



2014 Grant recipients announced

The Law and Justice Foundation of New South Wales provides grants for projects that will increase access to justice for a range of different groups in the community. This year's successful applications stood out for meeting the Foundation's focus on projects that help to identify effective reforms, initiatives and programs to address legal need. Making use of the Foundation's assistance to prepare applications was also a distinguishing feature among successful applicants.

Domestic violence hearing support research project

South West Sydney Legal Centre

\$49,999.00

South West Sydney Legal Centre identified a need to provide support to women experiencing domestic violence when their matter is being heard in Court, in addition to support provided prior to the hearing. The Centre will trial a program that provides support and advocacy at Court for women at ADVO hearings. With assistance from senior researchers at the Foundation, they will evaluate the impact this has on the women's outcomes.

Double jeopardy

Rosie's Place

\$45,762.88

Sexual assault counselling service Rosie's Place recognised both the vulnerability to abuse facing children and young people with cognitive impairment, and gaps that exist in the knowledge and strategies available to workers able to respond to that risk. Rosie's Place will work with the Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) to develop a training program and manual for workers providing services to children and young people with cognitive disability at risk of, or experiencing, child abuse. ECAV is a NSW Health initiative that provides training, consultancy and resources for workers in services for children and adults who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, abuse and neglect.

Financial rights online self-help tool

Financial Rights Legal Centre NSW

\$12,000.00

The Financial Rights Legal Centre (previously Consumer Credit Legal Centre) identified a need to provide people with more access to information and assistance through increased demand on their two specialist hotlines. The Centre will develop a letter-generating program in which enables consumers to type in their personal details and generate professional legal letters for dispute resolution purposes. The tool will be promoted both to the community and specialist workers such as financial counsellors.

Forced and servile marriages CDs in community languages

Immigrant Women's Speakout Association Inc. (IWSA)

\$44,467.67

A forced marriage occurs when a girl or young woman is coerced into a marriage and is illegal in Australia. Servile marriage is a type of forced marriage characterised by slavery-like practices such as the selling or transfer of a woman. Immigrant Women's Speakout Association (IWSA) works with women in forced and servile marriages. IWSA will produce two radio plays that provide information on forced and servile marriage for members of the identified communities who engage in these practices. The plays will be broadcast on SBS radio and other community radio stations in eight languages.



Media Release

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**REACH OUT: Access to civil law services for remote residents on the Mid North Coast
Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre (MNCCLC)**

\$50,000.00

Through their own work and with information from a range of community partners, Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre (MNCCLC) identified a need for outreach civil legal services for remote residents in the region who face significant financial and transport barriers. MNCCLC will trial the delivery of legal services using video-conferencing facilities for residents living in remote areas of the Mid North Coast. Should the trial prove successful in reaching those clients, MNCCLC will implement the strategy as part of their ongoing service delivery to the region.

**Debtors' Guide To Local Courts online
Macarthur Legal Centre**

\$5,000.00

The Foundation is providing additional funding to Macarthur Legal Centre (who was successful with an application in 2013 to update the *Debtors' Guide To Local Courts*) to allow this publication to be made available online via the Find Legal Answers website <http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/>, which is maintained by the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) at the State Library of NSW.

About the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW

The Law and Justice Foundation of NSW was founded in 1967 and improves access to justice for socially and economically disadvantaged people. For more information go to www.lawfoundation.net.au

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