

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**Legal Services of North Dakota, (LSND)** is a non-profit organization which provides legal help to disadvantaged elderly or low-income North Dakotans.

DISCLAIMER: This information is not legal advice. If you have a legal problem, you should talk to a lawyer and ask for advice about your options.

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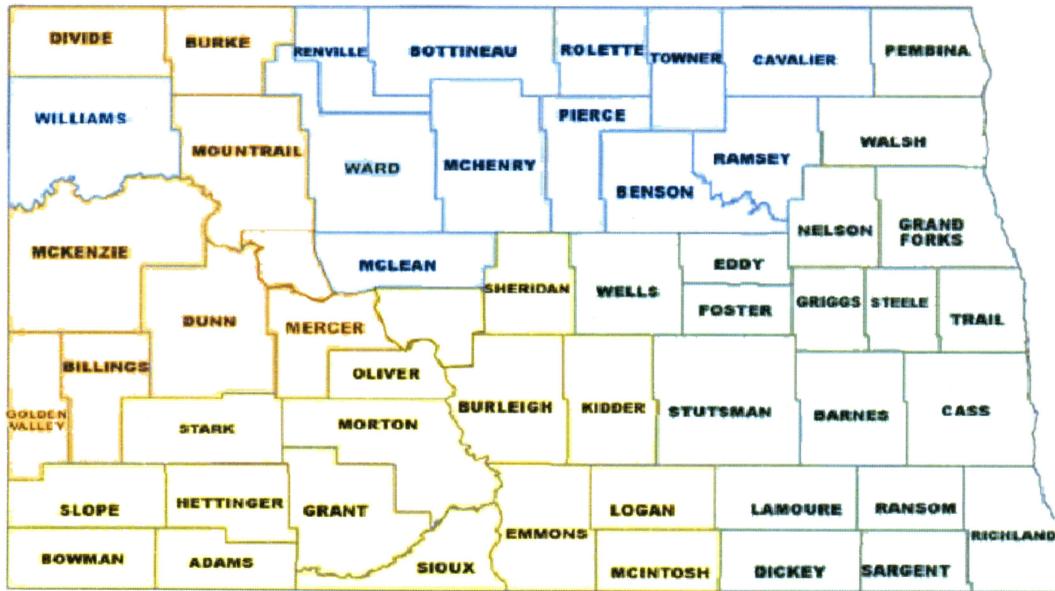
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## Senior Legal Hotline



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3. A staff member will then ask you a few more questions to find out if your legal problem is one LSND can help with.
4. You may receive advice right away.
5. If you need more than advice, LSND may also work on your case.
6. If LSND cannot assist you, a referral may be made to another organization that might be able to help you.

### Services Available

**LSND Accepts Cases** in the areas of Government Benefits, Family, Health, Consumer, Housing, Elderly Law and Indian Law. Specific types of cases include:

- ≈ SSI
- ≈ Food Stamps
- ≈ General Assistance (GA)
- ≈ LIHEAP
- ≈ Unemployment Compensation
- ≈ Medicaid
- ≈ Contested Domestic Violence Protection Orders on Behalf of the Victim
- ≈ Public Housing Problems
- ≈ Tenant Evictions
- ≈ Problems With Debts
- ≈ Access to Justice Issues
- ≈ Property Tax Credit
- ≈ Nursing Home Transfer and Discharge
- ≈ Social Security and Medicare
- ≈ Home Health Care
- ≈ Durable Power of Attorney
- ≈ Health Care Directives
- ≈ Challenging/Revoking Guardianships
- ≈ Mortgage Retention Advice
- ≈ Medicare Part A
- ≈ Medicare Part B
- ≈ Medicare Part D

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2. When you call on legal matters, an intake worker will ask you a few questions, including financial questions which are asked to determine which of our grants will pay for the services we may provide you. Everything you say is strictly confidential.

# NORTH DAKOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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## Representative Donald W. Longmuir

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March 18, 2019

HB1516.

Madam Chairman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee my name is Donald Longmuir and I am the Representative from District 2, which includes Burke County, Divide County, part of Mountrail County and all of Williams County except most of the City of Williston. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today to introduce the speakers who have a concern with the funding which affects Legal Services North Dakota. I would stand for questions, but I believe the speakers which will be following me will provide you the information you require to make a decision regarding HB1516.

Madam Chairman thank you again for the opportunity to appear before your committee.

Judiciary Committee Chair Larson, Vice-Chair Dwyer, Senators:

My name is Wade G. Enget. I am a licensed attorney in the State of North Dakota, and the full-time State's Attorney for Mountrail County. I am also a member of the Board of Directors of Legal Services of North Dakota, and recently elected to be the Chairman of that Board. Previously, since 1986, I had been a member of the Board of Directors of North Dakota Legal Services, until that entity merged with Legal Aid of North Dakota in 2003. After the merger, I have continued to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

I rise in support of HB 1516. This Bill would amend and reenact subsection 1 of Section 27-05.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code by amending the amount deposited in the Civil Legal Services Fund from \$650,000.00 per biennium to \$750,000.00 per biennium. The fiscal note that is attached to this Bill notes that an additional \$69,360.00 could be deposited in the Civil Legal Services Fund in the 2019-2021 biennium. My support of this Bill is based upon the following:

- LSND provides top-notch legal services. LSND's reputation and standing in the community is excellent. LSND's dedicated staff and Board members are active in several different communities across the State.
- The demand for legal services is real and increasing. The problems with funding sources are real and appear to be decreasing.
- The monies in the Civil Legal Services Fund (§54-06-20 N.D.C.C.) can only be distributed to "qualified legal service programs". LSND has established itself as being a "qualified legal service program" and has received funds from the Fund since the merger of North Dakota Legal Services and Legal Aid of North Dakota in 2003.
- Since 2009, we have increased our coverage for clients in the northeast part of North Dakota by opening a satellite office in Grand Forks, with that being accomplished with the cooperative efforts of UND School of Law.
- LSND is a non-profit agency, and has continued to see its federal funding decrease. In 2010, the Basic Field Grant awarded by the Legal Services Corporation to LSND was \$601,896.00. In 2019, the Basic Field Grant awarded by the Legal Services Corporation to LSND is \$476,634.00, which is a decrease of over \$125,000.00.
- LSND has cooperated with Council of Abused Women, North Dakota State Health Department, the Internal Revenue Service, the North Dakota Judiciary, and the North Dakota Attorney General's Office to implement programs that provide for legal education and legal representation for those who qualify for our services.
- In 2009, LSND had 25 staff and 9 attorneys. At the present time in 2019, LSND has 14 staff and 9 attorneys.
- HB 1516 will allow for an increase in the amount deposited in the Civil Legal Services Fund from \$650,000.00 per biennium to \$750,000.00 per biennium will allow LSND to serve more of our citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please give HB 1516 a "do pass" recommendation.

**54-06-20. Indigent civil legal services fund - Distribution - Continuing appropriation - Records.**

1. An advisory committee consisting of the lieutenant governor, the director of the office of management and budget or the director's designee, and the state court administrator shall distribute moneys deposited in the indigent civil legal services fund. Qualified legal service programs may apply for moneys in the fund. The moneys in the fund must be distributed to legal service programs operating in the state which provide, with funds appropriated by the federal legal services corporation, legal services to persons unable to afford private counsel. Allocation of funds among the programs must be based on the population served by each program, the range of legal services offered, alternative sources of funding, and other factors deemed relevant by the advisory committee. The moneys deposited in the indigent civil legal services fund in the state treasury are hereby appropriated to the advisory committee on a continuing basis for the purpose of implementing and administering a program to provide civil legal assistance to indigent individuals.
2. Recipients of funds distributed by the advisory committee shall comply with the federal Legal Services Corporation Act [42 U.S.C. 2996 et seq.].
3. Subject to the limitations in this section, funds distributed under subsection 1 may be used to provide legal services to persons unable to afford private counsel in the following types of cases:
  - a. Public benefits, including temporary assistance to needy families, unemployment compensation, general assistance, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, supplemental security income, or social security disability income;
  - b. Medical assistance;
  - c. Family law matters;
  - d. Housing;
  - e. Consumer issues; and
  - f. Elder law.
4. The advisory committee and each recipient of funds from the indigent civil legal services fund shall maintain records in accord with the generally accepted accounting principles. The records must account for the receipt and expenditure of all funds distributed and received and must be maintained for a period of five years from the close of the fiscal year in which the funds are distributed or received or until audited, whichever is sooner.

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Testimony of Richard LeMay  
In Support of HB 1516  
Before the Senate Judiciary Committee  
March 18, 2019

Chairman Diane Larson and Committee Members: My name is Richard LeMay. I serve as the Executive Director of Legal Services of North Dakota (LSND), a nonprofit organization that provides civil legal services to low-income and elderly North Dakotans statewide. The monies provided by the Civil Legal Services Fund, established under N.D.C.C. § 54-06-20, goes to Legal Services of North Dakota.

This funding, together with federal and foundation grant funds, allows LSND to provide immediate legal assistance through a central intake and senior legal help line. Those needing extended services are transferred to one of LSND's regional law offices where North Dakotans are helped with legal problems ranging from consumer, housing, family law, advance directives spousal impoverishment and income maintenance to name just a few areas.

I wish I could tell you about all of LSND's accomplishments in the last thirty years, like establishing the first central intake system in the nation, launching the first online web application in the nation, reestablishing a law office in Grand Forks to serve Northeastern North Dakota and creating the first Medical-Legal Partnership in North Dakota. Unfortunately, our time today does not allow me to.

For the last ten years LSND's Legal Service Corporation (LSC) funding has been reduced by nearly 20%. Since the early years of legal services, staff has been reduced by 40%. Currently, LSND employs twenty-six staff, seventeen full-time, and nine part-time. Of the twenty-six staff, ten are attorneys. LSND needs the additional funds just to try and maintain the present services.

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While federal and foundation funds continue to evaporate, the legal needs of low-income and elderly North Dakotans continue to increase. The number of low-income North Dakotans that are eligible for LSND's services is 105,000. The number of elderly North Dakotan eligible for LSND's services is 151,000.

LSND would ask for your support for HB 1516. Thank you for your consideration and I will try to answer any questions you have for me.

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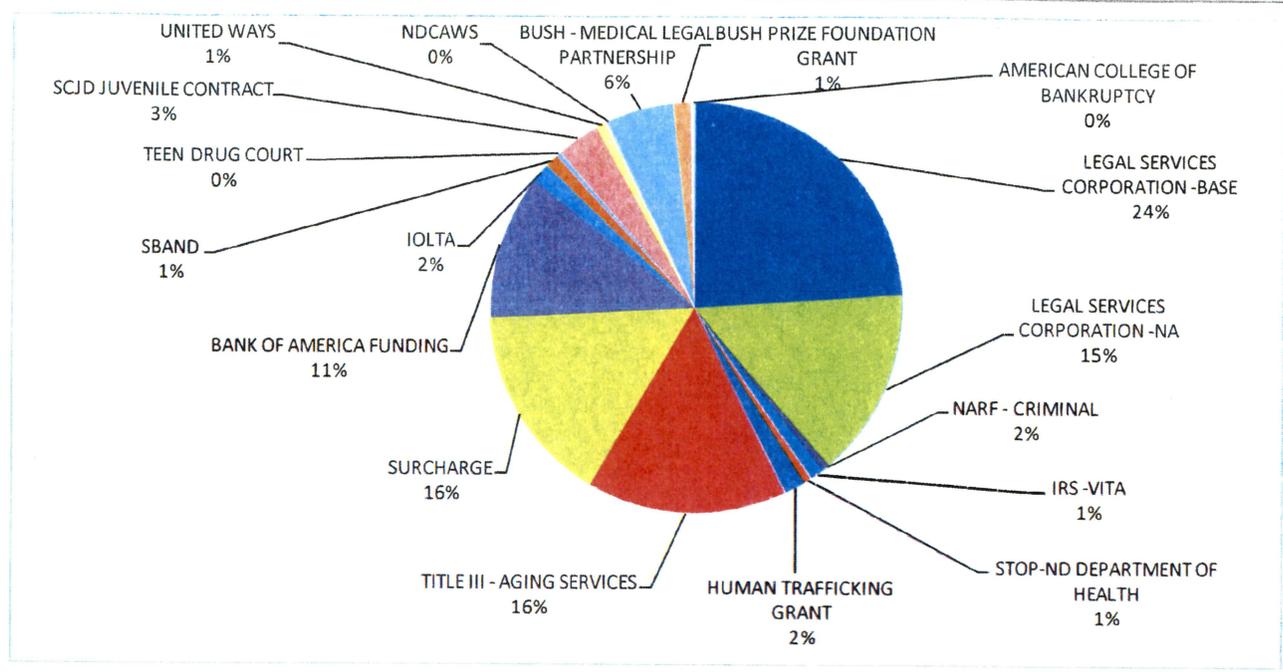
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## **LSND Mission Statement**

Legal Services of North Dakota strives to provide high quality advice, education and representation to low-income North Dakotans, as well as disadvantaged elderly, in areas of civil law.

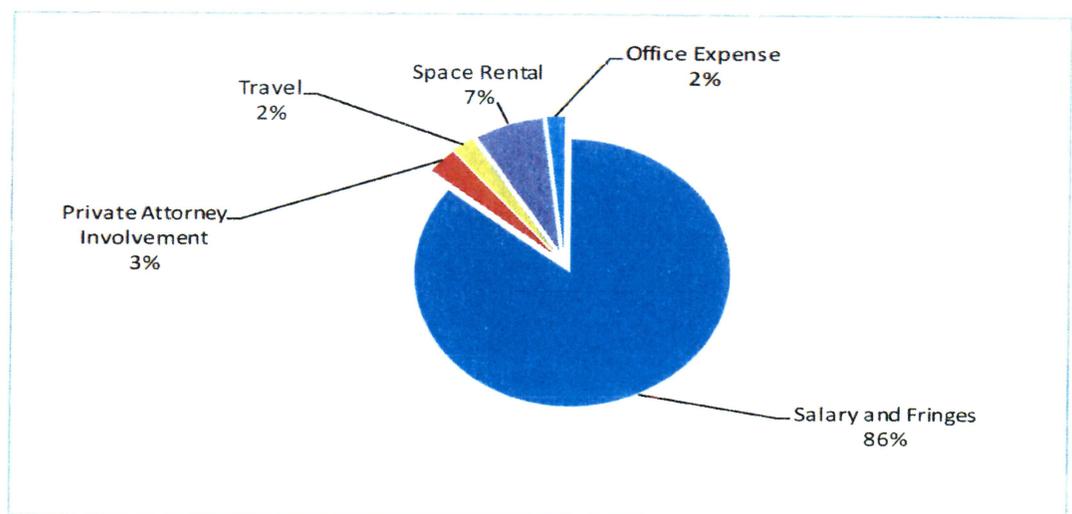
## 2018 Income by Source



LSC Base - Legal Services Corporation  
 LSC - NA - LSC - Native American  
 Title III - Funding from the Older Americans Act  
 Bush - MLP Med Legal Partnership

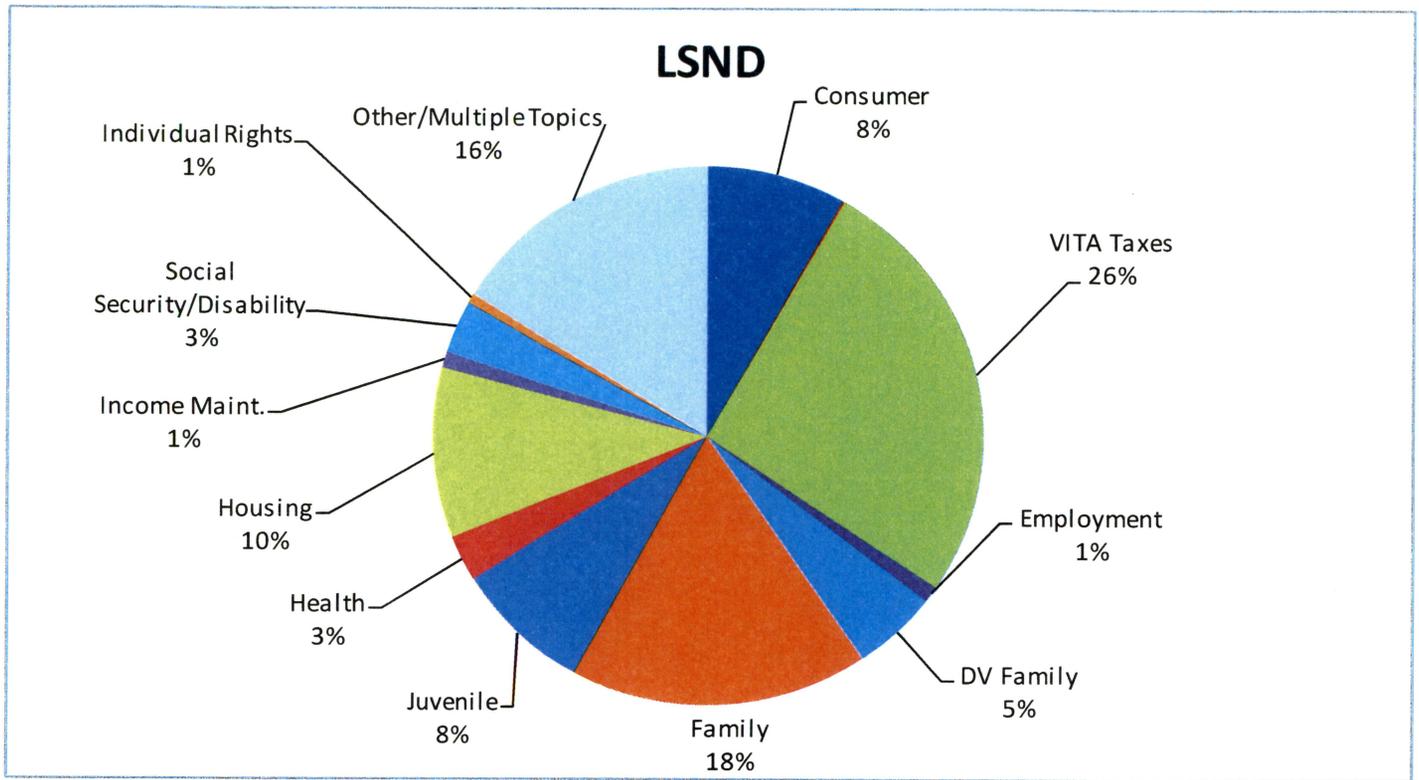
IOLTA - Interest on Lawyer Trust Account  
 IRS and NARF - Native American Rights Fund  
 Bremer - Otto Bremer Foundation  
 ND Surcharge - Filing Fees

## 2018 Expenses by Major Category



# Closed Cases by Subject Matter 2018

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## Closed Cases by Race and Age 2018

Race	Age			
	Total	Under 18	18-59	60 and Over
Asian-P.I.	38	0	31	7
Black	167	5	144	18
Hispanic	72	0	63	9
Native American	1693	97	1007	589
White	2161	28	1110	1023
Unidentified	73	4	58	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4204</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2413</b>	<b>1657</b>

# Closed Cases by County 2018

County	Closed 2018
Adams	5
Barnes	48
Benson	175
Billings	0
Bottineau	26
Bowman	3
Burke	6
Burleigh	535
Cass	562
Cavalier	6
Dickey	7
Divide	7
Dunn	35
Eddy	8
Emmons	11
Foster	7
Golden Valley	3
Grand Forks	248
Grant	7
Griggs	4
Hettinger	3
Kidder	6
LaMoure	12
Logan	4
McHenry	14
McIntosh	3
McKenzie	79
McLean	70
Mercer	26
Morton	245
Mountrail	274
Nelson	10
Oliver	3
Pembina	12
Pierce	3
Ramsey	80
Ransom	7
Renville	4

Richland	54
Rolette	779
Sargent	6
Sheridan	2
Sioux	7
Slope	0
Stark	76
Steele	3
Stutsman	110
Towner	10
Traill	13
Walsh	24
Ward	329
Wells	14
Williams	89
Other	130
TOTALS	4205



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**LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTH DAKOTA  
 2018 BUDGET REPORT**

Budget revised June 13, 2018

	2018 BUDGET	As of 12/31/2018	
<b><u>REVENUES - ACTUAL:</u></b>			
LSC BASE	472,447	472,447	100.00%
LSC NATIVE AMERICAN	295,883	295,883	100.00%
AGING SERVICES - TITLE III	263,481	311,519	118.23%
SURCHARGE	311,500	313,013	100.49%
IOLTA	30,000	30,000	100.00%
STATE BAR OF ND DONATIONS	15,000	21,000	140.00%
TEEN DRUG COURT	7,500	7,500	100.00%
SCJD JUVENILE CONTRACT	68,400	67,996	99.41%
IRS - VITA	20,030	22,346	111.56%
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND	54,602	23,401	42.86%
CDBG - CITY OF FARGO	5,000	5,000	100.00%
CDBG - CITY OF BISMARCK	4,500	4,083	90.73%
STOP-ND DEPT OF HEALTH	11,536	12,051	104.46%
BAKKEN-NDCAWS GRANT	20,588	35,261	171.27%
BCI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT	46,226	32,724	70.79%
STATE BAR FOUNDATION - BOA	227,033	227,033	100.00%
BUSH - MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP	104,000	104,000	100.00%
BUSH- PRIZE AWARD CARRYOVER	137,148	27,219	19.85%
FREDRIKSON & BYRON FOUNDATION	7,500	10,000	133.33%
NDCAWS - TRAINING	2,080	3,881	186.59%
UNITED WAYS	17,400	16,991	97.65%
OTHER INCOME	33,883	7,688	22.69%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,155,737</b>	<b>\$2,051,036</b>	<b>95.14%</b>

**EXPENSES:**

LAWYER SALARIES	668,375	658,550	98.53%
PARALEGAL SALARIES	383,102	360,515	94.10%
OTHER NON-LAWYER SAL.	236,907	234,331	98.91%
FRINGE BENEFITS	394,116	353,012	89.57%
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$1,682,500</b>	<b>\$1,606,408</b>	<b>95.48%</b>

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	2018 BUDGET	As of 12/31/2018	
SPACE RENT	135,000	134,210	99.41%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,054	84.46%
EQUIP RENT/MTNCE	14,200	12,093	85.16%
OFFICE EXPENSE	36,900	34,302	92.96%
TELEPHONE	38,750	37,209	96.02%
PROGRAM TRAVEL	41,065	42,400	103.25%
BOARD EXPENSE	5,000	2,466	49.32%
CONFERENCE TRAVEL	22,000	12,597	57.26%
TRAINING-IN-HOUSE	18,000	7,219	40.11%
LIBRARY MTNCE/LEGAL RESEARCH	15,000	13,759	91.73%
INSURANCE	10,000	13,246	132.46%
AUDIT	26,000	25,026	96.25%
LITIGATION	2,500	2,098	83.92%
EQUIPMENT PURCH. <\$1000	5,000	4,149	82.98%
EQUIPMENT PURCH. \$1000+	15,000	10,195	67.97%
SUBC. SERVICES - CLIENTS	15,000	11,012	73.41%
SUBC. SERVICES - PROGRAM	58,000	34,265	59.08%
BAR FEES/LICENSES	5,400	4,390	81.30%
ASSO./MEMBERSHIP FEES	10,000	9,330	93.30%
ADVERTISING	5,000	8,576	171.52%
<b>TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$482,615</b>	<b>\$422,596</b>	<b>87.56%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,165,115</b>	<b>\$2,029,004</b>	<b>93.71%</b>
<b>Net Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$9,378)</b>	<b>\$22,032</b>	

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For reasons set forth in the preamble, the Legal Services Corporation amends 45 CFR part 1611 as follows:

**PART 1611—ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. The authority citation for part 1611 continues to read as follows:  
Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).

- 2. Revise appendix A to part 1611 to read as follows:

**Appendix A to Part 1611— Income Level for Individuals Eligible for Assistance**

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 2018 INCOME GUIDELINES \*

Size of household	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1 .....	\$15,175	\$18,975	\$17,450
2 .....	20,575	25,725	23,663
3 .....	25,975	32,475	29,875
4 .....	31,375	39,225	36,088
5 .....	36,775	45,975	42,300
6 .....	42,175	52,725	48,513
7 .....	47,575	59,475	54,725
8 .....	52,975	66,225	60,938
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add: .....	5,400	6,750	6,213

\* The figures in this table represent 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

REFERENCE CHART—200% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

Size of household	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1 .....	\$24,280	\$30,360	\$27,920
2 .....	32,920	41,160	37,860
3 .....	41,560	51,960	47,800
4 .....	50,200	62,760	57,740
5 .....	58,840	73,560	67,680
6 .....	67,480	84,360	77,620
7 .....	76,120	95,160	87,560
8 .....	84,760	105,960	97,500
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add: .....	8,640	10,800	9,940

Dated: January 18, 2018.  
Stefanie K. Davis,  
Assistant General Counsel.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**50 CFR Part 17**

[Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2015-0001; 50120-1113-000]

RIN 1018-AY05

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Eastern Puma (=Cougar) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), determine the eastern puma (=cougar) (*Puma*

(=*Felis concolor cougar*) to be extinct, based on the best available scientific and commercial information. This information shows no evidence of the existence of either an extant reproducing population or any individuals of the eastern puma subspecies; it also is highly unlikely that an eastern puma population could remain undetected since the last confirmed sighting in 1938. Therefore, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, we remove this subspecies from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

DATES: This rule is effective February 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: This final rule is available on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2015-0001. Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in rule preparation, will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Service's Maine Fish and Wildlife Service

Complex, Ecological Services Maine Field Office, 306 Hatchery Road, East Orland, Maine 04431, and on the Eastern Cougar website at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ecougar>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Miller, Northeast Regional Office, telephone 413-253-8615, or Mark McCollough, Maine Field Office, telephone 207-902-1570. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8337 for TTY assistance. General information regarding the eastern puma and the delisting process may also be accessed at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ecougar>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Executive Summary**

Why we need to publish a rule— Under the Act, a species warrants protection through listing if it is endangered or threatened. Conversely, a species may be removed from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (List) if the Act's protections are determined to be no

GRANTS - CONTRACTS	GRANT PERIOD	AMOUNT	NOTES ON GRANTS
<b>FEDERAL</b>			
Legal Services Corp - Base	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$472,447	Based on 2108 awarded amount
Legal Services Corp - Native American	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$295,883	Based on 2108 awarded amount
<b>Native American Rights Fund Grants</b>			
NARF Civil Grant	ended 9/30/2018	\$0	There will be no award for 2019/2020 per MLS.
NARF Criminal 2015 Supplement	1/1/2019-9/30/2019	\$31,600	Grant ends 9/30/2019. No 2020 award per MLS.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance(VITA)	08/01/18 to 07/31/19	\$10,000	One year grant award. 100% match required.
Bakken Domestic Violence Grant	ends 12/31/2018	\$0	Grant ends 12/31/2018. No renewal of grant.
STOP - ND Dept of Health	10/01/18 to 09/30/19	\$11,091	Likely to be renewed in 10/1/2019
Community Dev Block Grant-Bismarck	ends March 15, 2019	\$0	Should be spent out by 12/31/18. There will not be a 2019 award.
<b>STATE</b>			
Human Trafficking Grant (HT)	02/01/16 to 06/30/19	\$19,500	Grant ends 6/30/2019. No renewal of this grant.
Title III - Aging Services	07/01/18 to 06/30/19	\$336,541	Original \$250,000; amended plus \$86,541; match of \$44,118.
Surcharge Filing Fees	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$313,000	Renewal expected on 7/1/2019 of \$250,000 Estimated from 2018 funding.
<b>LOCAL</b>			
IOLTA	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$30,000	Expecting to get another award before EOY.
Bank of America Funding	April 2017-April 2021	\$227,033	4 year contract of \$908,131. 2019 will be 2nd year.
SBAND	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$15,000	Dontations from SBAND - usually given at EOY
Teen Drug Court	07/01/17 to 06/30/19	\$7,500	Grant ends 6/30/2019. Renewal likely but is in question.
SCJD Juvenile Contract	07/01/17 to 06/30/19	\$68,400	Grant ends 6/30/2019. Renewal likely but is in question.
<b>United Ways</b>			
MSAUWay	ends 12/31/2018	\$0	Received notice 11/19/18 - no reward for 2019 due to cuts.
Barnes County UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$2,000	Likely to be renewed.
Williston UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$4,400	Likely to be renewed.
Jamestown UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$0	No current award. Can apply in April 2019.
Souris River UWay	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$8,000	Received \$8,000 for year 2018. Likely be renewed.
<b>FOUNDATIONAL</b>			
Bush Prize Grant	December 2014 to 2017	\$125,000	Grant ended. Estimated carryover for 2019.
Bush - Medical Legal Partnership(MLP)	08/01/2017 to 08/31/20	\$125,000	Three year grant if \$208,000 - 2019 is second year.
American College of Bankruptcy	to be spent out by 12/31/19	\$8,000	New grant award.
<b>POSSIBLE GRANTS/DONTATIONS</b>			
Community Dev Block Grant-Fargo	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$8,000	Apply when grant application becomes available.
Fredrikson & Byron Dontation/Grant	01/01/19 to 12/31/19	\$10,000	Applied but have not heard back yet.

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## Would You Like Us to Speak to Your Group?

LSND also prepares, distributes and presents information about the legal rights of disadvantaged seniors and low-income people. Please contact LSND to request a presentation on topics of interest at 1-877-838-5263.

## Special Projects

LSND also has funding to operate special projects involving:

- Senior Law
- Native American Law
- Federal Income Tax Problems on and near the northern Indian Reservations

## Who Do I Contact With Additional Questions?

**Seniors 60 and over**  
**Call: 1-866-621-9886**  
**Others Call: 1-800-634-5263**

### Legal Services of North Dakota

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## Free Legal Advice For Seniors And Low-Income North Dakotans



General Information - Flyer #997

**Legal Services of North Dakota, (LSND)** is a non-profit organization which provides legal help to disadvantaged seniors and low-income North Dakotans.

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### What Does LSND Do?

Provides free legal advice by telephone or in person;

Provides representation to disadvantaged seniors and low-income individuals on a case-by-case basis;

Provides speakers and educational materials;

Acts as a resource to groups that help disadvantaged seniors and low-income individuals.

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*OUR LEGAL SERVICES ARE FREE:* If there are required filing fees or service fees, you may have to pay all or part of these costs. Many times there are no such charges. Donations to LSND are always welcome.

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*INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR LEGAL SERVICES* will not be subjected to discrimination.

### How to Contact LSND:

1. Call our general Toll-Free number at **1-800-634-5263** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you must wait, please be patient, you will be helped.

People 60 and over may call our Senior Legal Hotline Toll-Free number at **1-866-621-9886** Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Website applications may be made by going to [www.legalassist.org](http://www.legalassist.org)**

2. When you call on legal matters, an intake worker will ask you a few questions to find out if you are eligible for LSND's help. Everything you say is strictly confidential.



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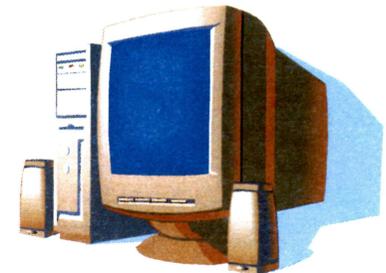
### Legal Representation and Preparing Documents

In addition to providing legal advice on our toll-free telephone lines, LSND provides legal representation in certain cases involving family law, public benefit appeals, housing rights, elder law, consumer law, health benefits and Native American law.

Some of the things we can help with include, but are not limited to:

- Advance Directives for Health Care
- Rule 69 Interrogatories
- Powers of Attorney
- Claims of Exemptions
- Affidavit Probates
- Paternity Affidavits
- Verified List of Dependents
- North Dakota Rent Refunds
- American Indian Probate Reform Act Wills

And much more



Additional legal help for Fort Berthold, Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake Reservations:

Special emphasis on:

Health, Housing, Public Benefits

Elder Law - (low income only)

Indian Child Welfare Act - contested or with major problems with legal procedures.

Selected Tribal/Indian Law Issues

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**DISCLAIMER:** This information is not legal advice. If you have a legal problem, you should talk to a lawyer and ask for advice about your options.

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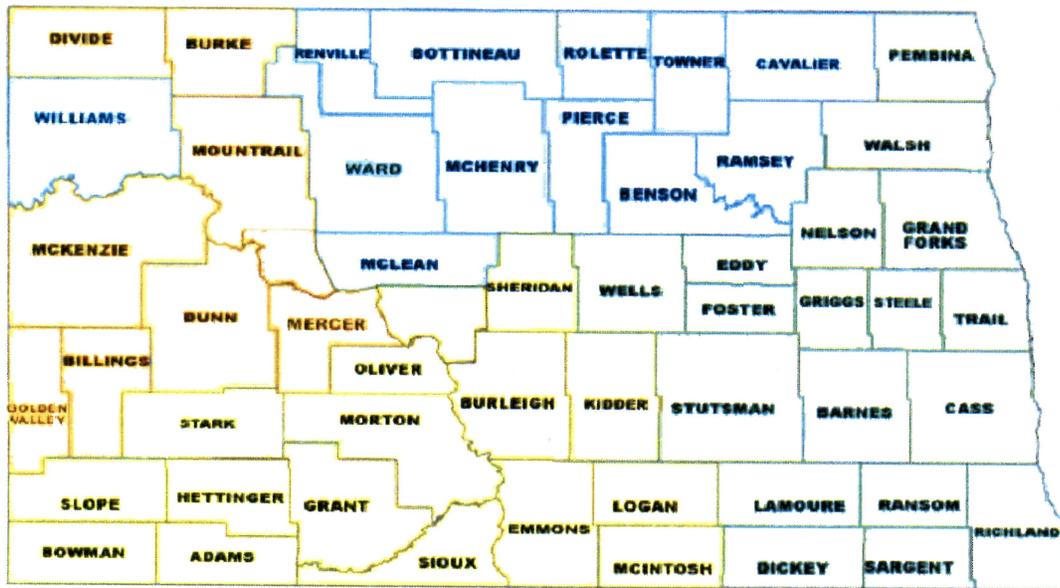
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## Senior Legal Hotline



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3. A staff member will then ask you a few more questions to find out if your legal problem is one LSND can help with.
4. You may receive advice right away.
5. If you need more than advice, LSND may also work on your case.
6. If LSND cannot assist you, a referral may be made to another organization that might be able to help you.

**Services Available**

**LSND Accepts Cases** in the areas of Government Benefits, Family, Health, Consumer, Housing, Elderly Law and Indian Law. Specific types of cases include:

- SSI
- Food Stamps
- General Assistance (GA)
- LIHEAP
- Unemployment Compensation
- Medicaid
- Contested Domestic Violence Protection Orders on Behalf of the Victim
- Public Housing Problems
- Tenant Evictions
- Problems With Debts
- Access to Justice Issues
- Property Tax Credit
- Nursing Home Transfer and Discharge
- Social Security and Medicare
- Home Health Care
- Durable Power of Attorney
- Health Care Directives
- Challenging/Revoking Guardianships
- Mortgage Retention Advice
- Medicare Part A
- Medicare Part B
- Medicare Part D

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LSND's Grant Award History for LSC Grants

<u>Year</u>		<u>Basic Field</u>	<u>Native American</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2010		\$601,896	\$287,910	\$889,806
2011		\$647,904	\$310,361	\$958,265
2012		\$530,831	\$253,703	\$784,534
2013	Awarded	\$533,467	\$255,256	\$788,723
2013	Adjusted	\$487,139		\$742,395
2014		\$412,760	\$248,781	\$661,541
2015		\$447,577	\$270,032	\$717,609
2016		\$442,148	\$276,997	\$719,145
2017		\$442,219	\$276,997	\$719,216
2018	Awarded	\$439,287	\$275,116	\$714,403
2018	Adjusted	\$472,447	\$295,883	\$768,330
2019		\$476,634	\$295,883	\$772,517