

LSC-FUNDED PROGRAMS IN MASSACHUSETTS

STAFFING									
ANTICIPATED 2012 NET STAFF REDUCTIONS									
Attorneys		Paralegals		Other		Loss of Staff from 12/31/11 to 12/31/12		% Loss from 12/31/10 to 12/31/12	
8	19.0%	4	23.5%	6	25.0%	18	21.7%	1.5%*	

* staff increased in 2011 due to merger of two programs.

FUNDING		
2012 LSC BF Funding	Projected 2012 Non-LSC Funding	Projected 2012 Total Funding (BF + Non-LSC)
\$4,980,374	\$3,819,135	\$8,799,509

Change in LSC Funding (2011 to 2012)	Projected Change in Non-LSC Funding (2011 to 2012)	Projected Change in Total Funding (2011 to 2012)
(\$855,531)	(\$575,231)	(\$1,430,762)

Projected 2012 Defecit	Will Use Financial Reserves?	Projected Office Closures in 2012
\$226,200	Yes	2

CHANGES IN CLIENT SERVICES
Serve fewer clients; Reduce hours of intake; Accept fewer cases; Restrict types of cases accepted; Eliminate particular substantive law practice units; Substitute pro se for program representation; Substitute pro bono assistance for program representation.

GRANTEE	COMMENTS
Massachusetts Justice Project	The primary source of non-LSC funding is from state IOLTA foundation grants. With 25% less funds available this coming year grant year, it is expected that our three IOLTA funded projects will take a hit. In addition to lay offs, remaining staff agreed to a 3% pay cut which is being implemented through 7.8 furlough days. THIS means that the program will close for 7.8 days above and beyond traditional holidays in 2012.
New Center for Legal Advocacy	We have operated with deficit budgets for the past three years and have exhausted any reserves available to subsidize a deficit budget. Three support staff also have been laid off. We have closed offices in two communities with substantial poverty populations. Clients in these communities often do not have transportation to get to our remaining offices.
Volunteer Lawyers Project of Boston Bar Association	As the primary funder of the region's intake/hotline program, we have had to greatly reduce the amount of the subgrant by over \$120,000 over the past two years, which will significantly impact western part of the state. Over the past two years, that subgrant has been reduced by 1/3, or over \$20,000. While we are projecting no staff reductions this year, we did not fill a staff attorney position that was vacated towards the end of last year due to the budget cuts. This was in an area of high volume (housing) in our program and it has put an incredible load on the remaining staff. This attorney was also Spanish speaking so we lost language capacity.