



2022 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

Need for Increased Investment

Overview:

- Civil Legal Services (CLS) serves **all 87 Counties** and provides legal services to approximately **92,000 Minnesotans** every year
- CLS is forced to **turn away 55% of all eligible clients** seeking legal help
- CLS **attorneys are the lowest paid** attorneys in the public and non-profit sectors
- CLS has a **turnover rate of 39%** in 2021

Current FY23 Funding:

\$18,198,000

Change Item Request:

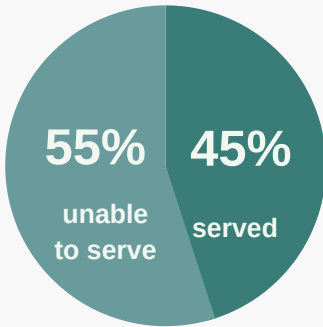
\$4,304,000

Total Budget Request:

\$22,502,000



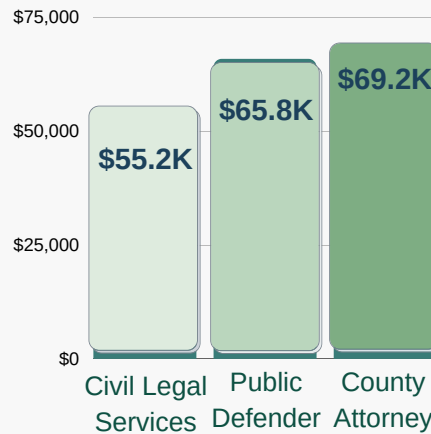
2021 CLS Turn Away Rate



55% of eligible people were unable to be served by CLS in 2021 due to a lack of resources.



2020-2021 Average Starting Salaries



2021 CLS Turnover Rate



CLS had a 39% turnover rate in 2021.

Without new investment in staff salaries, CLS turnover rates will continue to increase and the number of people who can receive help will decrease.

This means less civil legal help to your constituents.



CLS Impact and Return on Investment



CLS prevents homelessness



CLS helps families break the cycle of domestic violence



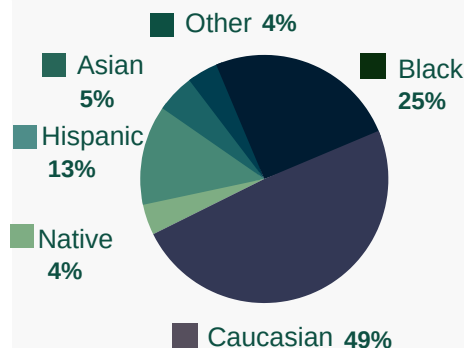
CLS helps seniors and people with disabilities access and understand their rights



Every \$1 invested in CLS returns \$3.94 to the community



Client Demographics



Increased Access to the Judicial System



CLS increases public access to legal information and resources through LawHelpMN.org.



Through CARES Act funding, CLS launched several technology initiatives, including a network of Legal Kiosks. CLS serves the most vulnerable.

